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BETH'S BOFFO BOARD TAKES IT'S BOW.



President-Elect Beth Wilcoxen introduced her Board for the 2012-2013 year: vice-president Howard Papworth; treasurer Shelley Matthews; secretary Steve Hoverman; community services director Jim Cralle; club services director Tyler Janes; Rotary foundation chair Bill Wagner; membership chair Alice Rowe; public relations chair Bruce Vincent; youth services chair Tom Alberts; international service chair Fred Vaske. Beth thanked all the

incoming board members for their willingness to serve the Club in the coming year. President Romines will be the past-president of the Club once his tenure ends. Mike Maddox is our President-Elect after a vote marred only by a Roberts Rules of Order Rant by a rowdy Rowe (guess which one. Hint- not Alice!) Everyone enthusiastically voted for Mike as our incoming CEO, with the solitary exception of ...Mike. Does he know something about this job? Beth noted that three year Board terms will help "tweak" the Rotary status quo. The Club will enjoy the remaining Romines months and looks forward to the 2012-2013 Rotary year with our new officers. Thanks to all past officers, with special thanks to Cathy Smallhouse and Dan Smallhouse for their many years of service as secretary and treasurer.

VISITORS

Guests included one visiting Rotarian - Geoff Simcoe. Other visitors included Tonae Hasik, Paul Harris fellow Daniel Savino, Ashlyn Owen, Interact President Mattie Wells, bemedaled Nikolai Nissen, and David Brodie (of the Knights of Columbus).

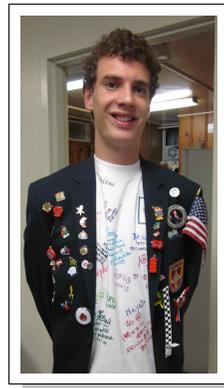
MEETING NOTES

Ted Darrow recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Maggie Hoy led the caroling of a Christmas song. A delicious dinner was devoured followed by a drumroll and thunderous applause for cooks Roberta and Beth. President Romines then provided our chefs with gifts from the Club.

Vocational speaker Carsen Smith talked about her family law practice, which includes grandparent rights. Carsen stated that the divorce rate in California is 50%. However, that is a misleading statistic since it includes "repeat offenders". The actual divorce rate for first marriages is 41%



Well known visitor Nikolai Nissen described his recent activities. He went to downtown Sacramento for a train ride and a visit to the State Capitol and the railroad museum. He also toured UC Davis campus.



Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

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We meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Clubhouse. 7997 California (at Temescal) [here](#) for a map.

Geoff Simcoe received a standing ovation for donating a delta houseboat cruise to our crab feed auction.

Davie Brodie announced the Knights of Columbus blood drive takes place from 8 to 11:30 on the morning of January 15th at Divine Savior Church. Donors receive a big pancake breakfast.

Bill Stapelfeld bid \$40 on a Harvey Wallbanger cake and gifted the cake to the Rowes. Betsy Alberts will be providing other delicious sweets for the Crab Feed.

CLUB BUSINESS



Peter's tie sends him to the penalty box as he thanks Maggie for a great hockey trip.

Sunshine Report: ; Tyler went to lunch with Bev Mark, who is doing well.

Cliff said that our next RYE visitor is a delightful young lady from Peru. Lodging is still needed for our guest. Contact Cliff if you are interested in providing Rotary hospitality to our visitor.

Jim Cralle asked for quality donations for the Crab Feed. Jim said that the Club should save about \$1000 on the cost of crab feed equipment -way to go!

Tom Alberts won the dinner drawing and auctioned it off to lucky winner Mike Maddox, who paid \$15 for “free” chow. Bob Vogel drew the three of Clubs and the Ace of Spades still lurks in the deck. Don Reed is our January Little Genius.

CALENDAR

This color means: Spouses/S.O. Night
Underlined means: Attend or make up

December	
19 Mon	No Meeting
26 Mon	No meeting
January	
9 Mon	<u>Ivan Schwabe- Evolution's witness: How eyes evolved.</u>
16 Mon	No Meeting- MLK day
18 Wed	Board Meeting @ MaddoX
23 Mon	Mischa Sarkovich- New Water Rates for FOWD

The Holiday Food Basket effort was a great success the Thursday following this meeting. Many Rotarians, Rotary spouses, school personnel from Northridge and vendors worked hard from dawn to dusk to make this a success. This reporter counted 54 boxes of food going to families large and small to make holidays a little brighter. Lots of photos can be found on our website with Buzz-a-Claus as the lead off photo.



FINES AND SHOUT OUTS

Little Genius Bill Wagner showed his sensitive side by fining Tyler for an alleged slander of his mother and rowdy Rowe for last week's Acorn trashing of L.G. (and for consuming two dinner deserts). Buzz did not doff his chapeau whilst consuming cuisine and coughed up cash. Bob Vogel was dinged for failing to brag about a new set of wheels. Jim Cralle caught wrath for not resolving insurance issues for L.G. Ralph Carhart failed to assure Geoff Simcoe got a free dinner despite Geoff's crab feed generosity. Ted Golshanara was fined because our Genius was “happy to see” him at a meeting.

Speaking of happy, self-imposed fines came from Dan Smallhouse (celebrating his 53rd birthday on the trip to the Stockton hockey match), Charley Blatchford (Skyping a grandson and 49th ann'vy coming up), Prez. Peter (happy to see daughter and grandchild), Steve H. (happy for funny footwear at Board meeting hosted by hosiery lover Straehley), Don Reed (happy for first grandchild) and Maggie (happy to be with the Club). Mr. Smallhouse failed to mention the mirth occasioned by the satorial splendor of a princess sash he wore during his birthday bus bash.

Our next “meeting” will be (or was depending on the issue time of this Acorn) Saturday night at 6:00 pm at Romines house for the Christmas party. Following that we will not meet until January 9th.

In the meantime, enjoy the Christmas scribble below.....



Jolly old Saint Nicholas, lean your ear this way.
Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say
Christmas Eve is coming soon; now you dear old
man
Listen to what we have to say about each Rotarian.

Peter R. needs a medal for running our fine clan
Beth needs a microphone and a fool-proof plan.

Stapelfeld and Blatchford vie for homily king
Wagner angles all the time for shiny Crab Feed bling.

Blaine shares with us our wondrous CA parks
Maggie always runs for us our happy bus-food larks.

Tom and Tom gathered food for Northridge School,
Darrow and Hink just follow the worthy Golden Rule.

Fred and Alice do their daily good-deed jog
Steve H. shows up often with a service dog.

Shelley and Dan hold our money tight
John B. powers up the village Christmas light.

Howard and Buzz give our sunshine report
Peter Wick can be heard with a quick retort.

Ted G. and Rick C. volunteers extraordinaire
When the scent of crab is in the air.

Cathy and Jeanne spark up our décor
Tyler and Carsen work with style galore.

Vaske and Vincent ply the booze
Cliff and Joe spread the Crab Feed news.

Ralph and Warren remind us of our history
What Vogel and Walters do is a big mystery.

Duane Day will show up never too late
To see Chavez spin his confound plate.

Jim and Mike deliver the goods with a smile
They can be counted on to go the extra mile.

Jolly Old Saint Nicolas, things could be much worse.
The Acorn asks you to forgive this sorry verse.

Two years of Acorn work has sprung our screws a little
loose.
Here's hoping you will love this poem by eds. Deb and
Bruce.

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. *Is it the **TRUTH**?*
2. *Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?*
4. *Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?*

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

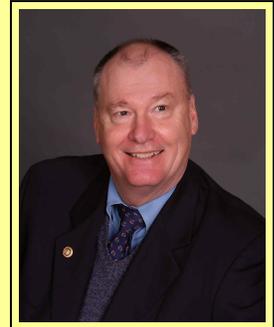
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