

Rotary 



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

CALIFORNIA 2016

CLUB ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS

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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



CLUB ASSEMBLY



INTRODUCING THE 2016-17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anne Browning, President Elect; Fred Rowe, Rotary International Foundation; Cliff Strahley, Community Service; Reid Gustafson, Vocational Service; Karen Romines, President; Keith Walter, Communications; Diana Cralle, Membership; Bonnie McClain, Secretary; Sunny Simmons & Dawn Abatemarco, Community Service; Nancy Regan, Treasurer; Jim Cralle, International
Not Shown: Maggie Hoy, Youth Service

CLUB ASSEMBLY



2015-16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pete Schroeder, President

Alice Rowe, Membership

Fred Rowe, Rotary International Foundation

Dawn Abatemarco, Club Services

Ron Adams, International Service

Linda Aseltine, Vocational Service

Jeanne Maloney, Community Service

Warren McWilliams, Standing in for Dan Smallhouse, Club Foundation

Not in the photo: Karen Romines, President Elect; Bob Walters, President Elect; Ray Ward, Communications; Maggie Hoy, Youth Service; Nancy Regan, Treasurer; Diana Cralle, Secretary



Linda Aseltine is responsible for vocational services. Linda said that her primary job was to promote the vocations of Rotarians. She is doing this by preparing a series of “Rotarian of the Week” articles for the Acorn. The first article appeared in the Acorn two weeks ago and featured Lucy Martin. Linda needs a completed information sheet for each and every member of the club and she threatened to create one for each member who fails to do so – by filling them with fictitious information. Lest you think Linda is kidding: In this Acorn, the distinguished Fred Rowe (who, by his own admission hates to write) is honored as Rotarian of the Week with a page of mostly bogus personal information.

Ron Adams, International Service Director, briefed the club on the struggle to get a new international grant project up and running. There were two separate attempts to initiate safe drinking water projects in third world countries. Both failed because of problems with the foreign-partner Rotary clubs. Ron noted that it is extremely important to vet a project before committing grant money. A project is being developed through one of Cliff Straehley’s contacts in Tanzania. Ron is hoping for Board approval in January. Ron is also working on a possible collaborative project with the Downtown Sacramento Rotary Club and three other clubs.

CLUB ASSEMBLY



Dawn Abatemarco, is responsible for club services, which includes handling the food and beverages for the meetings. This is a big job that includes menu planning, food acquisition, running the bar, decorating the tables, clean up and other factors that help to make our meetings excellent. For Dawn, the favorite part of her job is working with Diana Cralle to predict the number of attendees for upcoming meetings.

Fred Rowe is responsible for fundraising for the Rotary International Foundation. Fred's goal is to have every club member participating in Rotary Direct by June, 2017 – so the next Foundation Chair won't have to ask anyone for donations.



Alice Rowe is, as probably everyone knows, the club's incredibly good Membership Director. As was noted during the meeting, membership has almost doubled under Alice's leadership.

To promote membership and the retention of members, Alice has created new activities including: mentoring, the Red Ribbon, fireside chats, the Honeymooners Club and the buddy system. Alice's favorite part of the job: meeting people.



Jeanne Maloney, Community Service Director Jeanne described her job as recruiting managers for each of the club's community service projects, including Bella Vista Career Day, Safe Halloween, holiday food baskets, the Chicken Festival, It's My Park Day, Madison Avenue cleanup and probably more. The best part of her job: getting to know all of the members.

Warren McWilliams stood in for Dan Smallhouse who is president of the club's foundation. The Foundation raises money for the club's youth and seniors projects and maintains a growing bank account. The Foundation has performed admirably over the past few years, providing the club with increasing funding for its projects while growing its corpus.

CLUB ASSEMBLY (Last Item)



Anne Browning was chosen to be the club's president elect for 2016-17. The vote by the members attending the meeting was unanimous.

NEW MEMBER



Dev Khangura was inducted as a new member. He came to California in 1993. Joe Scheimer invited Dev to join Rotary a few years ago by asking him what he was doing for community service.

Dev is a physician specializing in geriatric internal medicine.

Pete Schroeder: "we will all be lining up for appointments".

RED RIBBON REMOVAL



Drew Young lost his red ribbon and became a full-fledged member at Monday's meeting.

Best Christmas Sweater



Russ Bechthold showed up wearing one of the year's more colorful Christmas sweaters.

GUESTS



Dean Henricks from the Citrus Heights Rotary Club



Betsy Gade from the Sacramento Breakfast Club



Marie Scheimer, wife of member Joe Scheimer

Other Guests (no photo)
Stine, our RYE student/daughter from Denmark
Stephanie Mearse, who will join the Passport club

HONORING OUR COOKS

Our cook, **Angela Nokes** () and her assistants, **Shawn Ebernickel** and **Kelly Bennet** continue to create an excellent meal for each meeting. They were recognized for their efforts at the meeting – not just once, but twice.



Pete presents our cooks with bonuses. Kelly also received a bottle of wine as a birthday present.



In appreciation of all of the great meals he's been eating at meetings, Rob White presented Anjela and crew with an Italian fruit cake and other Christmas gifts

SNIPPETS

From Pete Schroeder, President

What a great club we have! Last night, at our last meeting of 2015, we were gifted with another wonderful Thought For The Day by Charley Blatchford. Charley is a long-time member of our club and, without a doubt, a club treasure. It brought to my mind the importance and value of every member. Our club is great because of our members.

We have been growing substantially over the past few years, and as we grow, the club evolves into its new version of itself. From 46 members to 85 members in 3.5 years! What does this growth mean? Yes, we don't get to know everyone as personally as we might have when we were fewer in number, but, after all, we are a service club, where Service Above Self is our motto.

Imagine if each member were to contribute their time and/or talent and/or treasure! Imagine the service we could provide our community and the world!

Please do not lose sight of how important you are to our club. Please support our club's projects and events - we need your support. Please do what you can - in terms of time/talent/treasure - to serve the community and the world through the efforts of our Club and its Foundation.

I wish you could stand at the front of the room on a Monday night and see all the smiling, engaged faces. It is an honor to be a member, and a privilege to in in a position to serve others.

This season of giving, please remember: You are a gift to the world. And to your club!

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

December 17, 2015 at Northridge Elementary

We will be distributing food baskets to 103 needy families this year. That's over 200 big cartons of food. This event takes place at Northridge Elementary School. Stop by and help out if you have time.



A Holiday Poem
By Don Hicks

Two trees alone, straight as white firs do, stood
In a glade of fern-topped undergrowth.
I, like the trees, alone in the wood
Wanted two to bag. I thought I should.
Who would see and know if I bagged both?

"Christmas is gaining gifts to be fair,"
Said I to no one in the hushed wood
Two rooms have I. So should I not dare?
I'd keep them hidden from public glare.
A tree in each. I know well I could.

Yet again, it pleases me to give
And to be a part of public sight
Two trees thought I with no true motive
Is less than more. A truth henceforth I'll live.
I bagged the left. The wood kept the right.



Joe Scheimer invites you to the
Scholastic Book Fair

At Cordova Villa Elementary School
10359 South White Rock
Rancho Cordova
6:00 – 8:00 PM on December 17



This is what the website says about Scholastic Book Fairs

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please make plans to come to our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair!

Joe and Marie Scheimer will be working at the Book Fair on December 17.

ROTARIAN of the WEEK

Fred Rowe

Birthplace: Vostok, Antarctica

Birthday: no one really knows!!

Background:

After escaping the cold of Antarctica, Fred thought jumping out of airplanes would be fun...until he was caught. Instead of prosecuting him legally the guys thought they would take him far away from them once and for all, so they dumped him in a far away place. He landed for the last time in a place as hot as hell. He finally learned what "To hell with you meant!".

Fred wandered the hills and trails of Death Valley on a quest as to what to do with his life. After being struck by lightning one afternoon he realized the value of medical treatment and turned to medicine. He became apprenticed to an old Indian medicine man named Slow Talker and after years of study Fred walked out of the desert into a medical facility nearby. It was slow going for a while until Fred met his lifelong partner Alice.

Alice introduced Fred to the internet and he soon discovered he could construct his own education background and necessary papers such as degrees and commendations. He then moved to the Big City and roamed around various emergency treatment facilities until the Feds realized that whenever there was a trauma scene, Fred was close by. It soon became apparent that Fred needed to lay low and he and Alice wandered into the village of Fair Oaks. They found a house hidden in the hills and retired from their medical adventure.

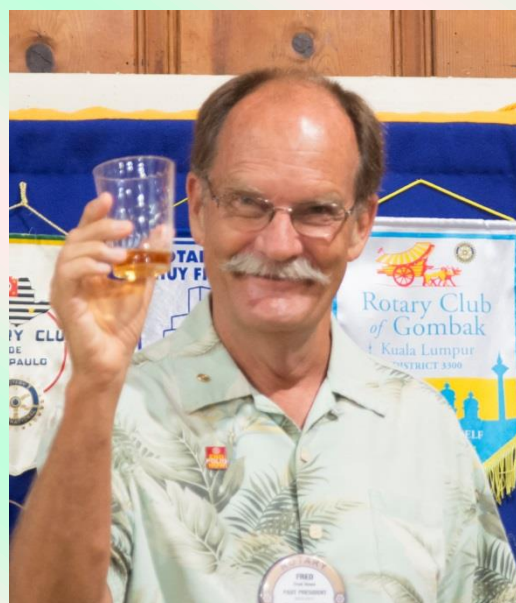
Fred has taken Rotary into his heart in a never-ending quest to do good for mankind. Slow Talker once told him "Find your dream. It's the pursuit of the dream that heals you."

Spouse: Alice - they have two children

Favorite meal: It's hard to break old habits, Fred still longs for Fresh skinned rattlesnake grilled on an open fire with a side of cactus juice—fermented (yes Slow Talker was a good teacher!).

If we remember Fred for anything it's his devotion to Alice and unwavering support of all things Rotary. Please don't ask him about Death Valley and the "Big City".

*...and this is what happens when I don't get your info sheet back!!
Linda Aseltine*



LITTLE LIBRARY PROJECT



The Little Library Project is one of our two 2015-16 District Grant Projects. In this project, we will be building and installing library boxes, just like the one in the photo above, in neighborhoods throughout Fair Oaks. According to Bruce Hagel, the project's manager, there will soon be a work party to assemble the Little Libraries.

The work party will be held in Reid Gustafson's garage. The date and time have not been announced.

Bruce is seeking age-appropriate books for the Little Libraries.

PETER WICK'S RUSTIC ITALIAN PASTA SAUCE A CULINARY EVENT

December 20, 2015 @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM
THE FAIR OAKS BREW PUB
7988 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
FAIR OAKS VILLAGE

You are invited to an event to benefit the Fair Oaks Rotary Foundation
Participate in their annual Coat Drive and Ugly Sweater Contest
A new menu item will be introduced: Peter's Rustic Italian Pasta Sauce
Guests will be treated to special discounts

Donate \$10 to the Fair Oaks Rotary Foundation and you will receive a copy of the
original recipe
Chef Peter will be present



CAROLING AT ESKATON

December 13, 2015



OUR THANKS TO

BELL BROTHERS

PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR

They paid for the turkeys for the holiday baskets at Northridge Elementary School



Bell Brothers also provided important assistance for the bathroom project on Winding Way, which is what the photos, below, reference.



FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Holiday Food Baskets	December 17 All Day	Northridge Elementary School
Third Thursday in the Clubhouse	December 17 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Pete Schroeder's Clubhouse Sing along with Pete and The Others
No Club Meeting	December 21	
No Club Meeting	December 28	
Club Meeting Oliver Cheney – Autism Executive Director, Rudolph Steiner College	January 4, 2016	Rudolph Steiner College 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd
Club Meeting Joe Scheimer - The Secret War in Laos	January 11, 2016	Clubhouse
No Club Meeting	January 18, 2016	
Senior Luau	January 20, 2016	Clubhouse
Club Board Meeting	January 20, 2016	TBA
Club Meeting Oscar Arias: Rotary & Peace	January 25, 2014	Clubhouse
Inner Wheel Bunco Night	January 30, 2014	TBA
Club Meeting Kelly Colemand: Save the Rain	February 1, 2014	Clubhouse
Crab Feed	February 20, 2016	Divine Savior



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The December 14 meeting closed with a rousing version of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, with each table asked to sign and act out one of the verses. Thus, the first table sang the “partridge in a pear tree” verse 12 times, each time hopping around a bit and flapping their arms, partridge-like. The Board of Directors, seated at the front of the room, displayed enthusiasm for the song and excellent leadership.



26th Annual

Rotary



MARDI GRAS CRAB FEED

Saturday - February 20, 2016

Divine Savior

9049 Greenback Lane

Orangevale, CA

Tickets \$55

Hosted By
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