



The Acorn

Photo of the day



Five great speeches make selecting a winner difficult

Club Speech Contest co-chairs Bill Wagner and Karen Romines pose with the five students from Bella Vista High School who competed in our club's annual speech contest tonight. The winner will go on to compete against eight other club contest winners in the Northeast Regional Semifinal of Rotary District 5180 on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 pm at the Roseville Theater in Roseville. Four semifinal winners will compete for the \$1,000 grand prize on May 11 as part of the District 5180 Conference at the Hyatt Lake Tahoe.

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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

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[District Site](#)



District Governor Bob Deering

Upcoming Club Meetings

Mar 04, 2013

[Inner Wheel spaghetti night!](#)

Update from our VERY HELPFUL
Inner Wheel Group!

Mar 11, 2013

[Tobias Owen](#)

Mars rover Discovery

Mar 18, 2013

[Greg Roeszeler](#)

Playmakers - after school football
and literacy program

Mar 25, 2013

[Natasha Owen](#)

Russian Consul - Warren McWilliams
80th Birthday party!!

Upcoming Club Events

[Board Meeting](#)

Cralle Residence

Mar 20, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

[District Assembly](#)

Mar 23, 2013

[FO Library Literacy Project Celebration](#)

Mar 30, 2013 12:00 PM

[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



Featured Event - St. John's Shelter

The blurry photo was taken at the shelter during our Rotary service project on Tuesday, February 19th. Rotarians (Pete Schroeder, Maggie Hoy, Karen Romines, Elaine Rock) are joined by Chef Michelle and a boy currently in the shelter that jumped in and wanted his picture taken too. Not included in the photo is Ron Adams – he was the photographer. In Ron's defense, my cell phone takes terrible pictures...Elaine

Scheduled for St. John's Women's Shelter on March 19th are: Jeanne Malone, Maggie Hoy, Steve Monroe, Warren McWilliams and Ron Adams.

Our 23rd Annual Mardi Gras-themed Crab Feed was awesome!

Ralph Carhart
23rd Annual Crab Feed General Chairman

As general chairman, the most gratifying part for me was having everyone jump in and do their jobs so efficiently and effectively. As a result, our patrons seemed to enjoy the event more than ever and our fundraising goals were well met. I heard many people remarking how much fun they had and how incredibly good and abundant the food was.

Thanks to all of you who sold tickets, solicited or gave donations and advertisements, and staffed the event. Special thanks to the committee chairs and others who made my work so easy:

- Keith Walter— ticket sales and communications
- Debra Price and Warren McWilliams— design/print tickets and flyer
- Peter Wick— hall rental/licenses/insurance/security/seating arrangements
- Fred Rowe— program development
- Bruce Vincent— publicity and audio/visual
- Peter Romines— setup and cleanup
- Karen Romines and Jeanne Maloney— decorations
- Sabrina Bernardo and Fair Oaks Park District Youth Advisory Board— setup crew
- John White and Bella Vista Interact Club— setup and serving crews
- Nita Castro— adult volunteers
- Maggie Hoy— check-in
- Howard Papworth, Beth McCall and Roberta Orr— supplies, food purchase and preparation
- Bob Scott and Howard Papworth— crab coordinators
- Carsen Smith— evening ticket sales
- Rick Chang and family— dessert auction
- John Chavez and family— bar
- Dan Smallhouse— wine sales and accounting
- Jim Cralle and Pete Schroeder— margarita and hurricane sales
- Cathy Smallhouse— cashier and novelty sales
- Debra Price— Fun Draw and silent auction
- Bonnie McClain— Fun Draw and silent auction data base and forms
- Bob Walters and Fred Rowe— Mega Draw
- Anne Browning, Pete Schroeder, Alice and Fred Rowe, Beth and Jim Wilcoxen— Mega Draw prizes
- Dave Claugus— truck transportation
- John Brothers— tables and equipment
- Bill Wagner, signs
- Shelley Mathews— extra crab sales
- Bergie Bergstrom— photography
- Anthony Jurado— TJ the DJ
- Pete Schroeder, Allied Waste/Jerry Mayberry— dumpster donation
- Brian Collier— Divine Savior Church
- Mike Maddox and Beth Wilcoxen— mentors to the general chairman

For anyone I omitted, my apologies, and double thanks. You all did a remarkable job!

While there were a few hair-raising moments— when ticket sales surged beyond expectations; when the credit card phone line was dead; when one of the ovens wasn't working— by and large everything went smoother than ever. Thanks to you all, and on to next year!

Editor's note - Several very important, hardworking people were omitted due to an error on my part in the last issue of the Acorn, so I have included Ralph's full original list in this issue.....sorry!



Ben Loses His Red Ribbon

In what may be the best Red Ribbon speech yet, Ben set a "high" standard with the following observations when asked to share his thoughts about becoming a Fair Oaks Rotarian.

- If you come to Rotary and bypass Dan Smallhouse and head straight to the bar for a drink and to get change to pay your weekly dues...you might be a Fair Oaks Rotarian.
- If you bring your own wine glass to weekly meetings... you might be a Fair Oaks Rotarian.
- If you ask someone to help with a project and they ask what it entails, and you leave out all details knowing how much work it really is hoping it will increase their chance of showing up to help...you might be a Fair Oaks Rotarian.
- If you can remember the date of the crab feed and not your own wedding anniversary...you might be a Fair Oaks Rotarian.
- If you walk into Stockman's and the bartender greets you by name and asks if you want "the usual"...you might be a Fair Oaks Rotarian.

Rotary Award to Wings

The Board approved (with enthusiasm) giving Wings \$100 for the trophy as requested by Natasha.

"Wings", is a new non-profit organization in the local Russian-speaking community.

One of their first projects is to help physically challenged young Russian adults by getting them involved in martial arts activities. This will set an example to the community as how their members can succeed in life despite physical handicaps.

The key player in this endeavor is Stas Portyanskii, the holder of a black belt in karate despite his affliction with cerebral palsy.

Wings is sending Mr. Portyanskii to the World Championship in Martial Arts in the Ukraine.

Rotary's award will allow Wings to present Mr. Portyanskii with a trophy that recognizes his participation in this tournament despite having cerebral palsy.



Beth presents a check to Sergey Nemolyaev of Wings

Rotary Speech Contest



Jessica Terry

(Contestant #1) offered a very personal story relating the struggle of “losing 10 hours of fun” vs. the value of offering service to others. Weaving many of her “lasts of high school” realizations into a story that explained how in-person communications and service to others helps bring out the best in ourselves and promotes peace through personal growth and connection with others.

(Contestant #2) shared how on a mission trip to Portland, she discovered that looks can be deceiving and helping others can bring unexpected rewards. At the end of performing a week of service to others she felt a deep sense of peace, returning to the comforts of home no longer seemed so wonderful, until her mother reminded her she could offer the same services in her local community.



Kara Zeman



Tim O'Shea

(Contestant #3) shared a collection of facts to contrast how most of the world lives vs how we live in Fair Oaks. Citing the “great philosopher” Bugsy Malone and the love of a mother, he made a passionate plea for rising up against evil to do something extraordinary.

(Contestant #4) opened by sharing his initial reaction to the topic of Peace thru Service made no sense to him and he almost backed out of the contest. Thinking about it longer, he realized that for him, service reminded him of the military service his Grandfather and Father both enlisted in and the peace and security it brought to their family.



Dustin Mueller



Anna Ustinova

(Contestant #5) what can be more adventurous than starting life over with a clean slate? Moving here from Russia a week before entering high school, she quickly realized her assumptions were largely wrong and being different scared her. The transformations she witnessed at a summer camp for disabled children gave her the strength to make new friends and find peace by giving.



A Crab Feed Thank You

.....Sincerely, Alice Rowe

It's been almost two weeks since the Crab Feed, and I'm still feeling the thrill and excitement that I felt that evening!! In particular, it was wonderful being a part of the Silent Auction team! I was amazed at how many wonderful donations were brought to us, and I am VERY grateful for all the work that went into it's success.

A really BIG thanks has to go to **Cathy Smallhouse** (and Dan?) for allowing us to take over their home which became the staging area for ALL of our work with the donations (and she provided delicious lunches, too!).

AND, **Cathy and Cheryl Atkinson** did the majority of the organizing ...what a gift they have for making things look extra snazzy! **Bonnie McClain's** database work (and her spirit) made us all smile, and **Jinhee Staplefeld** made our displays look so professional! On set-up morning, I was wowed by the quick and efficient work of both **Nita Castro** and **Elaine Rock**. **Bev Purcell** and **Diana Cralle** were also appreciated as they jumped in to "beautify" the final arrangements.

We had SO MANY helpers the evening of the crab feed itself, but a few really stood out for me. **Dave** and **Kiyomi Barr**, along with **Bonnie**, helped pull the bid sheets, sort them, and they made that WHOLE process go SO smoothly.....**Janet McWilliams** made the Silent Auction pick-up seem like a breeze, and we had wonderful runners with **Bev Purcell**, her friend **Sharon Ely**, **Diana Cralle**, and **Cheryl Atkinson**.

Others that come to mind are **Bergie Bergren** (my wonderful photographer friend), **Herman Rinkle** (great job with your fabulous wine donation), **Maggie Hoy**, the Bella Vista parents (**Michele and Chandler Harrison**, and their friend...who were wonderful cashiers!!), and **Beth Wilcoxon**, who dealt with the spread sheet at a critical time. Lastly, it was a real treat to work with **Debra Price** and **Anne Browning** who made the whole experience just a lot of FUN! I hope more of you will join our "team" next year.....and thanks to **ALL** of you who helped! (And forgive me if you helped and I forgot to include your name.....parts of the evening are a bit of a blur!)

Carmichael Elks First Responder Appreciation Dinner for 2013

*Come Show Your Appreciation for Your Favorite
First Responder*

Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103

Date: Saturday April 6th, 2013
No Host Cocktails 6:00 P.M.
Tri Tip and Chicken Buffet Dinner 7:00 P.M.
Adults \$18.00
Children 6 to 12-- \$10.00
5 and under Free

Make your checks out to: Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103
Mail: to Carmichael Elks Lodge

Crab Feed follow-up meeting

-Ralph

I'd like to schedule the crab feed follow-up meeting for 5:30 pm, Monday, March 4 (before our Rotary meeting) in the clubhouse. I think an hour should do. While things are fresh in memory, each chair should prepare notes about problems and suggestions for improvement concerning any task area.



Library Project Update

...Bruce Hagel

FAB(ulous) Rotary volunteer work day at the Fair Oaks Community Library

Our Club descended on the Fair Oaks Community Library on February 16th to work on the Families and Books Center. Hard working Rotary members, associates of Rotary, Friends of the Library, and Library Staff packed, scanned, and transported books from the current children's section to the community room so that the Sacramento Public Library maintenance staff could paint, carpet and reorganize the FAB Center in time for the big celebration on Saturday, March 30th.

Club members included President Beth

Wilcoxon, Karen Romines, Peter Romines, Bruce Vincent, Elaine Rock, Cliff Straehley, Don Hicks, Jim Cralle, Bruce Hagel, and Bob Walters. Debra Price, Ruth Elliot and Jim Wilcoxon also participated, as did Natasha Owen. Ms. Owen brought a bunch of hard-working volunteers (but your reporter neglected to get their names).

Librarian Lana Adlawan and her enthusiastic staff did a lot of prep work prior to our work day. Lana supervised the worker bees as we moved over eighty boxes of books from the library into the adjoining temporary children's room. Volunteers reshelfed many picture books, and had a hard time *not* stopping to enjoy them. The work day was completed without the report of any harm to either lumbar discs or the Dewey decimal system.

The books have to be transported back to the completed FAB Center in late March, so there will be another opportunity to be library worker for a day. Look at the Acorn or at email communications for more work days in late March.

Thank you to everyone who is making this project a showcase for our Club.



Village Streetscape Celebration this Friday



Fair Oaks Village Streetscape Project Ribbon-Cutting Event

You are cordially invited to join

Supervisor Susan Peters

*The Sacramento County
Department of Transportation*

and

The Fair Oaks Village Enhancement Committee

*For a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate
completion of the:*

Fair Oaks Village Streetscape Project

on Friday, March 1, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.

**The event will be held in Plaza Park at the corner
of Park Drive & Fair Oaks Boulevard.**

SACDOT has partnered with the Fair Oaks Village Enhancement Committee (FOVEC), businesses and residents on a project to make the village a more attractive local and regional shopping and entertainment district. Improvements include:

- New pedestrian facilities to improve safety and make the Village area more walkable including curb extensions, crosswalks, sidewalks, walkways and accessible sidewalk ramps.
- New decorative street lighting and landscaping.
- Changes to the location of stop signs and modifications to the channelization of turning traffic at the intersection of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Winding Way to minimize traffic conflicts, improve safety and enhance walkability.
- Increased parking within the Fair Oaks Village area; and, pavement repairs in the parking area along Plaza Park.

Project costs were covered with a combination of Federal transportation funding, the County Road Fund and Measure A sales tax proceeds.

For more information, please contact:

Dan Regan (Communication & Media Office) at 916-874-7056 or 916-591-0047 (cell).

Daneece Fraizer (FOVEC—Public Outreach Chair) at 916-296-5426.

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Library Grand Opening

Please put March 30 12-2:30 on your calendar as the grand opening of the Families and Books Center funded by our club and the Friends of the Library.

Joint Club Dinner

To be hosted by El Dorado Hills, Noel Stack is contact 530-417-7005

Tentative date: **Tuesday April 30th** (Official meeting for our Club; not regular Monday meeting 4/29)

Location: EDH Community District Services Bldg (Pavilion or Gyn)

1021 Harvard Way, EDH

Point of contact for our Club will be defined shortly.



ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

To benefit

The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

6PM TIL 10PM

Dinner at 7pm

WHERE??? FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

7997 California Ave. at Tenmesal Ave. in the Old Fair Oaks Village

TICKETS\$\$\$ \$25.00 EACH

No Host Bar

IRISH FOOD IRISH DRINK

FUN...MUSIC...RAFFLE

Tickets are available at: Bella Fiore, American River Bank, The BBQ PRO or on our website www.fairoakstheatrefestival.com.

Tickets go on sale February 15th

Please note: Upstairs seating is limited to 183
Seating is first come first served.

Two New Members

Alice Rowe

Two new membership applications have been approved by the Board!

Tyler has attended two of our meetings so far, and Fred, Dave Barr and I met with him today to go over the New Member Handbook, and to make him aware of what our club is all about. He seems very enthusiastic about becoming a member.

Natasha has also attended two of our meetings, and she and her husband attended our Crab Feed. I have also met with her to go over the Handbook, and she has been a Rotarian in the past when she lived in Hawaii.

DISTRICT YELLOW PAGES

Russ Rheams, of the Orangevale Rotary Club, is developing a DISTRICT YELLOW PAGES listing Rotarians in the district by profession, club, and contact information.

Are you interested in being included?

Email Russ Rheams at russ@ovcopy.com



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Proceeds Of The Event To Benefit The Citrus Heights Rotary Club



PROFESSIONAL TABLES & DEALERS

Event Sponsored By: **Lucky Derby Casino**



Saturday, April 6th 2013

Citrus Heights Community Center
6300 Fountain Square Dr. Citrus Heights 95610

Appetizers @ 5pm ~ Poker Starts @ 6pm

TABLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

\$250 Table Sponsorship Includes

- 2 Tournament Buy-ins
- Table Signage on Every Table
- Mention on Event Signage

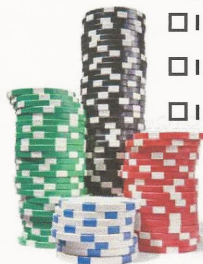
* Pre-sale By March 16th. \$60.00 Buy-in After March 17th

☐ I would like to donate a prize

☐ I would like to be a Table Sponsor

☐ I would like to purchase

_____ buy-in(s)



**\$50.00
Buy-In**

Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

For more info please contact Rich Hale (916) 599-5457

Tonight's Guests, Associate Members and New Members

Bonnie McClain, Charlotte Garcia, Janet McWilliams, Simona Depedrini, Joe Maloney, Mary Towner, Molly Gilmore, Pat Vogel, Sergey Nemolyaev, Jim Wilcoxon, Natasha Owen, Tyler Happe, Chandler Harrison, Michelle Harrison, Stephen Falcy, Natalie Phelps, Sherry Luttrell, Sergey Nemolyaev, Paul Zeman, Kristen Zeman, Tim O'Shea II, Jessica Terry, Kara Zeman, Dustin Mueller, Tim O'Shea III, Anna Ustinova and Kailyn Whitaker.

This space for rent

Who else will step up and provide content to make our Acorn worth reading?

- Project leaders - share your success!
- Members - share your story!
- Interact - tell us what's going on with your club!
- Upcoming events - share why your event is special with pictures or a story here!
- Great Rotary photos that deserve to be shared - this is the place!

Just send your content to kwalter30@gmail.com!



What if you miss a meeting?

Attending meetings with our Rotary family is one of the benefits of belonging to this club. How else can we achieve our goal of service through acquaintanceship?

Sometimes it may be impossible to get to one of our club's regular meetings. If that happens, you are highly encouraged to "make up" the meeting. Here are the ways you can make up a missed meeting (from our club constitution):

- Go to another club's meeting (there is a list of times and places on the district website)
- Go to an Interact meeting (ask Ralph when they are)
- Go to the RI Convention, or a District Conference, or a District Assembly, or any District committee meeting
- Go to a club service project or a club club-sponsored community event authorized by the club board... we have authorized our vocational networking group to count
- Go to a club board meeting, or a service committee meeting authorized by the board
- Do a 30-minute session online with a Rotary e-club, such as www.rotaryclubone.org
- To get "credit" for a makeup... and why do it if you don't get credit... you have to do it within two weeks of the missed meeting (either before or after) AND YOU HAVE TO TELL THE CLUB SECRETARY (Steve Hoverman). Email is best for that.

Is there an attendance standard? Yes. You should attend (or make up) all the club's meetings and you must attend (or make up) half the meetings each half year.



Breaking News!

...Steve H.

The Fair Oaks Board has Moved and Seconded to make attending the Networking Lunch a make-up if a member misses a regular club meetings. Passed by verbal vote.

Meeting Minutes

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks - Rotary International World Understanding Month

Song of the day

Our Interact President Ramon's birthday is Tuesday, so naturally we sang Happy Birthday to Ramon.

Dinner

For dinner we had carve-at-your table whole chickens, complimented with dinner salad, rice, and warm bread with pumpkin bars and brownies for dessert.

Sunshine Report

Buzz McClain

Buzz reported that Bev Marks want to let us know she is thinking of us and looking forward to returning to a meeting soon.

Drawings:

Meal – Carson Smith was tonight's lucky winner of a free meal.

Ace of Spades – Herman Rinkel tried his luck at our card game, and drew the Ace of Hearts, keeping all the rest of our hopes alive for another week.

Little Genius - in tonight's drawing, Warren once again claimed he had won, but upon closer examination, we discovered in fact, Bonnie McClain was tonight's "winner" and will be our Little Genius in March.

Other Business:

One silent auction basket let that remains unclaimed so we held our own very noisy auction which was won by the lovely Alice.

Beth, forgot to introduce her sister during introductions, and reminded Bonny to be sure and fine her at the next meeting.



Program: Speech Contest

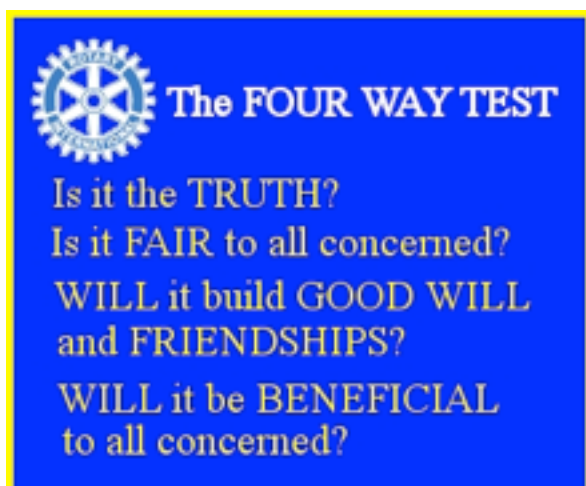
Bill Wagner & Karen Romines

The contest is open to all high school students. Contestants must give a five- to eight-minute speech on "Peace Through Service," Rotary International's 2012-13 theme. We had three judges and members were asked to hold their applause (great speeches made this especially hard) until after each of our five contestants had completed.



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