



# THE ACORN



THE ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS

## Annual Halloween Party



## And Meeting October 26, 2015

# HAPPY

# HALLOWEEN





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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

# THE ACORN FOR OCTOBER 19, 2015

## HALLOWEEN MEETING Cliff Strahley, Reporter

Monday's October 26th meeting manifested one of the joyous foundations of our wonderful Fair Oaks Rotary club. I found the "positive energy" in the room to be very high. It's wonderful when adults are still able to be childlike, without being childish. Perhaps 45% of the attendees came dressed in imaginative costumes, which profoundly changed the tone of our meeting. Our loving and warm hearted president, with a backup of radiant beauties, shared a clever and humorous halloween song.

What I felt and appreciated on Monday was the strength of our "groupness and fellowship". We were appreciating and enjoying each other, even more than we usually do. We shared our costumed identities with each other. I learned about different facets of many of our members' personalities. I'm grateful that our friendly cooks joined in. I now feel closer to many of our members. Lots of combined good intentions, creativity, and generosity of spirit came together, and "the whole was far greater than the individual parts."

Our bonded and caring fellowship, empowers our combined efforts to leave the world as a little better place thanks to our presence. Our fellowship deepened on Monday night.

## THE HONEYMOONERS



The meeting was organized and managed by The Honeymooners, a group of new members. Honeymooners **Mary Cate and Reid Gustafson** warm up for the formal part of the meeting.



**Shelley Weisman and Gus Ballis**, another Honeymooning couple, handled the Halloween trivia contest.



**Drew Young, Faith Parks and Joe Scheimer** were the judges for the best-costume contest.

# BEST COSTUME CONTEST



## THE CONTESTANTS

Seen here self-organizing for a group photo - except for Jim, over there on the far right



## THE WINNERS

**Jeanne Maloney** as the Fairy Book Mother, **Stine Nikolajsen** as a princess and **Shelley Weisman** as El Nino

# BEST COSTUME CONTEST - PARTICIPANTS



**Jim Cralle** as a cool dude



**Diana Cralle** as a Minion



**Maggie Hoy** as a butterfly



**Fred Rowe** as himself



**Alice Rowe** (on the right) as a ladybug and Jeanne as the Fair Book Mother



**Karen Romines** as a penguin. If they gave an award for "most uncomfortable costume, this would be it.



**Mary Cate Gustafson**, the MC and moderator

# BEST COSTUME CONTEST - PARTICIPANTS



**Bruce Hagel** as a Volkswagen engineer and **Debra Price** as ? (Ed Note: Apologies Debra, I don't have your costume in my notes.)



**Kirsten Chang & James Moore** as characters from a video game



**Jeri Beck**



**Mike Maddox & Mazzy Chirwa** as cowboy and cowgirl



**Anne Browning & Pete Schroeder** as convicts

## MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING



**Pete and the Schroederettes** perform a semi-original song



**Buzz McClain** as Friar Tuck consoles a pair convicted felons



**Friar Tuck** - precisely where one might expect to find Friar Tuck

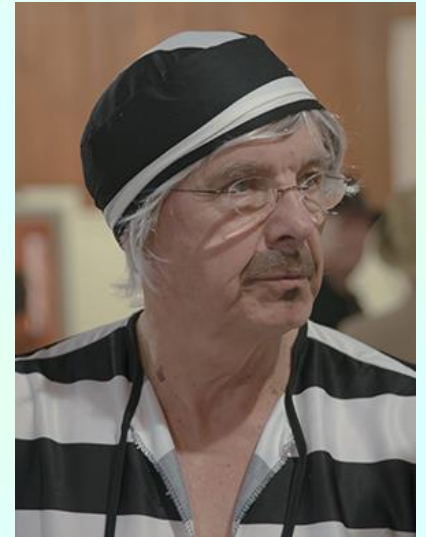
# MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING



**Frair Tuck** blesses a pair of maidens



**You're Busted**



**Pete Schroeder**



**Cliff Strahley & Beth Wilcoxen**

(Ed Note: We believe that the suit was indeed Cliff's costume.)



**Joedda Wick**



**Bill Stapelfeld**



**Nancy Regan**



# MORE PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING



**Mazzy Chirwa & Russ Bechthold**



**Beth Wilcoxon & Shelley Mathews**



The Fairy Book Mother has a secret admirer



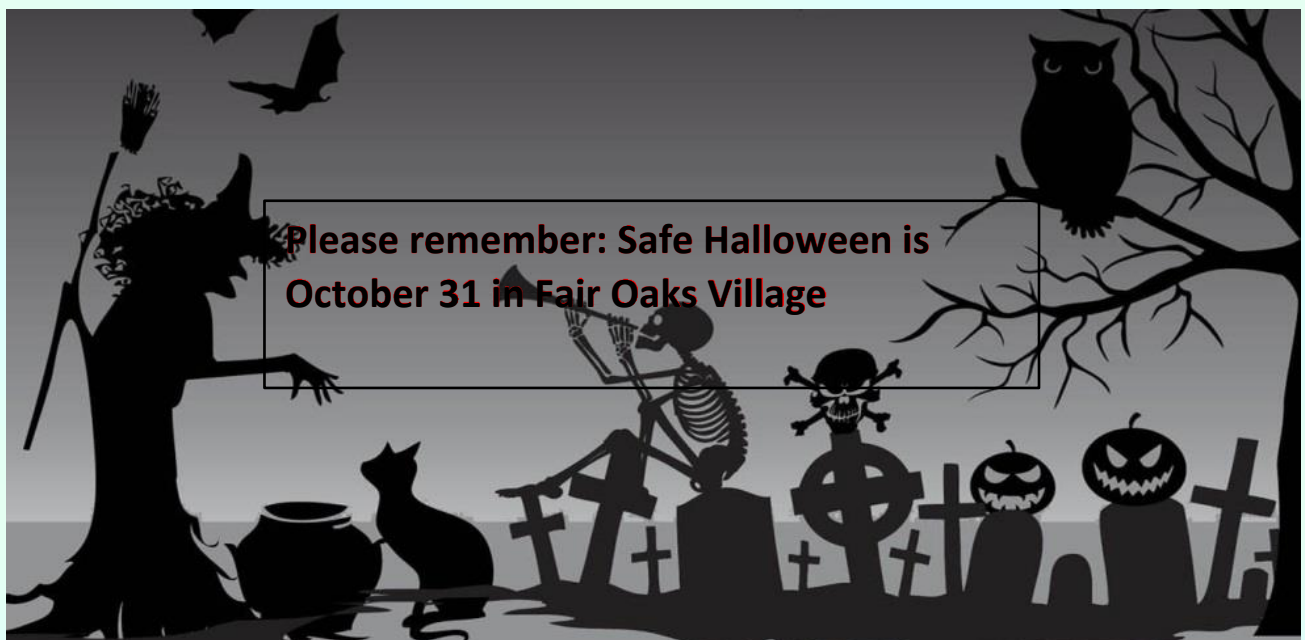
**Stine Nikolajsen & Mary Cate Gustafson**



Straight Outta Folsom



Halloween appetizers from our amazing cooks



**Please remember: Safe Halloween is October 31 in Fair Oaks Village**

# THE HALLOWEEN TRIVIA CONTEST



**Shelley Weisman & Gus Ballis**  
Administer the Halloween trivia contest

**Tom Rains & Jim Wilcoxon**  
Answer trivia questions – some of which were quite challenging



Some, however, were not particularly interested in Halloween trivia



# GUESTS & MEMBER NEWS



Joe Scheimer with guest **Navin Naik**



Richard Kowaleski with member **Ralph Carhart**



Interact Club President **Tara Abraham** and her father, **George Abraham**



**Thorsen Sammakieh**, son of Dino and Lindsay Sammakieh

## A Note From Dino Sammakieh

Hello All,

As is the norm in my new adventure, I've been slammed with work, both in the 2 McDonald stores and with meetings for various budget plannings, co-op advertising, training on new products, etc. I'm sorry I missed you all at the Madison Ave. clean-up, but I had a great time chatting with Cliff after work a few weeks back when I dropped off the clean-up pickers and bags to him.

My best to all!

Dino

# MORE MEETING PHOTOS



