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THE ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS

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## DISTRICT 5180 PASPORT CLUB

### The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

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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



# THE PASSPORT CLUB

## OF ROTARY DISTRICT 5180

### What is the Passport Club?

The Passport Club held its charter meeting in May of 2015 and it has been growing fast ever since – as evidenced by the 12 new Rotary members inducted into the Passport Club on Monday evening. The Passport Club is innovative and certainly among the most unique clubs in Rotary. It is designed to address two long-standing challenges for some prospective members: Time commitment and cost. Here's how the Passport Club addresses these issues:

- No attendance requirement
- Low monthly cost
- Four in-person club meetings per year
- Members visit other club's meetings and work on other club's projects and fundraisers

The Passport Club chose to meet jointly with the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks because our club has been “the most supportive club in the District”. This was their first joint meeting with another club.

With about 30 members of the Passport Club attending (and another dozen or so regular guests) this may have been the largest regular meeting in club history. At the meeting, the Passport Club inducted twelve new members, swore in four new officers, and several members became Paul Harris Fellows. At the meeting, money was collected for the End Polio Now campaign. Our club donated about \$500 and the Passport Club donated over \$1,000.



Above: The twelve new members that were inducted plus District Governor Glenn Fong (far left) and club president **Mike Reinero** (sort of kneeling in front).



# THE PASSPORT CLUB (Continued)



New club officers being sworn in



To raise money for End Polio Now, a signed copy of "The Ravens" was given to the highest donor in each club. The books were not signed by the author – better yet, they were signed by a number of former members of the Ravens.

On the right is Passport Club President Mike Reinero.



To the left, two more photos of Passport members. Yes, President Reinero is a very energetic and gregarious person who somehow found his way into almost every photograph of Passport club members.

# CRAB FEED

Crab Feed 2016 — February 20th

Silent Auction - FunDraw - Advertisers - Sponsors - Volunteers

Please help where you can....

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# MEGADRAW

WHAT? Mega Draw is a raffle that is held during the crab feed each year, the proceeds from which go to the Fair Oaks Rotary Foundation. The money raised will be available next Rotary year for all club activities – both local and international. Club members are encouraged to buy tickets for themselves and offer them for sale to guests attending the event or to anyone - need not be present to win! Tickets are available again at the next meeting, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Should you want more tickets prior to the crab feed, please contact Dan Smallhouse. Tickets will also be available for sale at the crab feed

1 TICKET for \$25.00 OR 5 TICKETS for \$100.00

Each year there are five major prizes to be won, each with a value of at least \$1,000! This year the prizes offered are:

Week of Oct. 22-29 2016 in a one bedroom suite at the Desert Springs Marriott in Palm Springs area. Full kitchen, living room, laundry – look this up on line and see how beautiful!

1 day park hopper pass for 4 to Disneyland and 2 night stay at a local hotel  
Pass good through Nov. of 2017, not valid during Christmas holiday

River Cats Suite for 20, including food and drink  
Valid April and May for games Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday

Lake Tahoe 2 bedroom home on Carnelian Bay – 4 days, 3 nights

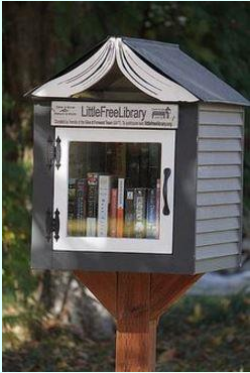
\$\$\$\$\$1,000.00\$\$\$\$\$ CASH!!!!!!

Ticket stubs are placed in a cage associated with each prize at the Mega Draw booth on the night of the event. During the crab feed, a ticket will be drawn for each prize and the winner will be announced by the President. You are all smart, but I will say it anyway – THE MORE TICKETS YOU BUY, THE BETTER CHANCE TO WIN!

**BEST OF LUCK TO EACH OF YOU!!!**



# LITTLE FREE LIBRARY PROJECT



**Reid Gustafson** will be hosting a Little Free Library work party this Saturday (February 6) at the Gustafson residence at 1:00 PM



## SAVE THE RAIN REFORESTATION

Reforestation of the landscape is an essential part of helping the earth regenerate her ground water resources. The Moringa tree is a perfect fit. Trees nurtured in the Save the Rain nursery in Tanzania are distributed to each woman enrolled in the Women's Water Initiative and to the village schools. The Moringa tree was selected as the species for the reforestation program because:

- It grows very quickly - 7 to 14 feet in the first year. It comes into leaves at the end of the dry season, when other foods are scarce. Once matured, one can cut a limb from the tree, plant it and it will re-propagate a root system.
- The leaves can be cooked for food and contain high levels of carbohydrates, vitamins, protein and fiber. Only a 200g serving can supply a child with all his/her daily nutritional.
- The tree grows a seed pod, that when the seeds are crushed into a fine powder will remove 90% of bacteria from dirty water.
- From that same pod, one can extract oil that is said to be better than extra virgin olive oil.
- It is also drought and flood tolerant and grows natively in Tanzania.

Our nursery has flourished because 7 acres of land were donated from the Serena hotel in Tengeru, Tanzania. Because there is no recycling in the country and people are consuming bottled water, we collect used bottles from hotels and Safari companies, cut the tops off and use them for our tree start farm. This year alone, 7,634 trees were distributed.

# GUESTS AND GREETERS



District Governor **Glenn Fong** is greeted by club greeters **Nick Broad** and **Jerry Foote**.



Former Interact Club President **Dakota Higgins** is greeting by Nick Broad. Dakota is now attending Sierra College and is president of the campus Roteract Club.



Left – **Jeanne Maloney** with two Passport Club members.

Right – Guest **Betsy Gade** with member **Robb White**



## Additional Guests

Glen Fong – District 5180 Governor  
Val Mebust, Roseville Rotary Club  
Scott Hackman

Stacy Graham - Auburn Daybreak Rotary Club  
Katie Tule

Brian Gladden - Roseville Rotary Club  
Betsy Gade - Sacramento Breakfast Rotary Club  
Jim Gueendee - Auburn Gold Country Rotary



# OSCAR ARIAS

## FEBRUARY IS ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Reporters: Steve Hoverman & Bruce Vincent

At the meeting on January 25, we honored member Joe Scheimer and the other members of the Ravens (forward air controllers in Laos during the Vietnam War as true heroes. This week we learned about a different kind of hero: Oscar Arias Sanchez, a two-time president of Costa Rica and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Oscar Arias was a speaker at 2015 Rotary International convention. At Monday's meeting we watched two videos pertaining to Mr. Arias. The first was a biography of his life and the second was a video of his Rotary speech.

Oscar had been President of Costa Rica in the 1980s when there were warring conflicts in neighboring Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador as proxy for the global Cold War. He was able to maintain neutrality, avoid cold-war entanglements and initiate the signing of a regional peace plan. The latter resulted in a Nobel Peace Prize for Oscar Arias.

He quoted Rotary's Paul Harris that: "the most virtuous war is a war against war."

The history of global conflicts follows from the desperation brought on by poverty, and poor education. Much of the war must be carried on also in the developed world to combat indifference to the world problems and to surmount the opposition forces of military arms exporters and antagonistic world leaders.

He recognized Rotary's battles in this war and encouraged a continued war for water, education, climate and the environment. In place of armed conflicts he recommends substituting a war for water, health, and education.

"For any one person in the world to be secure, everyone in the world must be secure."

### The major accomplishments of Oscar Arias

- Elected president of Costa Rica in 1986. Under his first presidency, the economy of Costa Rica moved somewhat away from reliance on coffee and bananas and towards non-traditional agriculture and tourism.
- Led the work that resulted in the signing of a regional peace plan that began the process of ending conflicts in Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador.
- Received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987.
- Was again elected president of Costa Rica in 2006.
- Mediated the 2009 constitutional crisis in Honduras
- Led the effort that ultimately resulted in adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty by the United Nations.



Your editor realized that he knew absolutely nothing about Costa Rica. In case some of the rest of you also lack knowledge, what follows is some information on this remarkable (for Central America) little country. In 1948, Costa Rica abolished its military and it remains without a military to this day. Many people feel that this, over the years, has allowed Costa Rica to spend more money on such things as education and health care, thereby enabling Costa Rica to become the peaceful and relatively prosperous country that it is today. Here's what the Central Intelligence Agency has to say about the economy of Costa Rica.

*Prior to the global economic crisis, Costa Rica enjoyed stable economic growth. The economy contracted 1.3% in 2009 but resumed growth at about 4% per year in 2010-14. While the traditional agricultural exports of bananas, coffee, sugar, and beef are still the backbone of commodity export trade, a variety of industrial and specialized agricultural products have broadened export trade in recent years. High value-added goods and services, including medical devices, have further bolstered exports. Tourism continues to bring in foreign exchange, as Costa Rica's impressive biodiversity makes it a key destination for ecotourism. Foreign investors remain attracted by the country's political stability and relatively high education levels, as well as the incentives offered in the free-trade zones; and Costa Rica has attracted one of the highest levels of foreign direct investment per capita in Latin America. However, poor infrastructure, high energy costs, bureaucracy, weak investor protection, and legal uncertainty due to difficulty of enforcing contracts and overlapping and at times conflicting responsibilities between agencies, remain impediments to greater competitiveness. Costa Rica's economy also faces challenges due to a rising fiscal deficit, rising public debt, and relatively low levels of domestic revenue. Poverty has remained around 20-25% for nearly 20 years, and the strong social safety net that had been put into place by the government has eroded due to increased financial constraints on government expenditures. Unlike the rest of Central America, Costa Rica is not highly dependent on remittances, which in 2013 represented 1.1% of GDP. Immigration from Nicaragua has increasingly become a concern for the government.*

These are some quick facts from the website Vacation Costa Rica. You might want to take note of the literacy rate, near the bottom of this box.

#### **Geography**

- Costa Rica is around the same size as Lake Michigan, and is slightly smaller than West Virginia.
- Costa Rica has more than 800 miles of coastline.
- The highest mountain in Costa Rica, Cerro Chirripo, stands at 3,810 meters above sea level.
- Although not all of them are active, Costa Rica has around 200 volcanoes.
- Costa Rica is home to approximately 5 percent of the world's biodiversity, but only occupies around 0.3 percent of the planet's surface.
- Poas Volcano in central Costa Rica has the second-largest volcanic crater in the world, and Arenal Volcano is one of the 10 most seismically active volcanoes on the planet.

#### **History**

- Noted explorer Christopher Columbus first visited what is now Costa Rica in 1502.
- Spanish colonists first established a permanent presence in Costa Rica in 1563.
- After a short-lived civil war, Costa Rica's constitution was passed in 1949.

#### **The People**

- Costa Rica has a population of around 4.7 million people – a little more than half the population of New York City.
- Religion plays an important role in Costa Rica's culture, with approximately 76 percent of Costa Ricans identifying as Catholic.
- Less than 1 percent of Costa Rica's population is of indigenous ancestry, and around 94 percent of Costa Ricans are of European heritage.
- Costa Rica has a literacy rate of 94.9 percent, one of the highest in the world.

#### **Flora and Fauna**

- There are more than 34,000 species of insect in Costa Rica, and more than 20,000 species of spider.
- Costa Rica is home to more than 10 percent of all the species of butterfly in the world.
- Costa Rica has around 615 species of animal per 10,000 square miles. By comparison, the U.S. has 104.
- Certain species of crocodile, many of which can be found in Costa Rica's rivers, can measure up to 16 feet in length.



# **INNER WHEEL SPAGHETTI NIGHT**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI  
CAESAR SALAD  
GARLIC BREAD  
DESSERT**

**Big Assortment of Raffle Prizes**

**Inner Wheel Members Working the Bar and Bussing Tables**

**February 29 @ 7:00 PM  
Social Hour @ 6:15  
The Clubhouse  
Upper Floor**

Until 1989, women were not allowed to be Rotary members. The Inner Wheel movement began in England in 1924 when a group of 27 Rotary wives met in a cooling room at Herriot's Turkish Baths (the room was free of charge) in Manchester. Today, Inner Wheel is one of the largest organizations of women in the world, with over 104,000 members in more than 100 countries. Inner Wheel chapters complement and support Rotary clubs and raise money for charities of their choice.

The main objectives of Inner Wheel are:  
To promote true friendship  
To foster international understanding  
To encourage the ideals of personal service

The Fair Oaks Inner Wheel Club was the first Inner Wheel club west of the Mississippi River. The Charter was signed on May 21, 1970, making this a true milestone in the history of Inner Wheel.



# Inner Wheel

# BUNCO

**Saturday February 6**

**(Reservations must be in by February 3)**

**Dinner - 5:30 PM**

**BUNCO**

**Raffle**

**And a lot of fun**

**Clubhouse**

**6900 Almond Ave, Orangevale  
(Go in entrance, then turn left)**

**Cost: \$12.50 per person**

**Bring your own wine**

**Contact Pat Vogel**

**Phone: 966-9703**

**Email: [pattyvogel4933@gmail.com](mailto:pattyvogel4933@gmail.com)**



## FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

<b>Inner Wheel Bunco Night</b>	<b>February 6 Saturday – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>6900 Almond Ave Orangevale</b>
<b>Little Free Library Priming Party</b>	<b>February 6 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Reid Gustafson’s Driveway</b>
<b>Club Meeting at the Clubhouse</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>Crab Feed Preparation Beth Wilcoxon, Chair</b>
<b>Deadline for Crab Feed ticket payment &amp; Sponsor and Donor signups</b>	<b>February 12</b>	
<b>No Club Meeting</b>	<b>February 15</b>	
<b>Club Board Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening February 17</b>	
<b>No Club Meeting</b>	<b>February 15</b>	
<b>Crab Feed</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>Divine Savior</b>
<b>No Club Meeting</b>	<b>February 22</b>	
<b>Club Meeting Inner Wheel Spaghetti Night</b>	<b>February 29</b>	<b>At the Clubhouse All you can eat spaghetti A fundraiser for Inner Wheel</b>
<b>Club Meeting Annual Speech Contest</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>At the Clubhouse</b>
<b>Club Meeting St Patrick’s Social</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<b>At the Clubhouse</b>
<b>Club Board Meeting</b>	<b>March 16</b>	
<b>Club Meeting Rob (On The Road) Stewart</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>At the Clubhouse</b>
<b>Club Meeting Eric Anderton: Motivation</b>	<b>March 28</b>	<b>At the Clubhouse</b>

# SAVE THE DATE

## From the Desk of President Pete Schroeder

District 5180 will host its Annual Training Assembly on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Inderkum High School, 2500 New Market Drive, Sacramento (near Sleep Train Arena.)

Registration is free and is open to all Rotarians especially those who will serve as directors, officers and committee members during the 2016-17 Rotary year.

Registration and coffee will be held from 8:00—8:30 a.m. and the individual training sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided after the morning sessions. The afternoon session will conclude at 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and advise Joe Schemer (our Assistant Governor) that you'll be attending.