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Photo of the day

Families & Books Center

After almost a year of fund raising, packing, sorting, construction, moving, and more, it all somehow seems so worth it when you get to see the children enjoying the new area created just for them at the Fair Oaks Library.

Dozens of volunteers and over a hundred guests turned out to enjoy the new Families and Books Center on Saturday afternoon.

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Club Meeting Info

We meet Mondays at 6:45 PM
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave.
Fair Oaks, CA 95628 USA

Venue Map

Club Site

Facebook Page

District Site

District Governor Bob Deering

Upcoming Club Meetings

Apr 08, 2013

Ray "Digger" from the Fair Oaks Cemetery District
Overview of the the FOCD

Apr 15, 2013

Bill Wagner
Social Security and financial info

Apr 22, 2013

NO MEETING!!
Post River Cats "meeting"

Apr 30, 2013

MEETING DATE CHANGED TO APRIL 30TH
South African GSE joint meeting in El Dorado Hills

May 06, 2013

Master's night (aka - old timers night)
hear some stories from the past.

Upcoming Club Events

Board Meeting
Mathews Residence
Apr 17, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Rotary at River Cats Fun Bus!
Apr 21, 2013

Rotarians at Work Day!
Apr 27, 2013

Meet GSE team from Africa
EDH
Apr 30, 2013 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

District 5180 Golf Tournament - Teal Bend
May 03, 2013 08:00 AM

Float decorating at Romines house
5949 Long Acres
May 03, 2013 04:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Float Undecorating and Kentucky Derby PARTY!!
5949 Long Acres
May 04, 2013 12:00 AM - 06:00 PM

Only 5 weeks until the District Conference at Lake Tahoe May 10 – 12

Conference program WILL be over by noon on Sunday

To learn more about the Conference,
Click Here

For on-line Registration,
Click Here

For Hotel Registration Click Here

The April edition of the District FOCUS Newsletter is available online! Click here.

Buddy & Energizer Bunny Visit the Families And Books Center

After hanging out together for several weeks at the Fair Oaks Community Center and having front-row seats at the weekly meetings of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks, Buddy and Energizer Bunny were so ENERGIZED with the excitement that the new Families And Books Center at the Fair Oaks Library would be opening soon. Buddy and Energizer Bunny were thrilled with the opportunity to visit the Library even before the opening celebration of the Families And Books Center (FAB).

As they entered the Library, the Rotarian friends were immediately drawn to the bright and varied colors of the freshly remodeled area especially planned for the young children and families in the Fair Oaks area. They found shelves full of cleaned and sorted books, and when they opened the new books added to the collections, they found a big sticker that had their special emblem, the Rotary logo, and even the name of The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks!

As Buddy and Energizer Bunny wandered through the rows of books and past the tables, they became more and more curious to get to the far side of the room. They could see displays on the walls, hear a grandma reading a book, and little fingers working away on the pre-reading toys. Wow, this is what they really wanted to see!

As they rounded the corner, they both stopped in awe of all of the things to do. Children were sitting on the big caterpillar rug sharing the brightly colored beads and levers on big wires and boxes. A family found a reading game on the computer, and there was the little girl on the new sofa enjoying the book being read to her.

Well, this is where Buddy and Energizer Bunny wanted to be! They looked through the picture books on the shelves, peeked in all the bins full of books, then climbed up on the new little sofa together to share a book. They had just enough time to play with the toys before the Library closed, and as they were leaving, Buddy and Energizer Bunny decided had to come back to the Families And Books Center opening celebration to be able to each take home a new book from the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks. One more thing for sure, they would even check out a story to listen to on their trip together to Camp Rotary in May with all of their Rotarian friends.

It's Open!

Pete Schroeder

A wide-eyed 6-year old jumped up & down in excitement, grabbed her mother's hand, and exclaimed, "Mommy! Look! It's open!"

That was just one scene at the Fair Oaks Library this past Saturday when the remodeled and refurbished Children's Section opened. It had been closed for the better part of 2 months. The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks, The Friends of the Library, and the staff of the library had been working together for months - painting, arranging,

rearranging, gathering books, books, and more books - reading to children, and providing services normally above and beyond libraries from years past.

The staffer who related that brief exchange between mother and daughter, had her heart opened wide by the child's genuine elation. In fact, everyone who attended the celebration last Saturday shared in the sense of what is to be experienced by giving back to one's community.

As Rotarians, we can feel grateful for the opportunity presented by the project, and proud of what was accomplished.

For more pictures click here!

Featured Speaker - Monica Eisel
Connecting and Enriching Lives with Intel's Education Service Corps

Frequent guest, tireless volunteer, and daughter of President Beth, Monica shared the incredible story of her Intel Education Service Corps trip she took to Tanzania for almost three weeks in November last year.

She was part of a five-person team from Intel that brought computers and multimedia gear to students in a remote village where they camped in tents.

Monica was chartered with a multimedia camp where she took participants on a three-day trek up Mt. Meru to teach teamwork and leadership skills while instructing on video, photo and audio capture and also multimedia project design and management.

When they returned from the trek, the team spent two weeks in the classroom learning Adobe products and using the photos and footage they captured to complete four projects.

Monica shared that when each team presented their first drafts, it brought tears to her eyes. She was blown away that this group, of mostly computer novices, learned so much so quickly and produced such great videos their first time out. They integrated videos and photos taken from the trek with more from the community center, music, interviews and other audio.

Next Week's Speaker

Ray (Digger)Young will join us next week as our featured speaker. He has been the manager of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District since 1997. In 2001, he won the contest for honorary mayor here in Fair Oaks which he describes as the "Funnest Job ever"!

Margarita Ioannesyan's Induction

Beth has become very proficient in administering the Rotary New Member induction, as Margarita becomes the lucky 13th new member during Beth's Presidency.

Margarita is rumored to be the youngest Rotarian in North America, celebrating her 21st birthday just the day before her induction. In honor of her birthday, we served margaritas before dinner this evening.

She shared that Rotary is very much in her blood as she was very involved in her high school Interact Club and she was also an active member of the Rotaract Club at Sierra College and American River College.

She now works full time in a medical office, and fortunately for us, our Monday night meetings (after she gets off work) are perfect for her.

Margarita invited her family to this evening's meeting, but didn't tell them why! If you haven't done so already, please make the time to welcome Margarita to our club and wish her a belated Happy Birthday.

Music in the Park

The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks is proud to again sponsor one evening of Music in the Park this summer, inspired by the Fair Oaks Foundation for Leisure and Arts. The evening of Thursday, June 27th will feature "Vintage Fare" from Carmichael, including Chuck Cole from the New Christy Minstrels. It's time to put this date on your calendar and plan on a prominent Rotary presence and fun times together.

March 22nd was World Water Day

The World Health Organization estimates that almost one-tenth of global diseases could be prevented by improving the water supply, sanitation, hygiene, and the management of water resources. "Water and Sanitation" is one of the six areas of focus of Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation has ongoing programs in these areas.

http://www.startwithwater.org

Tonight's Guests...

With both Margarita Ioannesyan's induction as the youngest member of Rotary in North America; and our great featured speaker Monica Eisel; it should surprise no one that we once again had a full house with 21 guests, Associate Members, and Visiting Rotarians (a great "problem" to have)!

Our guests this evening were: Dave Eisel, Marty Johnson, Jan & Gil Linver, Monica Eisel, Gavin & Austin Eisel, David Chen , Nancy Regan, Margarita Ioannesyan, Inna & Ben Shtilkind, Mikhail Shtilkind, Ralph Wommack, Sherry Luttrell, Toby Owen, Molly Gilmore, and Ruth Elliott. We were fortunate to also have Rotarians Geoff Simcoe and Dean Henricks join us this evening.

Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance:

Cathy Smallhouse led us in tonight's Pledge.

Thought for the day:

Bill Stapelfeld offered the thoughts for the day. Would you like to see them here? Talk with Bill about sending them to the editor;)

Song of the day:

In celebration of Opening Day, Pete led us Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

Tonight's Dinner:

This evening's meal began with a green salad followed by spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread, finished off with Italian pastries.

Drawings:

Meal – New member Tyler Happe was this evening's winner of the free dinner.

Ace of Spades – Buzz carefully spread the few remaining cards, whispered to his wife Bonnie before she made this evening's selection, and kept our hopes alive by drawing the seven of Diamonds.

Little Genius:

Jeanne, had a list, she checked it twice, and really didn't want to hear that we were only doing Happy fines this evening since we had passed the hat to help fund new member Margarita's Foundation contribution.

Recognition:

Bruce and Debra were recognized for their outstanding leadership of this year's Literacy Project with the Library.

Travel Plans?

Steve H

As members plan their summer vacations, they are welcome to and encouraged to make up meetings at Rotary Clubs around the world. The RI website has club meeting locations and times around the world - and locally. While at any of those meetings, it's a RI tradition to exchange club banners.

Ask Steve Hoverman for a banner to take with you on your next trip local, national, or international. Or ask in case you just want to have a banner handy for "An Unexpected Journey."

Monthly Networking Luncheon

Pete S.

We will be holding our monthly Networking Luncheon on April 16th at noon at Il Forno Classico, 2121 Golden Centre Lane, Rancho Cordova. They are a generous supporter of our Rotary Club. They will have a secluded section for us, and will present separate checks.

In fact, I have booked the 3rd Tuesday at Il Forno every month this year, except December.

Scott, one of the family owners, was happy to accommodate us.

We will be having a surprise speaker! Surprise to me, because I haven't arranged it yet :) But I will.

Dave Cox Memorial Interchange

The Fair Oaks Chamber has announced a campaign to raise money for the "Dave Cox Memorial Interchange". The Senate Resolution can be found here. Checks can be made payable to: FOCC/Dave Cox Memorial Sign and mailed to the Fair Oaks Chamber, P.O. Box 352, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. See Bob Walters for more details.

Eskaton Sing-Along

Pete S.

I'll be playing oldies (really oldies) for the seniors at Eskaton Fountainwood, (8773 Oak.) where John Yetto is currently living.

This Thursday night - 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Just for an hour.

If anyone from the Club is interested in singing with me, I can bring some lyric sheets.

District 5180 Rotary Softball League

Commissioner John Swentowsky is looking for two new teams to join the league. Games are played on Monday nights starting on June 3rd at the Sacramento Sports Complex. They play senior rules and have a great time. If your club cannot field 10 to 12 players to form a full team, join forces with another club in the District. There are presently two combo teams comprising of the Rotary Clubs of Elk Grove and West Sacramento and the Rotary Clubs of East Sacramento, North Sacramento, and Arden Arcade. The Rotary Clubs of Sacramento, Roseville, and Point West also have teams. What a great way to meet Rotarians in the District and have a good time. If your club is interested, contact John at (916) 488-1130 or email him at swentowsky@sbcglobal.net.

Central Regional Speech Contest

Some changes had to be made to the speech contest configuration of clubs. Our new, revised time and place are:

Central Regional

(Moderators: Mizell & Tracy)

Date: Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

Location: SMUD HQ Building,

6301 S Street, Sacramento

St Johns Women's Shelter

Scheduled for St Johns Women's Shelter on April 16: Nita Castro, Don Hicks, Ted Darrow, Dave Claugus and Pete Schroeder.

Your Announcement Here?

Send your "copy ready" announcement to kwalter30@gmail.com if you want your event to show up in the Acorn!

Group Study Exchange Joint Meeting

The Group Study Exchange Team is coming to our area for a joint meeting on Tuesday, April 30. It is being hosted by the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills. The bar will open at 6pm and dinner will begin at 7pm.

You must register by April 20th for this event as the club has been asked to pay with ONE club check.

This Tuesday meeting, April 30th, will take the place of our regular meeting - so no Monday meeting, April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne.

This is our last chance to enjoy a GSE team...it will not happen again. This is an adult evening...so please, no young children.

You are invited!

Rotary Group Study Exchange Joint Meeting

Folsom, Folsom Lake, Historic Folsom, Orangevale, Fair Oaks, El Dorado Hills, Rancho Cordova & Rancho Murieta

Tuesday, April 30, 2013
Social Hour 6pm & Dinner 7pm
$25.00 per person -- TriTip Dinner
52 Folsom Community Center
Natoma Street, Folsom

Please RSVP before April 20th: Noel Stack
nstack@villagelife.com or 530-417-7005

All Presidents are asked to go dark that week and join us as we honor our guests from District 9320 -- South Africa. The GSE team will be in our district from April 18 to May 17.

Club Presidents are asked to appoint <u>one person</u> in your club to collect the list of names of those attending and for each club to provide <u>only 1 check for their club</u>.

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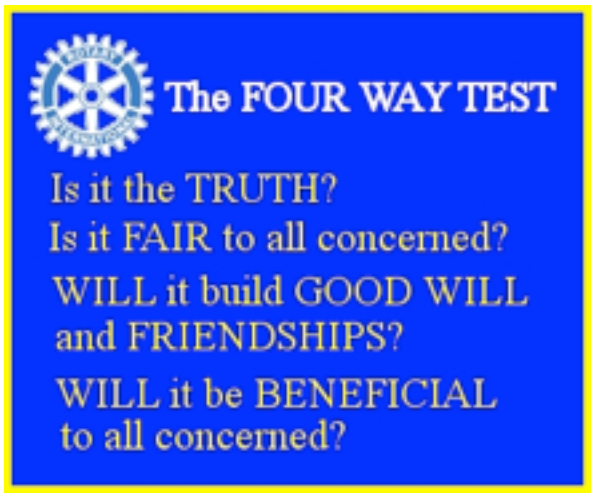

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