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THE ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS

Glenn Fong

Rotary



Governor, Rotary District 5180

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Weekly Meetings

We Meet Almost Every Monday Evening
Pre-Meeting Social 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



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District 5180 Governor **Glenn Fong** with, from the left, daughter **Katy**, wife **Elise** and daughter **Sarah**

Our speaker this evening was **District Governor Glen Fong** who was introduced to us by **Assistant District Governor Joe Schmier**. Besides shouldering the responsibilities of District Governor, Glen is a successful Real Estate Broker with offices in Roseville and Fair Oaks. Glen was accompanied to our meeting by his wife Elise and daughters Sarah and Katy.

Glen took us down memory lane to the advent of tape decks, walkmen, dvds, cds, the brick cell phone to what we know now with the smart phone and other forms of social media. District Governor Fong reminded us that not only do social media devices evolve and change, but so does Rotary, as is evidenced by the Objectives of Rotary , the Four Way Test, women in Rotary, and the creation of a new area of service, New Generations, which is better known as Youth Services.

Glenn stated that his main objective as our District Governor was to lead the clubs in District 5180 in a new direction where the journey involves family. His emphasis on Rotary as a family is shown by the participation of his family in his District governorship. Glenn's daughters were part of his presentation and distributed cookies that were made by his wife Elise, who is gathering donations for Project Favela.

Glenn reported that soon we will have 5 generations as part of our Rotary family: The Greatest Generation, the Baby Boomers, Generation X, the Millenials (also know as Generation Y or the Echo Boomers) and Generation Z. His emphasis on the fact that we need to continue to evolve as an organization by having something to offer to members of all ages was an integral part of his presentation. Social media is the way we are going to get to the next level of membership and the way we are going to be able to grow is through encouraging fresh ideas and being diverse not only in what we do, but also how we do it and how we implement it into our communities. District Governor Fong ended his presentation by proudly stating that Nigeria is polio free and that only 36 cases of polio have been reported worldwide in 201 5 and that the projected date of complete eradication of polio is 2018.

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Rotary District 5180

New Initiatives for 2015-16

From District Governor Glenn Fong

General Membership Development and Training

Rotary Passport Club

RotaryDistrictPlanning.org

Membership New Vision

District Membership Card

Visiting Rotarian Travel Card

RotaryAds.com

Foundation \$1 Million Dollar Challenge

Family Paul Harris Fellow

Bloodsource Drawing – 3 Paul Harris Fellow

Cloud – Box.com

Online Roster for Presidents and District Team

Relocation Team

Hall of Fame – recognition of our greatest Rotarians

District 5180 Brand and Logo

Charley Blatchford's thought for the day was –

“ Be the change you wish to see the world- live Rotary”

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Fred and Alice Rowe

Were chosen as our club's examples of "A Gift To The World" in conjunction with RI President Ravi's theme: Be a Gift to the World.

MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Corene Seaver and **Greg Herrick** lost their red ribbons and became complete members of the club. Ray Ward and Warren McWilliams are in the photo because Ray sponsored both Corene and Greg and Warren was Corene's mentor.



Project Favela

Elise Fong (far left, wife of District Governor **Glenn Fong** has organized support for Project Favela, which works to bring a more normal childhood and a degree of happiness to the impoverished children of Brazil's slums, which are called "favelas" in Brazil.

Members of our club and our affiliated Inner Wheel Club contributed generously. Baskets full of toys and other gifts can be seen at the bottom of the photo. At the far right is our new Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student from Denmark, **Stine Nikolajsen**.



Elise Fong with from the left, **Bev Purcell**, **Janet McWilliams** and **Pat Vogel**. Bev, Janet and Pat are members of the Inner Wheel club. They welcomed Elise Fong, District Governor Glenn Fong's wife, to the meeting and presented her with a generous supply of items for Project Favela in Brazil. In addition to their local service projects, the Fair Oaks Inner Wheel Club focuses on the plight of underprivileged women and children worldwide. New members are always welcome!
Article by Bev Purcell

MORE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Maggie Hoy, Geri Beck, Bruce Vincent and Elaine Rock were honored for their service to the club. Each was recognized by District Governor Glenn Fong and each received a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Maggie Hoy (PHF +3) was recognized for her longtime service on club board (Club Service and Youth Service), for her work with the District Rotary Youth Exchange Committee and for her leadership in organizing many club campouts, mystery trips, buses to ballgames and several beer wagons at the Chicken Festival.

Bruce Vincent (PHF +1) was recognized for his service as club Communications Director, his committee work on fundraisers and his work on the Acorn, which won the award for District Newsletter of the Year in 2013-14.

Elaine Rock (PHF +1) was recognized for her work on Club Service and Membership committees, her service as an advocate for Bloodsource and for her great presentation to our club regarding blood donation

Geri Beck (first PHF) was recognized for her service in several countries in Africa, including starting a school and a chicken project in a Ugandan village, for being highly involved in two local groups helping the homeless, and for spearheading our project to renovate the home of a local disabled woman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As you may know, **Pat Gaston** is the wife of our long-time Rotary member **Charlie Gaston**, and the mother of our member, **Todd Gaston**. Pat had back surgery last week, and she is home and slowly recuperating. Todd must go back to work, and he thinks it would be nice for other Rotarians to visit Pat. Visits should be short (no longer than an hour) and Howard would like to coordinate them (so people come when Todd is working, but not too many folks in one day).

Howard can be called at 880-8226, to find out Todd's schedule. Also, you can call Pat directly at 863-1142 to make sure that Pat is still up for a visit.

Article by: **Alice Rowe**



So, who ARE the Fair Oaks HONEYMOONERS anyway?? Well, we are starting a new "club within our Rotary Club"....And it will be made up of all the Rotarians who were inducted last year, and from here on forward! They can stay in the Honeymoon Club for a year and they will meet once a month - mostly to get to know each other in a small setting, and to be able to ask questions, socialize and become more connected in a way that can be difficult at our regular Monday night meetings. This group will be facilitated by Jim Cralle. An educational component will be a part of the meetings. Also, the group will be encouraged to do things such as run one of our Monday night meetings and/or organize their own service project.

Being in the Honeymooners Club is not mandatory, but we hope newer members will take advantage of this opportunity! Their first meeting will be on Sept. 9th, at 6:30, at the Fair Oaks Brew Pub! Let's wish them well as they begin a NEW option for members who are still in the Rotary Honeymoon Stage!

Article by: **Alice Rowe**



Cliff Straehley, Editor in Chief

Volunteer to become an Acorn reporter for an evening receive an extra ticket, thereby doubling your chances to win a free dinner, draw for the Ace of Spades or a chance to be the next month's Little Genius. According to Cliff, being an Acorn reporter is an excellent way to learn more about club and its excellent and interesting members.



Bruce Hagel, Chair of the Club's Literacy Committee, said that our Free Little Library Project is getting underway and possible locations are sought. This is going to require a fair amount of community involvement.

More Announcements

More info on the **District RI Foundation Dinner:**

Date: November 7, 2015 from 6:00 – 9:30 PM

Location: Doubletree Hotel at 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento

Details: Event Chair Jack Arney promises, "This won't be your father's Foundation Dinner." The Club's three tables are now full.

Jeanne Maloney: Fair Oaks Uncorked will be on October 16. Tickets are available. Please get a few and start selling them. We need more restaurants, so if you have a favorite restaurant, please mention it to Jeanne.

GUESTS



Drew Young



Kyle Thompson (on the left) with member **Marlow Simonetto**.



Justin Frei and his wife **Kelley**



Joe Scheimer, member of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova.



Stine Nikolajsen, our RYE student from Denmark.



Katy Fong, daughter of Glenn Fong, with member **Jeanne Maloney**.

MORE GUESTS



David and Kathy Clemens, both members of the Roseville Sunrise club.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING NOTES

MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2015

By Diana Cralle

Our Club Board Meeting was held at 5pm on Monday night before our regular meeting. All Board members were present and our two special guests were District Governor, Glenn Fong, and Assistant Governor, Joe Scheimer.

After our regular business of Secretary's Minutes and Treasure's Report, we were able to share with our special guests some of the great projects that our Club is doing this year.

Pete talked about the "Never-Too-Late Music program that will be starting soon in January. We will also hear more about the Little Library Project from Bruce Hagel during our regular meeting.

Alice Rowe shared what a busy month we have had and the formation of a new club, called the "Honeymooners". This is a club of new members in their first year that will be mentored by our Past President, Jim Cralle. This will give new members an opportunity to learn more and build friendships, even create their own projects. They will be having their first meeting at the Fair Oaks Brew Pub. Plus we got to vote in a new member.

Jeanne Maloney shared some of the several events that we have on our calendar: Safe Halloween, Battle of the Oaks between Bella Vista and Del Campo, Christmas Food Baskets, Track Pick Up Day, and Sr. Luau. We will also have a float in the Christmas in the Village Parade this year.

Board of Directors Meeting Notes (Continued)

Dawn Abatemarco reported on the success of our new set up crew and our wonderful cooks; and Diana reported how well the RSVPs are helping us determine numbers for dinner and set up.

Karen Romines reported on our fundraisers coming up: Uncorked in October and the need for more wineries and restaurants. We are encouraging all members to participate and help sell tickets to make this a successful event and to donate wine for our "Wall of Wine" auction. We also need to start lining up our Mega Draw items for Crab Feed now. We can't wait until the last minute.

Ron Adams shared his research on a Water project in Kenya that could provide 24 units of water for 70 children for 3 ½ years through their schools. More discussion and determination will be made on this later.

Maggie shared that we have 10 inbound RYE kids and that BV Interact Club is already started. Plus, we are starting a new club in Del Campo High and possibly Waldorf. We are already starting to work on the Dictionary project.

Linda Aseltine is working on Career Day at Bella Vista on October 6th. Speakers are lined up and only a few more details to make this a successful day. Plans are also starting for our 70th Birthday Party.

Fred Rowe updated us on the Foundation items and encouraged more participants to come to the Foundation Dinner. We have 3 tables reserved already.

Ray Ward is working hard on communications and has his coordinators all lined up and is looking forward to scheduling hands-on training on our website.

Pete reminded everyone that this Thursday is the last day for Concerts in the Park and asked everyone to wear their Rotary gear!

Our meeting ended in a record of 6 minutes early so that we could all go out and mix it up with the rest of our members arriving for our regular dinner meeting.