



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS



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# CLUB ASSEMBLY



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### The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

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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

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## Crab Feed News... ..CRAB (?) Feed???

The first BIG Crab Feed 2016 meeting is this coming Monday, November 9th, at 5:30 on the Clubhouse stage. ALL members are invited, but I especially plan on anyone who has agreed to be responsible for an area or would like to contribute their time, talents or ideas in any way to join us. If you are new to our club and our crab feeds, please join us to learn more about the event.

Crab??? Yes, let's continue to call our event "Crab Feed" until we know more about the availability along the California coast and projections on the cost of crab. As reported in the news this week, recreational crab season is delayed off of the California coast until further notice from state agencies, and commercial crab season may also be delayed. Because of the current level of toxins in the crab as a result of the warmer water, we may not know about a reliable crab supply or the cost for several weeks.

I hope to know more about possible options by the meeting on Monday. In the meantime, please feel free to email me any thoughts about how to handle various outcomes of the crab season. The show will go on, but we do need to be flexible. We are delaying printing tickets for a week or two in case the menu and/or the cost to attend needs to be adjusted.

What can we do now? We definitely need to get donations coming in for the Silent Auction and the Fun Draw, and we need to start bringing in sponsors and advertisers. Flyers, letters requesting donations and the donation forms will again be available at the meeting Monday.

Crab Feed 2015 was so successful I don't anticipate us making any major changes. If you have ideas on any process or area that needs some adjusting, please email or call me with your thoughts and be ready to discuss them at the meeting on Monday. I'm looking forward to the wonderful support of our club members for this huge event!

Beth Wilcoxon  
Crab Feed 2016 Chair  
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# CLUB BUSINESS



**Karen Romines** needs help with the Crab Feed's MegaDraw. The Megadraw is the club Foundation's fundraiser at the Crab Feed. Karen handed out a description of the MegaDraw prizes that have been donated and what is still needed. She asked the membership to help with the MegaDraw prizes. For example: one of the prizes (and it's a very popular prize) is \$1,000 in cash. The cash is normally provided by the Foundation. Individual members could contribute money to buy down the Foundation's funding for the \$1,000 prize.

Karen suggested that all members should contemplate the club's many community projects and be able to describe to anyone who asks what the club does for Fair Oaks. As examples, Karen mentioned the grant projects - the Little League field, the Theatre Festival project, the two library projects, last year's Phoenix Park trail project and this year's Little Libraries project.



**Beth Wilcoxon** is the Crab Feed Chair. The first meeting of the Crab Feed Committee will be next Monday at 5:30 PM at the clubhouse. After this, the various subcommittees will become active (very active, actually) and there won't be another meeting of the entire Crab Feed Committee until January.

Donors will be needed for the Silent Auction, the Fun Draw and the MegaDraw, so please begin asking for donations – and don't lose sight of why we're raising money (please refer to the second paragraph, above). Beth has copies of the flyer, donation forms and other materials. They will also be available at meetings. Provide Beth with your feedback on the Crab Feed. If there are things that you would like to see changed, your suggestions will be considered.

## BATTLE FOR THE OAK

The Battle for the Oaks is the annual football game between Bella Vista and Del Campo High Schools. The Club provides a \$1,000 grant award (i.e. a scholarship, but not quite), a trophy to the winning team and free admission for all military veterans.

The Battle for the Oak is this Friday and if you would like to help for an hour so, contact **Joe Horyza** or just show up at the gate at about 6:30 PM. According to the Del Campo website: the game will be played at Bella Vista High School. It will begin at 7:15 PM. Del Campo is expected to win the game, as usual.



# The Annual District Grant Project

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES



This year's District Grant project will install between eight and fifteen Little Free Libraries throughout Fair Oaks. From the Little Free Library website:

*"A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. In its most basic form, it's a wooden box of books where anyone may pick up a book or two, or bring a book to share. Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch and there is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community. These aren't just any old books, this is a carefully curated collection. The Library itself is a piece of neighborhood art that acts like a mini-town square."*

Our Club is partnering with Del Campo High School to promote literacy with our Little Free Library project. Herman Jacobs, a Del Campo High School wood shop teacher, brought a rough model of a Little Library to our Club meeting on November 2nd. Mr. Jacobs and his students will be constructing Little Libraries for use in our community as part of a Rotary district grant. These libraries are weather-proof boxes of books that encourage community connection between neighbors who want to read. Anyone can take a book and anyone can put a book in the box for another reader to enjoy.

Our Little Libraries will be at local pre-schools with age-appropriate books for children. Additionally, some Little Libraries will be in front of homes of Fair Oaks Rotary members for use by all ages. Each library will have a Rotary wheel logo and be registered with a Little Free Library number. Each library will be listed on a world-wide database with about 30,000 other libraries.

Our Club is also partnering with the Fair Oaks Library and the Friends of the Fair Oaks Library. Our partners (and Club members) will help provide books for an initial stock. Our Club also will have the opportunity to paint and plant (e.g. install on concrete posts) the libraries. Mr. Jacobs anticipates his class will complete all the libraries by mid-December.

The site owner will own the Little Library and the books, once the library is on the site. Each site owner will be responsible for maintaining the site. Some Little Free Libraries provide pencil and pad for public comments and a few of them even have benches for literate loiterers. All of our Little Free Libraries will let people know that the Fair Oaks Rotary Club loves to help the Fair Oaks community.

Bruce Hagel

# CLUB ASSEMBLY

## Reporting by Tyler Happe

### Club Assembly

As we kicked off Foundation Month (for those of you who don't know, November is Foundation Month!), our very own President-in-Waiting, Dr. Karen Romines was the main event of Monday evening. Dr. Karen's goal is simple: ensure the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks always remains at the top of its game, that the District 5180 Bell becomes a fixture at the Fair Oaks Clubhouse, and that each and every one of us proud Rotarians has the best possible experience we can!

Rather than the usual speaker, our November Club Assembly meeting was an interactive experience complete with round table discussions and (gasp!) homework! And, though many of us Rotarians (present company excluded) haven't written more than sixteen words in a row in the last two decades, the discussions, notes and homework will prove valuable to the continued growth of the Club!

Dr. Karen posed three major topics of discussion: (1) Fair Oaks Uncorked; (2) project selection protocols; and (3) encouraging 100% member participation. Each table took some time to evaluate the issues, and though no consensus was reached (and no consensus was expected), the responses will prove invaluable to the Board (and the membership) as the immediate and long term future of the Club unfolds. If you missed the meeting, but have some nuggets of information that you'd like to share, by all means, don't be shy! (If Dr. Karen intimidates you, she is a doctor after all, feel free to email yours truly – I'll convey the message!)

Now, here's the real important part: Dr. Karen's homework is where each of us can have an immediate and profound impact on the Club. And, if you didn't make it to the meeting, that's ok! I'll reprint our homework questions right here! Now, there is no reason why you can't get this to Dr. Karen before December 7!!

Mission: It's Possible

Your mission, Fellow Rotarian, should you choose to accept it (and we really think you should), is to answer the three questions below and get your responses to Dr. Karen before December 7, 2015. As always, should you or any of your F.O. Force be too busy, or forgetful, the Secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This newsletter will not self-destruct in five seconds. Good luck, Fellow Rotarians.

- 1) How long have you been a member and why did you join?
- 2) How satisfied are you with the club and it's activities? Provide details for what you like and what you don't like.
- 3) What other activities and programs do you want to see? Be specific – what needs do you see or want to service in the community and/or internationally?

In other news, It's FOUNDATION MONTH!! Don't forget to give! It's pretty easy – just visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click "GIVE"!

# THE BUDDY SYSTEM

Alice Rowe, Membership Director

## HAVE YOU CONTACTED YOUR BUDDY LATELY?

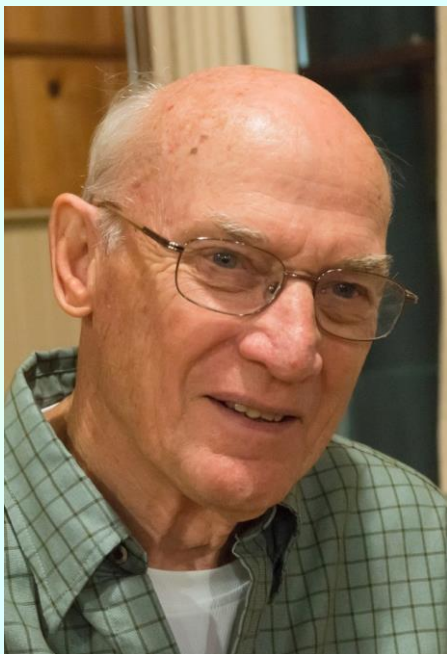
I have one of the best jobs in Rotary! I get to meet many new people – every person that is interested in joining our club! Also, I get to stay in touch with all our members that have already become a part of our Rotary family!

I truly see each and every member as part of a family, and, as such, every member matters. I believe that everyone joins our club for a different reason, but everyone wants to be a part of something bigger than themselves, and giving back is the main reason people take the plunge and “cross the bridge”.

I am also often the one that becomes most aware of life changes that occur for some of our members. We don't see some of our members as regularly as we'd like, and I generally know why. Sometimes it's because of health changes, increased job demands and/or family issues.

Since we ARE a service club, let's have “service” begin by reaching out to those Rotary family members that we don't see often, and see how we can help, even if it's just by saying we miss you. Let's not get down on those who no longer have as much time, money or good health as they'd like. Notice who is missing at our meetings, and give them a call...whether they are YOUR buddy, or someone else's. That is SERVICE, also!

## GUESTS



**Jerry Foote**



**Alejandro Cota**  
RYE student, 2016-17

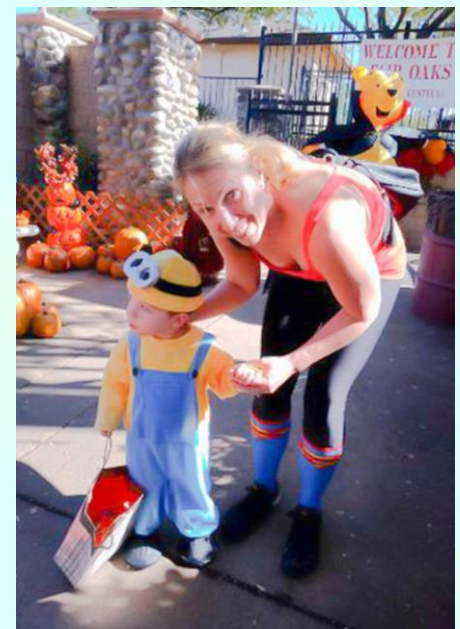
# SAFE HALLOWEEN

Photos by Alice Rowe



**Jeanne Maloney** thanked everyone for their help with Safe Halloween. (Our club and the Fair Oaks Theatre Festival sponsored Safe Halloween this year.)

Particular thanks were extended to the Bella Vista Interact Club and the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District.



# DICTIONARIES FOR THIRD GRADERS

The club gives dictionaries to every third grader at Northridge and Earl LeGette Elementary Schools. When there are surplus dictionaries, we find even more third graders that need them. They are really nice, grade-appropriate dictionaries. For some of the more desperate families, the dictionary may be the only book in the apartment. The teachers are very supportive and the third graders very much appreciate their free dictionaries. The photos (below) show dictionaries being distributed last year and the following three pages have three of the many letters of appreciation that we received from the third graders this year. Maggie Hoy is the club's Youth Services Director and she manages the distribution of dictionaries.





Dear Mr. Buzz McClain,

Thanks you for the dictionaries.  
After you left we got to look through them and discover something new, that we didn't know. It was fun to try to Stump our teacher. I'm so excited for all the times I get to use my dictionary. My most favorite thing in the dictionary was the definition of Octopus. I was very nice of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club to think of us.

Sincerely,  
Shaylie Pavello

Happy Red Ribbon Week!!!



Dear Mr. Buzz McClain,  
Thank you for the dictionaries.  
After you left we looked  
through our new dictionaries and  
learned a new word or new fact  
and tried to trick the teacher  
but not many of us tricked  
her. Using our new dictionary is  
going to be so awesome. It sure  
was nice of the Fair Oaks Rotary  
Club to think of us.



Sincerely,  
Alex

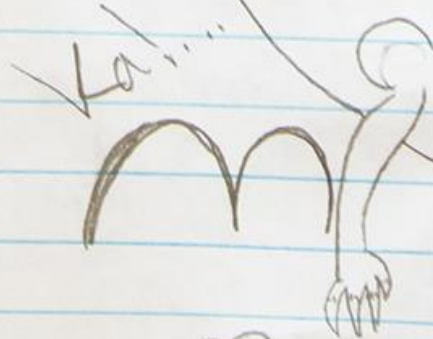
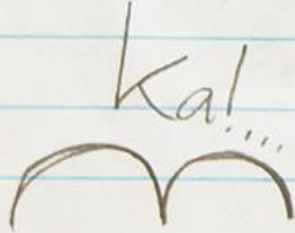
DICTIONARY

Happy Red Ribbon Week!!!  
Thank you for helping us make  
good choices.

Dear Mr. Mike Maddox,

Thank you for the dictionaries. There really cool and after you left we got to look through them and try to stump our teacher. That was fun. I'm really excited to use them. I think the dictionaries will be very useful. It was sure nice of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club, to think of us. Happy Red Ribbon Week! Thank you for helping us make good choices!

Sincerely,  
Brennen



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