

# THE ACORN

THE ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS

October 5, 2015

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*"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation." Carlos Frum, PDG D6440*



OCTOBER IS:

# VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

## 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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

## Vocational Service



**Stacy Graham**

“Vocational Service is a lost avenue in most Rotary clubs,” according to by Past & Current Auburn Daybreak Rotary President and District 5190 Vocational Chair **Stacy Graham**. She said vocational service is what Rotary was founded on.

Rotary International, which now has 1.2 million members world-wide, began as a vision of Chicago Attorney Paul Harris. He founded the service organization on February 23, 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Stacy said vocational service is an avenue that rotary clubs can use to recruit and retain members. She said encouraging members to promote their businesses or work classification will motivate members to stay in Rotary. Every member in Rotary is valuable and should be recognized as such.

Stacy said social media, network marketing, chamber mixers, fund-raisers are some of the avenues Rotary clubs can use to retain and also attract new members to Rotary. She said these types of events help members to reach out to other Rotarians that need help with their businesses.

“I have spent time talking to a lot you in this club, and yet I do not know what you do,” she said and added that each member’s vocational classification on their badges was very important. It helps others know what you do for a living. “Rotary International is the only non-profit organization in the world that recognizes vocational service.”

Stacy said she visited Rotary Club of Fair Oaks’ social media and was unable to find information about the club’s members. She encouraged the club to feature profiles of their club members on social media as a way of retaining their members. Members, given a spotlight opportunity to share their profile, will feel appreciated. She encouraged the club to provide an avenue for members to share their vocations. One of the avenues the club can use to do highlight members’ profiles is its website. Other ideas the club can use to get new members or retain existing members include: touring a member’s business, awarding a Vocational or Paul Harris award to a non-Rotarian, youth career counseling, and scholarships. There are scholarships for various fields such as the Fire Department, Police, Nursing, and auto mechanic; to mention but a few.

As they do business or engage in their vocational activities, the Rotarians are to continue being governed by the 4 Way Test.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all parties concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Stacy asked the club members to stand –up and recite the 4-Way Test as a reminder of how sincere they need to be in their business and vocational dealings.

Reporter: Elitas “Mazzy” Chirwa

# THE MEETING



**Joe Scheimer** was inducted as a member of the club. Joe is shown above with his wife **Marie** and his sponsor, **Linda Aeltine**. A few items from Joe's biography:

- 24 years in the Air Force
- Forward air controller in Vietnam
- 1,100 hours piloting an A10 Warthog
- Pilot instructor and squadron commander at Mather
- Investment advisor
- Flew the Intel corporate jet for 3 years
- A Rotary member for 19+ years
- Became a real Rotarian while working on Wheelchairs in Peru

## Future Events for your Calendar

October 21	Club Board meeting
October 31	Safe Halloween in Fair Oaks Village
December 12	Christmas party at the Peter & Karen Romines
January 20	Senior Luau
February 20	Crab Feed
March 5	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party





**Reid Gustafson** (left) displays the bottle of wine he won in the drawing. **Pete Schroeder** (below) forgets yet again to tell the club that there will not be a meeting on October 12.



### A Note from Member Kristin Kaminski

Hello all....I will be MIA from Rotary Monday night meetings until November as I prep for the Estate Planning Specialist Exam that I will take at the end of October. Wish me luck!! I will be at the Foundation Dinner on Nov. 9th, and I'm looking forward to that and to seeing everyone then.

## GUESTS



**Keith Walter** with wife **Vicki** and son **Jeff**



**Richard Kowaleski**  
Rotary Club of Sacramento

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, Etc

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

You can access the minutes of the last Board meeting using the following link.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/9045/User/Login?Slug=board-minutes&ReturnController=Page&ReturnAction=Show&ClassCode=Page>

Ed note: On my computer, I have to hit Control-Click to activate the link.

## Messages from Alice Rowe Membership Director

Hello All,

Our NEW Rotary Club Photo is now on our Rotary Club of Fair Oaks Home Page, and Bergie Bergren did a great job of getting everyone's face in the picture (no easy task!)... If you would like your own copy of the picture, Bergie is happy to provide copies for \$1.80 each. Please let Alice know that you'd like one, she'll pass on the information. alicerowe@gmail.com

Have you missed a Rotary Club of Fair Oaks meeting? Do you know that you can view a video of the Rotary Speakers that you missed? Russ Bechthold has done a wonderful job of taping our speakers and putting them on our Rotary Club's home page (click on News at the top left, then click on "videos" and it will take you to a YouTube link).

A BIG THANKS to both Bergie and Russ!







## **Madison Avenue Trash Pickup**

Also Known As "Road Yoga"  
Saturday - October 10, 2015

Perhaps sleepy, but committed and cheerful, a group of wonderful volunteers beautified the section of Madison Avenue in front of Bella Vista high school on Saturday at 9:00AM (ugh). There was minimal whining about the absence of refreshments (point well taken), and about the failure to post an adequate notice on the webpage about time and location, thereby depriving the most conscientious members of a couple hours of sleep. Many thanks to Tara Abraham of the Bella Vista Interact Club for mobilizing some of her members, including Michal Hanson. Incidentally, my apologies to anyone who showed up after we left the staging area to start the cleanup.

Special awards are appropriate for Saturday's participation. Diana Cralle receives the "Health Courage" award, because she worked despite an already tight lower back. The socialization award goes to Jim Wilcoxon, Fred Rowe, Alice Rowe, Dawn Abatamarco, and Jim Cralle (50%) because they moved east as a group on Madison Avenue, heading towards Chicago. These folks preferred to work in a congenial social cluster, whereas this reporter was intent on the "Maximum bag fill" award. Yours truly chose the location that typically has the most trash, namely, the former bus stop across the street from the high school extending towards Kenneth. The other 50% of Jim Cralle's award is the "Cleverest Picker" award, because he chose to follow in my footsteps, thereby covering the same ground, about 20 minutes after me.

Sincerely, Cliff J Straehley – part-time yogi

**Rotary Club of Fair Oaks  
 Birthday & Anniversary Report**



**Member Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
Darrow, Ted	Oct 01
Weisman, Shelley	Oct 02
Mann, James	Oct 05
Young, Andrew	Oct 10
Rock, Elaine	Oct 21

**Anniversaries**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Spouse Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Date</b>
Browning, Anne	Schroeder, Peter	25 years	Oct 28 1990
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**Date Joined Rotary**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Date</b>
Parks, Faith	6 years	Oct 01 2009
Seaver, Corene	2 years	Oct 01 2013
Ward, Ray	8 years	Oct 24 2007
Bolton, Ben	3 years	Oct 29 2012
Gaston, Todd	3 years	Oct 29 2012