

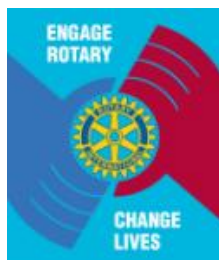


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[Geoffrey Parkerson - Genealogy](#)

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At today's meeting, we were introduced to a gentleman whose job it is to help families discover their history. Richard and Wynette Searle introduced us to Geoffrey Parkerson, director of the Family History Center in Palmyra. Family History Centers (FHC) are units of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, operated by the LDS Church.

Genealogy is an important matter to members of the LDS church. The church began its efforts to preserve genealogical records in 1894 with the founding of the Salt Lake Genealogical Library. At first, the collection consisted of books. In 1938, they began microfilming the records. In 1960 construction began on the Granite Mountain Records Vault in the mountains near Salt Lake City. Completed in 1965, the vault contains over 3.5 billion images stored on microfilm, microfiche, and digital media.

There are over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm stored there, and FamilySearch is working to digitize all of them. This will make the images available all over the world via the internet or at Family History Centers. In some cases, the images stored there are the only copy in existence.

After sharing a YouTube video which showed a behind-the-scenes look at the Granite Mountain facility, Mr. Parkerson opened a link to familysearch.org and showed us a fan chart of his family. He mentioned that there are many resources available for people to use in researching their family tree, including familytree.com and ancestry.com. Also, he mentioned that he was able to go to findagrave.com and submit a request which resulted in someone e-mailing him a picture of the gravestone of one of his ancestors. Our own Jim Bush has taken photos for that website.

At the conclusion of the program, Mr Parkerson and the Searles presented president Pam with some genealogical research they had done on her family.

If you have an interest in researching your family's history, the Palmyra Family History Center

Upcoming Programs

Dec 11, 2013
[Diane Genovese](#)
Camino de Santiago

Dec 18, 2013
[Club Christmas Party](#)
Parkwood Heights - 6 pm

Dec 25, 2013
[No Meeting this week.](#)
Merry Christmas!

Jan 01, 2014
[No Meeting this week.](#)
Happy New Year!!

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Club Events

[BOD meeting at Palmyra Town Hall](#)
Dec 12, 2013 06:30 PM

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Richard Searle displays a ship's manifest on which one of Pam's relatives is listed as a passenger.

[December 4, 2013 - Meeting Minutes](#)

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Guests: Guest speaker Geoffrey Parkerson, not-too-distant-future Rotarian Dave Stachnik, visiting Rotarian John Spare (Canandaigua), student Kylie Rhodes, and Szabi.

Missing in Action: Gene Bassage, Wayne Brophy, Marie Cramer, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Debbie LeMoyne, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Bob Sloan, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Andy Wahl, Roger Wilbur, Bob Yost.

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Bob and Vicky Daly

Anne Morrell's birthday 11/28



Richard and Wynette will be leaving us next month, as their mission here comes to an end. We wanted to let them know they'll be missed and got this cake in their honor.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Pam and Bill attended the Good Neighbor Fund Chorale, which was very nice.
- Tom Brighton went home for a couple weeks; spent time with the family.
- Leslie wanted to thank all the Rotarians who helped out with the Angel Tree project.
- Jim Bush also attended the concert on Sunday and was also impressed.
- Dick Kirchhoff had a happy buck (or was it a self-imposed fine?) for the privilege of sitting with the president.
- Anne was happy to have all the kids and grandkids home for Thanksgiving. She also wanted to thank Tom Breen for bailing her out at the grocery store when she forgot her wallet.
- Kim had a couple happy bucks for 2 weeks with her son and granddaughter here. And now they're gone.
- Richard also enjoyed Sunday's concert.
- Gary Hopkins was happy to announce that son Brian had two more screws removed and he is now walking.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Bell ringing at Breen's for the Salvation Army continues through December 15. If you haven't signed up and would like to help, you can check with Cindy to see if there is an opening. The scheduled times are from 4 – 7 through Friday and 11 – 3:30 Saturday and Sunday. Or, just show up any time – the more, the merrier.

- Club Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 18 at Parkwood Heights in Macedon. You should have received details via email. Sign-up sheet has been available at meetings, and will be passed one last time the Dec 11 meeting. Or contact Mark Clement.

- The annual Murder Mystery dinner is scheduled for January 25 at the VFW in Palmyra. Tickets are available at the service desk at Breen's or from Gary Hopkins.

- As mentioned in the last newsletter, our club pledged \$500 for the district's eye clinic program in India. Pam informed us today that we were the first club to do so.

- The district Spelling Bee to benefit Literacy Volunteers is scheduled for February 1 at Wayne Central School. Pat VerPlank has volunteered to sponsor our club's team, BBLT. Our club will be sponsoring the Interact team again this year. Cheer squad is optional, but welcome.

- Anne Morrell informed us today that Bailey Cole has been selected as an outbound exchange student, sponsored by our club. Bailey will be going to Thailand.

- Eloise T. Moose is on the road again, travelling this week with Gene and Shirley on their annual migration to sunny Florida.



Gene and Shirley arrived safely in Florida and were immediately put to work putting stickers in dictionaries. Inset: Shirley had a little help from Eloise.



Szabi poses with our visiting Pal-Mac student, Kylie Rhodes

Wynette Searle won this week's 50/50 jackpot.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 Palmyra American Legion.