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Greetings From The Editor ~

This week's speakers from CASA are truly involved in a labor of love – read up on their organization in this week's issue of the ACORN!



Visiting Rotarians

- Eduardo Baca – Austin, TX Area (2-time past Rotary Club President!)
- April Baca – Austin, TX

June 2012 CALENDAR

Guests

- Patricia Barnes
- Maddy Wells
- Mark Siewert (Laguette Elementary Principal)
- Marcy Johnson
- Scott Johnson
- Kira Johnson (Award Winner!)
- Lorna Johnson
- Bonnie McClain (pending Associate Member Applicant)



	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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	4	5	6	7	8	9 8:30-12 Public Relations & Literacy Seminar
10	11 Fred & Alice Rowe – Trip to India	12	13	14 Flag Day 	15	16
17 Father's Day! 	18	19	20 Board Joint Mtg w/food @ 6:30 pm	21 First Day of Summer!	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Demotion Festivities 5:30 PM

Guest Speakers:

- Carol Noreen - CASA
- Brenda Cerda - CASA

Did you miss a meeting? Go to www.rotary5180.net and click on **club locator** for make up locations.

Can't physically make it? Make it up on-line at www.rotaryclubone.org



Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

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VISIT US ON THE INTERNET AT:
www.rotaryfairoaks.org

We meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Clubhouse, 7997 California (at Temescal)

THE OBJECTIVE OF ROTARY

The objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

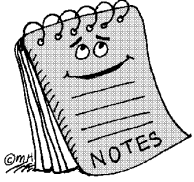
FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

MEETING NOTES



- ☞ The meeting was brought to order exactly at 7:00 PM by our President Elect – Beth Wilcoxen, with 3 bell-rings! We were definitely an unruly crowd.....
- ☞ Fred Rowe led The **Pledge of Allegiance**
- ☞ **Charley Blatchford** had our Thought for the Day.
- ☞ **Pete Schroeder** led us into a “Patriotic Song” – “You Are My Sunshine.”
- ☞ **Vocational Minute:** Ralph Carhart is a Landscape Architect (Bob Vogel is too). He graduated from Cal Poly Pomona and worked for CalTrans for 34 years (Bob for 35!). Apparently Harvard was the first school to offer a degree in Landscape Architecture.



SUNSHINE REPORT

We are trying to contact **John Yetto and Dwayne Day** for an update on their health - keep the positive thoughts coming!



CLUB BUSINESS

- ☞ Our Club - **District 5180** - and Rotary International are transitioning into our new website and other features with the **ClubRunner Program**. Everyone: please go update your personal passwords by Monday (take note, LG!) For questions, please see **Steve Monroe**.
- ☞ **We are currently an EREY Club!** The RI Foundation dinner will be recognizing the 3 highest per capita clubs. Right now we are at \$385 per person (fourth place). NOTE: #3 is currently at \$404 per capita.
- ☞ **7/1 is the beginning of our fiscal year – dues are DUE!**
- ☞ **BONUS!** The first 10 people to pay their dues and donate to the Foundation will have \$100 donation matches. See Bill Wagner if you are interested in learning more or about the recognition levels.
- ☞ Thank you to **Maddy Wells** for providing dessert - **Maddy says**: “Thank You for all your support!”
- ☞ The **First Annual Laguette Elementary Student of the Year Award**: “*Service Above Self*” goes to **Kira Johnson**, a graduating 6th grader. A plaque was provided, plus, an inspirational testimonial about Kira was given by principal Mark Siewart.
- ☞ **On Monday July 30**, the **SaveMart Governor’s Cup (Golf) Fundraiser** will be held at Valley High Country Club in Elk Grove. Cost is \$150 per person (an extra \$100 to be in the “Governor’s Cup.”) There are sponsorships and advertising opportunities...also, **SaveMart** will be accepting raffle prize donations. Not certain who/what this will benefit.
- ☞ **Rotary International Foundation “Double Points Bonus Month!!!!”** *So...* that means **\$100** by credit card online = **200 points!!!!** Please tell Bill Wilcoxen if and when you donate!

LITTLE GENIUS CORNER – FINES!

Fines, Fines and More Fines.....

- ☹ Warren was “boo’d” because he stuck his tongue out at LG!
- ☹ **Those with no rotary pins --- shame! \$1 please...**
- ☹ If you missed last week and didn’t make it up - please hand over \$1....
- ☹ **LG** says “FINE”! to everyone not wearing the color of her outfit! It’s gonna cost you \$1...
- ☹ Cliff Straehley - that the “patriotic song” was not very patriotic!
- ☹ FINE to whoever did not say “hello” to all 3 potential members - \$1!!!
- ☹ To Ralph Carhart – the “Vocational Minute “ = 60 seconds.
- ☹ Fine to Jim Cralle for not being “happy enough” (per Maggie) celebrating his 10th anniversary. He just got back from Las Vegas today.....



LITTLE GENIUS CORNER – Continued!



HAPPY FINES TO.....

Dan Smallhouse – He got to visit Nelson and Tyler Janes!

Blaine Lamb – He is done with his treatments!

Joe Horyza...His grandson raised a “Grand Champion Pig” at the El Dorado County Fair!

Buzz McClain – He got to see his grandchildren!

Fred Rowe – He walked a 6-mile hike with his sons and then the boys left.....

Shelley Mathews – Had a 2-week road trip through the Southwestern US!

Bill Wagner – Happy Fine that Rowe boys were happy to come home.

Ralph Carhart – Took Nicolai to the beach (Dana Point)

Alice Rowe – lots of thanks to all our guests and Don Hicks for doing all our food shopping.

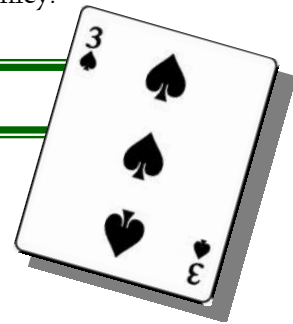
Pete Schroeder – Happy Father’s Day and happy to be standing after playing tennis with Cliff Strachley.



DRAWINGS

Free Meal: **Jim Wilcoxon** (who sold it to Bill Wagner for \$15)

Ace of Spades: **Bill Maddox** drew the **Queen of Diamonds** – \$200 in the pot!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🕒 **June 20 – Board Joint Meeting** - 6:30 PM dinner, 7:00 PM Meeting
- 🕒 **June 23 - “A Taste of New Orleans”** – see **Fred Rowe** or **Russ Rheames**
- 🕒 **Saturday, June 30** – The day that Peter has had on his calendar for a couple of years! **Demotion Party** at the Smallhouse residence! Festivities begin at 5:30 PM!
- 🕒 The **Demotion Dinner** is planned for Saturday, 6/30/12. All who would like to attend please RSVP **Fred Rowe!**
- 🕒 **July 1** – Dues are due!!!
- 🕒 **The Actual Demotion Meeting for Fred Rowe – July 2.**NOTE: Demotion will include an “open mic” opportunity!
- 🕒 **Enrico**, our **RYE Student from Italy**, is coming for a visit and would like to see everyone!! Pete and Karen would like to have a barbecue on the weekend of **July 8** or **July 15**. Please let them know which weekend and which day (Saturday or Sunday) would be best for you!
- 🕒 **Monday, July 9th** — *The first meeting for the 2012-13 year.....*
- 🕒 **July 14** – Fair Oaks Park & Rec – “It’s My Park Day” from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; BBQ afterwards. **We need at least 10 volunteers!**
- 🕒 On August 11, 2012, there will be the ACS’s “Relay For Life.” Please start collecting pledges or donations from family and friends! Please plan to participate by walking for one hour. For details, please speak to **Maggie Hoy!**
- 🕒 **August 17-19 Fair Oaks Rotary Club Camping Trip at Lake Francis Resort** - Contact Maggie Hoy for details! www.lakefrancisrv.com. Non-campers: Saturday the 18th has a lot of fun activities

GUEST SPEAKERS – Carol Noreen, Executive Director - CASA
Brenda Cerda, Case Worker & Attorney - CASA



Sacramento CASA Program

The **CASA** Program is an organization of trained community volunteers who help children within the dependency (“CPS”) system. They give these children personal attention, and essentially assist them in many ways inside and outside of the court system. The Sacramento **CASA** Program was established in 1991. Now, the organization has had 800+ volunteers, assisted 2000 children, and has over 100,000 man-hours served.

CASA itself began in 1977, when a Seattle Superior Court Judge was concerned about trying to make decisions on behalf of abused and neglected children without enough information. Up sprung the idea of appointing community volunteers to speak up for the best interests of these children in court. 50 citizens responded, and that was the start of the **CASA** movement.

A Few Facts

There are over 200 volunteers involved with the Sacramento **CASA** program. Juvenile dependency records are typically sealed and confidential, but due to the nature of their training and work, CASA Volunteers are permitted to see the child’s records. The **CASA** Volunteer is the ONLY person with the “whole picture” of the child’s situation that is NOT a part of the court system.

In Sacramento County alone, there are approximately 3000 children in the foster care system. **CASA** attempts to serve 10% of these children, which requires 200 volunteers. All **CASA** volunteers need to go through training, and currently 150 children are waiting for assignment to a **CASA** volunteer.



Challenges

The **CASA** Program faces challenges, so every bit of help is needed. Funding, volunteers, training and oversight in general are in short supply, and always needed. Furthermore, there is a growing need for volunteers because many kids don’t exit the system – they “age out”. Supervisors are limited to supervising no more than 40 volunteers.

Recently, foster care services are being extended to the age of 19, and will more than likely continue to be extended. **CASA** stresses the importance of a safe transition out of the system and into a successful adulthood.





What it Costs

CASA is an independent, non-profit 501 (c)(3). They are contracted by the state for some funding, but have a \$700K budget. Due to the cost of this program, additional monies come by way of fundraising and private donations.

CASA partners with notable area companies to hold fundraisers such as the “Walk-N-Rock” Event with Hope Productions, and a golf tournament sponsored by Deloitte Consulting. \$70K was raised thanks to a Crab Feed event.

It costs **CASA** roughly \$1500 per child per year for this program. Children in foster care are given a clothing allowance of only \$200-\$300 per year – so they have many additional material needs.

CASA Placements

Finding quality homes for placements can be challenging. Many volunteers are tremendous people but there can be tough placements for the children. A **CASA** Volunteer’s personal information is protected to the extent possible. Only the name of the Volunteer is given to the court. No personal contact information beyond that is given, as all contact is done through **CASA**. Volunteers are also trained on safety measures. The majority of **CASA** Volunteers are full-time workers with families of their own!

Statistics

The US Department of Justice has these statistics to present:

- 95% of children under **CASA** do not languish in the system!
- 90% of children under **CASA** who leave do not re-enter the system!

Volunteer Orientations Sessions are ongoing! Check out their website at: www.sacramentocasa.org

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**