

Cam-O-Gram



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Learning Center News

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PROGRAM NOTES:

- Funding is available for the 2011 Energy program. Please see that your clients apply for this valuable credit to their energy bills. The Energy Program staff will also help sign folks up for the PG&E CARE program, Medical Baseline, Weatherization services and other valuable resources.

Graduation was a huge success. We held it in the Manzanita Gym this year and it was packed. We were so proud of our children walking in with their heads held high and ready to move on. In our last community circle one graduate asked why she had to grow up and why she had to leave our school when she wanted to stay. The teachers had to hold back tears with that one!

Our fourth book was a real success! We got to meet some interesting people who came by to purchase one or two books. One woman said that her parents had been "tight" with money all her life, that she was raising her children while on welfare. When her parents died, they had so much money that she became an heiress! She bought five books and is one of many on our mailing list for next year's book! Another woman called, said that she was 98 years old and unable to get around much. She lives in Inverness, but not only requested that a book be mailed to her, but also purchased one to donate to the Marin City library! This year our books were sold to teachers and librarians as far away as New York and Connecticut! There is a lot of community support to continue this project. We were so busy this year that I almost gave up on the project, which is one of my favorite things to do with the children. Then in March Karen Barbour came in with her daughter Daisy and said, "Well, Mahealani...when are we doing another book this year?" And so...The House of Gold became book number 4!!!

Our first field trip this year will be another visit to the apple orchard...our favorite last year! I've connected with park rangers to allow our children to have the "run" of the orchard, and parents are invited to help pick and take home as many apples as they can carry. We play games, have a picnic together under the shade of the trees, and have a great outing in the country. We also use the apples to make the best juice, applesauce, and pies. YUM!

We have a new group of children and they are so cute! My heart feels so proud when I see the returning children welcome and include the new ones, asking them, "Do you want to play?" Thinking about others is a life skill and I'm glad to be a small part in helping our children develop more compassion and kindness toward others. There are a lot of changes for all of us, and the children are so brave when saying goodbye to their parents in the morning. They walk in and try not to cry. They're so strong. I learn from them every day. All I can say is that each child is so awesome, and it's my privilege to teach them.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!
Malama pono (take care).... Mahealani



Haiku—

With dewdrops
dripping,
I wish somehow I could
wash
this perishing world

—Basho



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Executive Director's Message

CAM Board Member Fights On! *

(Reprint of LBE Press Release of August 10, 2010)

"It Ain't Over Till It's Over"

Liberty Boxing Enterprises presents world class professional boxing at Albert Park Field, outside under the lights in San Rafael, California on Friday, September 16, 2011.

Former World Welterweight Champion (**and CAM Board Member**) * Paul Nave, of San Anselmo, CA to fight Brandon Hoskins, "The Pride of Missouri" from Hannibal, MO at welterweight in an eight round main-event on a five bout card. Hoskins is unbeaten as a professional and boasts a record of 15 wins and 0 losses with 8 knock-outs, a better than 50% knock-out ratio. Hoskins is 24, less than half Nave's age, as Nave will be 4 days shy of his 51st Birthday come fight time. Hoskins was a three-time Golden Gloves Champion as an amateur and had a stellar record of 50 wins with only 7 defeats. After a ten year hiatus from the boxing game, due to back surgery, Nave returned to the ring in March 2009 and has won four straight fights, the last being a 3rd round knock-out of Daniel Schlienz from Duluth, Minnesota on June 4th, 2010. Nave has a record of 19 wins, 8 losses and 3 draws with 8 knock-outs and was recently rated 15th in the US as a welterweight by the USBA, a branch of the IBF. Nave states, "At my age, I'm jumping in deep water, but we'll see if I can swim to the top."

Matched for the undercard in an intriguing four round lightweight female fight is Novato's own Marquita Lee making her pro debut against Laura Deanovic of San Francisco, CA. Also on the card once again, is Luis Alfredo Lugo of Richmond, CA, by way of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico against Jovanni Rubio of Santa Rosa, CA in a six round super-lightweight bout. Richmond's amateur boxing stand-out, Ulises Soriano, will make his pro debut in a four round super-featherweight contest against Jesus Partida of Redwood City, CA. and rounding out the card is John Dunham of Stockton, CA in a four round super-lightweight bout against Aldwayne Simpson from Richmond, CA.

EVENT PARTICULARS:

DATE: Friday, September 16, 2011

LOCATION: Albert Park Field, 618 "B" Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

TIME: Fights Start at 7:00 PM

TICKET PRICES: \$200, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$40 and \$30 Standing Room Upon Seating Sell-Out

* Not a part of original press release

Tickets Available At:

Liberty Boxing Enterprises (415) 454-1113 (Call Now To Reserve Priority Seating)

San Rafael Joe's - San Rafael (415) 456-2425

T&B Sports - San Rafael (415) 453-2433

Perry's Delicatessen - Fairfax (415) 456-3580

Nave's Bar & Grill - Fairfax (415) 457-3220

Perry's Delicatessen - Novato (415) 892-3240

Marin Coffee Roasters – San Anselmo (415) 258-9549

D. F. Gym – Richmond (510) 237-9703

Spectrum LGBT Center's SEEN THROUGH FILM Project

Spectrum LGBT Center's SEEN THROUGH FILM Project is bringing GEN SILENT to Marin County on Thursday, September 8th

This important new documentary by filmmaker Stu Maddux highlights the challenges facing aging lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. There will be two screenings, both of which are free and open to the public. Mr. Maddux will be the special guest at both events:

Thursday, September 8, 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Margaret Todd Senior Center
1560 Hill Road, Novato

Co-sponsored by the Marin County Division of Aging and Adult Services

A short version of the film, followed by discussion, during the regular meeting of the Marin County Commission on Aging.

Thursday, September 8, 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm
The Redwoods - A Community of Seniors
40 Camino Alto, Mill Valley
Featuring the full-length film with discussion.

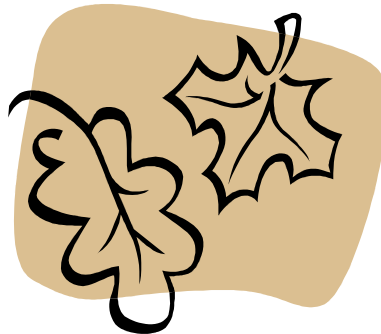
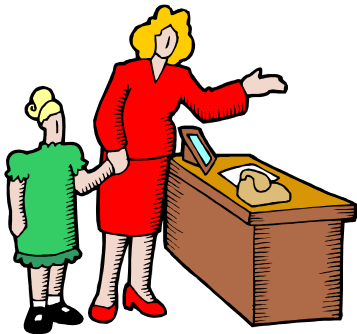
RSVP requested to: (415) 472-1945 x209. Please state which date(s) you will attend.

GEN SILENT is a new documentary from award-winning director, documentary film-maker, and Marin County resident, Stu Maddux. What would you do if you were old, disabled or ill and the person feeding you put down the spoon and explained that you are going to hell unless you change your sexual orientation? Sound absurd? According to social workers, it's happening every day.

This hour-long film explores the challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender older adults who must depend on a system of care that is reluctant to recognize their needs. As we witness the challenges that these men and women face, we also see hope as each subject crosses paths with an impassioned professional trying in their own way to change an entire care industry.

For more information about the film, visit the [GEN SILENT](#) website.

Spectrum LGBT Center's Seen Through Film Project builds community among, and raises awareness about the real lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. Support for this project is provided by a grant from Marin Community Foundation, with additional funding from PG&E Corporation. For more information, visit Spectrum's website at www.spectrumLGBTcenter.org.



Jerome Needs a Kidney!

In 2008 while I was serving as a CAM volunteer, Jerome L. Strom contacted me for assistance with kidney information. This meeting happened to come along at a very fortuitous time - I was busy developing a concept for a program that would help guide Marin County families through the challenges faced by people in need of a kidney transplant. Jerome's early working years began on his family farm and with the local newspaper. Later he went on to become a successful real estate entrepreneur, while raising children and (later) grandchildren. He and his beloved late wife Rosie donated to many charitable causes, including a sizeable grant to Dickinson State University (his alma mater) to begin a school of entrepreneurship.

Due to the generosity of CAM, Jerome and I worked together to co-found Kidney Community Education (KCE) with the goal of serving low-income and disenfranchised adults in need of support and information. Jerome has almost single-handedly helped to keep the KCE program afloat.

Health is the great leveler for all of us, and although this is a startling plea for him, Jerome now needs a kidney to be well. *You might well ask, "Why donate to a mature adult?" This is a valid question. I believe that we should not discriminate against a person because of their age, race, religion or creed. This applies to kidney donations as well.* If you or someone you may know would like to know what is involved in testing to be a kidney donor, please contact me by phone or e-mail.



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Our Facebook Presence...

Our Facebook presence is slowly growing! Thank you to all the staff who have "Liked" us. Having a presence online means we have the opportunity to reach more community members. In order to continue this trend, it is important to continually provide valuable information that our online community is interested in sharing. Does your department have a job opening? Do you have a resource which is underutilized? Do you have a fun event or fundraiser coming up? Send a short description to rclein@camarin.org and it will be formatted for immediate publishing on Facebook. Part of the fun is also the pictures. You can help by sending photos of your events and projects with a brief description. If you are on Facebook, you are encouraged to find us and "Like" us so you can tag photos, comment and recommend that your friends "Like" what we do.

FROM RACHEL CLEIN-CUNNINGHAM, STAFF ACCOUNTANT, CAM ADMIN

Thanks from Headstart

Marin Head Start sends a special thanks to the Ross Valley Mother's Club for the donation of preschool supply kits for our home base children to use in their homes.

From Debbie Reeves, Family Service Manager, Marin Headstart

LIHEAP Focus – Our SCSEP Workers and Volunteers

The HEAP Department (formally known as LIHEAP) continues to serve our low-income community through the summer months with assistance in PG&E bills, wood and propane. We are very grateful to have John Giles and Charles Mason from the SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program) assisting our team. John and Charles have lived in Marin County for many years and are very compassionate and helpful with the low-income community. Charles is the new PG&E Care Manager for CAM. Also joining us is Mireya Salas, who has volunteered to assist Jose Sanchez with all of our bilingual workshops and outreach. We are very fortunate to have them all!

The needs of the low-income, senior, and disabled community will soon shift to winter needs and the resulting high energy bills. The HEAP Department is well prepared to assist. Please tell family and friends of the energy assistance available by giving them the telephone number (415-526-7550) of our department.

—Georgie Rayner, Program Administrator



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Editor's Message

Cam-O-Gram Takes a July Vacation

Please share this edition of the monthly Cam-O-Gram with your program community, friends, and the greater Marin community by forwarding to staff, friends, and CAM supporters. For key CAM program staff: please electronically distribute, and **print/post** this issue at your work site for everyone to see

With some exceptions, the Cam-O-Gram is published monthly, typically around the end of the month. The anticipated **deadline for the next issue is Friday, September 23**, with an announcement to be sent to key CAM employees the early part of that week. The actual "publish" date varies somewhat due to your co-editors' work schedules and other variables. Keeping this in mind, Cam-O-Gram articles may be submitted at any time (e-mail to dsmith@camarin.org), and, as necessary, an old format (e-mail attachment Word document) "Special Edition" may be issued if an important event date, etc, precedes the anticipated monthly next publish date.

Don Smith, Co-Editor