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#### Weekly Meetings

We Meet Almost Every Monday Evening  
Social Hour 6:15 - 7:00 PM  
Dinner & Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse  
7997 California Avenue  
Fair Oaks

Visitors are Welcome



# STINE NIKOLAJSEN FROM DENMARK

## And Her Year in the United States

Reporter: Drew Young

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Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs. More than 8,000 students participate each year. They share their cultures, embrace new cultures and help foster global understanding. They learn a great deal about themselves and their host countries.

This week's speaker was none other than our "RYE Daughter from Denmark," Stine Nicolajsen. Stine gave a fun and fascinating presentation about her homeland, and shared some of her experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange student here in the United States.

Stine began her presentation with some general facts about Denmark, which included a map showing its location in Europe, the size of its population (5.7 million), the most-commonly spoken languages (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, German, and English), and a description of its educational system. She also shared that Denmark has the world's oldest monarchy, and talked about its parliamentary governmental structure and its current prime minister. Stine described some fabulous Danish traditions, including Sankt Hans, which involves a community bonfire for burning witches (symbolically, not literally), Jul (Danish Christmas), which spans the entire month of December and includes lots of food and dancing, and Nyttar (Danish New Year), which involves jumping off furniture into the new year and "crazy fireworks"!

She also shared some Danish fun facts:

- The Danish alphabet has three more letters than the English alphabet
- It rains 170 days a year on average
- Denmark is the happiest nation on earth
- Denmark's flag is the oldest in existence
- There are 5.7 million Danes, but 29 million pigs!
- Stine's hometown is Ringsted, population 30,000

Stine shared some pictures and memories from trips she has taken while living in the United States. Some destinations included San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Omaha, Lake Tahoe, Disneyland, Los Angeles, and Hawaii. Her final trip scheduled this summer will be a tour of the East Coast, where she plans on visiting New York, Washington DC, and several other cities.

Finally, Stine spoke about her host families, including the Larkins, the Krafts, and the McDonnells. All three families were in attendance to support Stine during her presentation, and all posed for pictures at the end of her talk. All in all, it was a wonderful speech given by a fantastic young lady!

# STINE NIKOLAJSEN



**Stine Nikolajsen** (far left) with members of her host families: Kirsten McDonnell, Katrin McDonell, Braeden Kraft, Ayla Kraft, Kara Kraft, Erin Larkin, Shea Larkin, Siobhan Larkin, Daithi Larkin.

## The Meeting A PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

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**Charlie Gaston** received his fourth Paul Harris Fellowship. To right of Charlie is his wife, **Pat Gaston**, their son **Todd Gaston**, and Todd's three children.



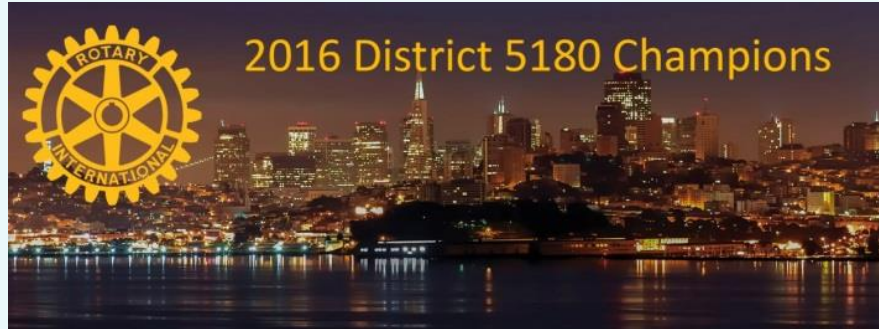
# The Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Ray Ward** still has raffle tickets for the 2016 District 5180 Conference. They cost \$20 per ticket or seven tickets for \$100. Ray says he will keep announcing the raffle tickets until they are all sold. Ed Note: My takeaway – buy lots of raffle tickets and make the announcements segment of every meeting end sooner.



The **Memorandum of Understanding** between the club and its foundation has been rewritten. The revised MOU will be voted on using secret ballots during the May 2 meeting.



# Pay Dues

Annual membership dues are due by June 1. Please see **Nancy Regan** to pay your dues.

# The Meeting GUESTS

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**Suzanne Jones** with members Ralph Carhart and Nick Broad



**Melonee Delgado** (right) with member Shelley Mathews



Don't let this old photo fool you: The **Rotary Clock** in Fair Oaks Village has been repaired and is reportedly working perfectly.

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# SUMMARY OF THE LATEST BOARD MEETING

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**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

## **Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks**

Diana Cralle, Club Secretary

After our usual Secretary Minutes approved and Treasurer's Report approved, the Board approved two grant applications. One for the YMCA and one to provide funding for 2 kids from Fair Oaks for a Summer Camp program.

We are sponsoring a Little League Team with the Rotary Orangevale Club. There will be a Rotary Night, wearing Green & Gold. We'll be informed when that happens.

The Never-to-Late program was a success and we voted to continue the program in next year's budget.

Our MOU is now ready for Club approval and will be sent to all members to review and have a Club vote at the next meeting.

Membership continues to grow and we have a new member for approval, plus an Associate Member who wants to be a full member. Members who have not paid their dues will be contacted. We are also planning a special Mother's Day meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> honoring our mothers and mothers-to-be.

We have several events coming up:

- Honeymooners next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at Marlow's and have invited the new Board.
- Rotary Work Day is April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are going to work on Camp Fire Girl's Park. Bruce Vincent will send out instructions. We need Weed Wackers.
- Fair Oaks Fiesta – May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a Coloring Station for the kids. Need volunteers to work the booth. The Chamber could use volunteers to help set up for the event. See Jim if you want to help. We are entered in the Toilet Bowl Race and Dawn is sitting on it. Mary Kate and Reid Gustafson will be running it.
- My Park Day is May 22<sup>nd</sup> coming up – we have good sign-ups.
- District Conference is coming up on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Safe Halloween – We need to start collecting books

Maggie was excited to announce that our next Youth Exchange Student will be a boy from Brazil. He will be arriving in August. Stine will be leaving in mid-July.

Fred shared our goals so far:

- Annual Fund giving is at \$13,978 – 6<sup>th</sup> in the District.
- We are at \$176 per capita -- 15<sup>th</sup> in the District.
- Achieved our Polio Goal - \$6000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in District.
- We have 30 members in Rotary Direct.
- The Foundation combined the EREY and Sustaining Recognition to mean that "every member gave \$100".
- A new Club recognition has been added, the "100% Foundation Giving Club", which counts any donation to the Rotary Foundation, including Annual Fund, Polio Plus, Endowment Fund, or an approved Global Grant. Clubs must exceed \$100 per capita to this collection of funds, and every member must donate at least \$25.
- District has a Million dollar challenge – adding Annual, Polio Plus and Gates. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, we are 4<sup>th</sup> in District.

If you would like to attend our next Board Meeting, it will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Location is to be decided. Contact President Pete Schroeder, or Secretary, Diana Cralle.



# ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

About a dozen members spent Saturday morning cleaning up Nest 3, a day camp site in the Camp Fire Day Camp. Please note the lack of weeds vegetation and the layer of nice, fresh wood chips underfoot and around the picnic table. The Day Camp was originally owned by the Camp Fire Girls (now just "Camp Fire") but is now part of River Bend Park in the American River Parkway. A few photos follow. Many thanks to Linda Aseltine who organized the entire event and brought munchies for those of us who didn't have time to eat breakfast. But no coffee???? Linda, for shame. This was a District 5180 event and members from a number of clubs showed up and cleaned up Nests.













# 2016 District Conference

## “Come Dressed To Play”

Don't  
Miss  
The  
Fun



Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Berkeley, CA

When: Conference May 20-22, 2016

Excursions begin May 19th to 22nd

Registration [www.Rotary5180.org](http://www.Rotary5180.org)



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- Explore the Bay Area
- Great Speakers
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Deadlines

- 4/25/2016 For Hotel Group Rate
- 5/6/2016 Conference Registration



No Deposit Refunds After July 1, 2015





# 2016 ROTARY DAY



Sunday, June 5 at 1:05 p.m.

Sacramento River Cats vs. Albuquerque Isotopes

Triple-A Affiliate of the Colorado Rockies



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- ★ Excellent Rotarian Seating Options - Senate & Assembly
- ★ \$22 Senate Seating (\$6 to End Polio Now), \$15 Assembly Seating (\$3 to End Polio Now) & \$10 Donation Seating (to be given away by the district) (\$2 to End Polio Now)
- ★ Seat selection based on best seats available at time of payment (yes, early birds get the 3rd base side)

*Can't make it, but still want to support POLIO NOW? Tickets purchased for this game can be exchanged at the Raley Field's Round Table Pizza Ticket Office for any Sunday-Thursday regular season game.*

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS is JUNE 1st 2016! Remember early birds get the best seats**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

| # OF TICKETS       |   |
|--------------------|---|
| \$22               | Senate: _____ = \$ _____<br>(\$6 Polio)           |
| \$15               | Assembly: _____ = \$ _____<br>(\$3 Polio)         |
| \$10               | Donated* Tickets: _____ = \$ _____<br>(\$2 Polio) |
| TOTATDUE: \$ _____ |   |

\* River Cats will match every donation ticket purchased

To place your order,, please return this form along with payment (made payable to Rotary District 5180) to:

Tom Cicchini  
2200-B Douglas Blvd., Suite 150  
Roseville, CA 95661

For questions please contact: Tom Cicchini at 916.773.1938 or tom.cicchini@raymondjames.com







# 107th International Rotary Convention

## Seoul, South Korea & Japan — May 23-June 9, 2016



### Please join us in South Korea &/or Japan

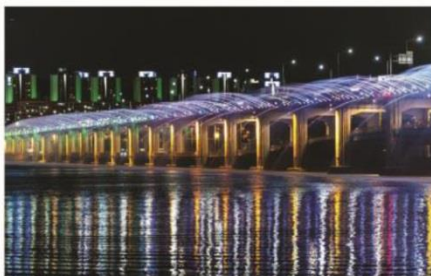
#### South Korea (Depart USA May, 23, 2016)

- ❑ **Pre-Convention Tour: South Korea**  
**May 24-28, 2016 — from \$1,549pp**
  - 4-nights accommodation (4-4.5 star hotels)
  - Daily breakfast & lunches, Welcome Dinner & Reception
  - Tours: Seoul, Namsan Cable Car, Namsangoi Hanok Village, Dongdaemun Market & Design Plaza, Korea Folk Village, Kimchi making, Wawoojeongsa Temple, Daejeon Hot Springs, Daereungwon King's Tomb Complex, Cheomseongdae Observatory, Gyeongju National Museum & more...
  - Deluxe private motorcoach transportation
  - All entrances fees, service charges, taxes per itinerary
- ❑ **Convention Tour: Seoul**  
**May 28-June 1, 2016 — from \$1,199pp**
  - 3-nights accommodation (3.5 - 4 star hotel)
  - Daily breakfast, lunch on tour days, Farewell Dinner
  - Tours: Gyeongbokgung Palace & National Folk Museum, DMZ full-day tour includes Imjingak Park, Freedom Bridge, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, DMZ Theater/Exhibition Hall, Dorasan Station & Unification Village & more...
  - All entrances fees, service charges, taxes per itinerary

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#### Japan

- ❑ **Post-Convention Tour: Japan**  
**June 1-9, 2016 — from \$2,929pp**
  - 8-nights accommodation (4-5 star hotels)
  - Daily breakfast, lunch on tour days, Welcome & Farewell Dinners
  - Tours: Hiroshima, Peace Park & Museum, boat trip to Miyajima Island, Kiyomizo Temple, Nijo Castle & Gardens, Kinaku-ji Golden Pavillion, Craft Workshop, Gion Corner in Kyoto, Nara Todaiji Temple, Kasuga Shrine, Nara Dear Park, Hakone, Komagatake Ropeway, Lake Ashi cruise, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Fuji Visitor Center, Tokyo city tour & a visit to several of Tokyo's distinct districts
  - All entrances fees, service charges, taxes per itinerary
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# FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Peter Wick</b><br><b>Travels in the Middle East</b>                               | <b>May 2</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>   | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Speaker: Jocelyn Baldwin</b><br><b>Topic: Charter Schools</b>                     | <b>May 9</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>   | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Emily Butler: Splash</b><br><b>Science Education &amp; Outdoor Exploration</b>    | <b>May 16</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>  | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
| <b>Club Board Meeting</b>   | <b>May 18</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>  | <b>TBA</b>   |
| <b>District 5180 Conference</b>   | <b>May 20-22</b>                        | <b>DoubleTree Hotel in Berkeley</b>  |
| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Topic: Club Assembly</b>  | <b>May 23</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>  | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
| <b>Rotary International Conference</b>  | <b>May 28 – June 1</b>                  | <b>Seoul, Korea</b>  |
| <b>No Club Meeting</b>  | <b>May 30</b>                           |  |
| <b>Rotary Day at the River Cats</b>   | <b>June 5</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b>        | <b>Congregate at:</b><br><b>Clubhouse Parking Lot</b><br><b>For Bus Transportation</b> |
| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Speaker: Robert Sanger</b><br><b>Topic: Folsom Cordova Community Partnership</b>  | <b>June 6</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>  | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Speaker: Best Guess – Fred Rowe</b><br><b>Topic: What are Rotary Fellowships?</b> | <b>June 13</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b> | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
| <b>Club Board Meeting</b>   | <b>June 15</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b> | <b>TBA</b>   |
| <b>Club Meeting</b><br><b>Speaker: Pete Schroeder</b><br><b>Topic: The Year in Review</b>                   | <b>June 20</b><br><b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b> | <b>Fair Oaks Clubhouse</b><br><b>7997 California Ave</b>                               |
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