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ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

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Weekly Meetings

We Meet Almost Every Monday Evening

Social Time 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

Rotary Peace Fellowships

Speaker: Luke Brothers

Reporter: Steve Hoverman



Our speaker was **Luke Brothers**. He is a Rotary Peace Fellow. He completed his fellowship and Master's Degree in 2006 at the University of Bradford in England, and immediately went on to work as an Afghan Analyst at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Today he is a Project Manager with UnitedHealth Group's technology arm, Optum. Luke has been to all four Rotary Peace Symposiums that occurred before International Conventions - in Salt Lake City, Birmingham (England), Bangkok, and Sao Paulo.

Luke completed his undergrad at UC Santa Barbara in Global and worked for several years after graduation at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, where they advocated for nuclear disarmament, against missile defense and nuclear energy, and against the war in Iraq. That is where the Rotary Club of Goleta Noontime recruited him for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. After receiving the Rotary World Peace Fellowship in 2006, Luke rode his bicycle across the US from Seattle to Washington DC. He loves cars and motorcycles but recently ended a 15-year stint as a motorcyclist, figuring his luck was due to run out.

As a graduate of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship, Luke Brothers gave us an overview of the Peace Fellowship and of his experiences as a Peace Fellow.

Luke's graduated from UC Santa Barbara in Global Studies, then was selected by Rotary International to receive a fully-funded academic fellowship at Rotary Peace Center at the University of Bradford in England. The program includes an Applied Field Experience (AFE) where the student selects a location to study and work. Luke's AFE was in Brussels, Belgium at the NATO Headquarters Press Department researching the Afghanistan War. From there he was sent to NATO's Afghanistan Headquarters in Kabul during a period of high civilian deaths in 2009. Not long after Luke arrived in Afghanistan, there was a car bomb explosion at the entrance to the Headquarters that totaled a colleague's car, killed 7 individuals, injured 91 and left a very large crater, which Luke showed pictures of. Luke's experience there has made him aware that everyone is a potential target, that in war there are collateral deaths, and that there's a need to build friendships and reduce enemies.

Since completing his Fellowship, Luke has become one of 900 graduates who serve as spokespersons and recruiters for the Fellowship. There are, for example, graduate symposia held in conjunction with RI Conventions. These symposia focus on specific world issues, such as local peace and on-the-job burnout of Rotary Peace Fellows. In Luke's case, the terrorist bomb at NATO's Afghanistan Headquarters resulted in PTSD symptom severe enough to cause Luke seek a more conventional job.

Luke noted that candidates for a Peace Fellowship should be interested in conflict resolution have leadership skills. Each candidate must have a Rotary club and a district sponsor and not be a Rotarian, Rotary employee or Rotary spouse. Luke and Rotary International welcome inquiries from potential candidates for the program.

Reporter: Steve Hoverman

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS AND ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the world has underscored the need for professionals skilled in creating peace. Rotary created the Rotary Peace Centers in 2002 to identify and train highly qualified professionals to become agents of peace. Six Rotary Peace Centers at prestigious universities throughout the world offer Rotary Peace Fellows a rigorous program of study and applied field experience in areas relating to peace and conflict resolution.

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. Two types of peace fellowships are available: a master's degree and a professional development certificate.

Rotary Peace Fellows work in various non-governmental organizations and various fields, as water health, refugees, law enforcement and intelligence. They are committed to the advancement of peace, serving as leaders in a range of international, national, and local organizations. They promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict in their lives, in their careers, and through their service activities.

NEW MEMBER



Jerry Foote (second from the left) was inducted as a new club member on Monday. Jerry comes to our club from the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova. From left to right in the photo: Pete Schroeder; Jerry Foote; Jerry's wife Vicki Foote; Joe Scheimer (Jerry's sponsor); Marie Scheimer; Steve Hoverman (Jerry's mentor); and Alice Rowe, club Membership Director.

JERRY FOOTE, NEW MEMBER



Jerry and Vicki Foote



Jerry gets pinned by Vicki

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY PROJECT



Bruce Hagel reported on the Little Free Library project. Construction of the Little Libraries will be about half done by mid-December and we will begin installing them in January.

CLUB BUSINESS

CHILDREN'S RECEIVING HOME of SACRAMENTO



Maggie Hoy

Every year the club provides gifts for the children at the Children's Receiving Home. This is a description taken from their website:

The Children's Receiving Home is the safety net for the area's abused and neglected children between the ages of 1 and 17. This is the only emergency shelter of its kind in Sacramento County, in effect acting as the "front door" of the child protective system. With a daily capacity of 98, they serve more than 2,000 children each year. The Receiving Home is the first link in the County's early intervention system. Abused children are first cared for at the Receiving Home before moving on to foster care. It is now holding 102 children.

No kids in Sacramento need gifts more than these kids.

Maggie Hoy is once again handling sign ups. According to Maggie:

- You don't have to buy every gift on the list for the child that you will be gifting
- Do not wrap your gifts – wrapped gifts will be unwrapped and inspected
- Deliver your gifts to Maggie up until the Christmas party. Thereafter, you must deliver them yourself



CRAB FEED SILENT AUCTION & FUN DRAW



Income for crab feed ticket sales just cover our expenses – the club makes no money off of ticket sales. Last year we cleared about \$30,000 on the crab feed with the entire \$30,000 coming from the MegaDraw, Silent Auction, Fun Draw, sponsorships and other fundraising activities within the crab feed.

It is time to begin collecting items for the Silent Auction and Fun Draw. Solicitation letter, donation forms and flyers will be available every week at the meetings. It's time to begin asking local businesses and individuals to donate items.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



We now have over 1,000 Likes on our Facebook page.

THE CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT



Yes, that's **Diana Cralle** standing in a Tupperware carton and speaking to the club. The subject was Christmas in the Village - we will have a float for the Christmas Parade and the theme for the float will be "Be a Gift to the World". If you want to be on the float, decorate a box as a Christmas present and be prepared to stand (or maybe sit) in your Christmas box on the float. The dress code for the float will be pajamas. (Ed note: hope it doesn't rain.) The photo on the right shows one of Fiesta Days



Christmas in the Village happens on December 5 in, of course, Fair Oaks Village. There will be a float decorating party on the morning of December 5 in Peter & Karen Romines' driveway. Bring wrapped boxes or boxes to wrap. The parade will start at 4:30 pm. You can visit the Chamber of Commerce website here for more information.

<http://www.fairoakschamber.com/christmas-in-the-village.html>

2015 HOLIDAY BASKETS



We lost our source of free turkeys and must obtain about 90 turkeys for holiday baskets at Northridge Elementary School. Grocers are waiting until after Thanksgiving before quoting bulk prices for turkeys. If you know someone in the grocery business who might help the club buy turkeys at a reduced price and perhaps store them for us, please **contact Tom Rains**.

That's Tom in the photo on the left. Tom manages the holiday basket project every year. It's a big project and he does a great job. Every year.



ROTARY DIRECT



Fred Rowe is encouraging members to contribute to the Rotary International Foundation using recurring giving. The program is called Rotary Direct. You choose how much and how often (monthly, quarterly or annually) you want to give. For more information, visit the RI website here:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give/ways-give>



This is a list of the wineries and restaurants that participated in Fair Oaks Uncorked this year. The 2015 event was a success in all possible ways. Patronize them and, when you do, be sure to thank them for helping us with Fair Oaks Uncorked. We could not have done it without them.

9 Gables Vineyard	Carmelita's Mexican Restaurant
Amador Cellars	Dad's Kitchen
Berryessa Gap Winery	Diandra's Italian Bakery & Cafe
Cooper Vineyards	Elephant Bar Restaurant
Karmere Vineyards & Winery	Fabians Italian Bistro
La Chapelle Winery	Logan's Roadhouse
Milliare Winery	Love at First Bite Cafe
Sentivo Vineyards	Mirabelle Café
Vino Noceto	Player's Sports Pub & Grill
WildeRotter Vineyard	Spendid Gourmet
Wise Villa Winery	Steve's Pizza
Work Vineyard	Takieng Thai Cuisine
Fair Oaks Brew Pub	The Salsa Chick
Amador Brewing Company	Tres Bien Creamery
American River Brewery	Two Hot Chicks
Orin Swift Cellars	The Village Bistro
Basil Kamas, Massage Therapist	Zinfandel Grill

THE AUCTION



Jeff Simcoe, for the second week in a row, attempts to find the owner of a wine glass (a serious wine glass) that was left at a recent meeting. Since no one claimed ownership, Jeff put it up for auction. There was serious bidding, spearheaded by **Tyler Happe**. The eventual winner, with a bid of about \$20, was a well-pleased **Bill Wagner**. Thank you Bill.



NORMAN ROCKWELL AND ROTARY



Every edition of the Acorn used to feature a quote from a (supposedly) visiting Rotarian.

“If Norman Rockwell had painted a Rotary club, it would have been the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks.”

It is unlikely that Norman Rockwell ever painted a Rotary club or, if he did, a copy of the painting is not showing up on Google images. He did, however, paint a c cover for The Rotarian Magazine in 1939. If you happen to live near Gum Ranch or if you patronized their U Pick Pumpkin Patch, this painting might still remind you of Fair Oaks.