



The Acorn

Photo of the day



...and Santa bids the holidays goodnight, before nodding off to a well deserved rest before next Christmas!

Alternatively, John Yetto is being a good sport by pretending to enjoy a visit by

the Fair Oaks Rotary "Choir" during the annual visit to local senior living facilities.

Either way, his smile makes this an easy choice for our Photo of the day!

Club Events

Board Meeting

Romines Residence
Jan 16, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Inner Wheel Bunco Night

Jan 26, 2013 06:30 PM - 09:00 PM

23rd Annual Fair Oaks Rotary Crab Feed

Divine Savior Church
Feb 09, 2013 05:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Board Meeting

Wagner Home
Feb 20, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Board Meeting

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

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

Welcome

We have yet to have our first meeting of 2013, so this issue of the Acorn brings you updated events, speakers, and a few photos and stories that that didn't make it last year.

As many of you have noticed, the Acorn is evolving and the changes will continue in 2013.

In the past, it has typically served as a recorded history the meetings and projects of the Fair Oaks Rotary.

Going forward, the goal is to add content about future events, hopefully freeing up some of the time we have used in the past to cover this information in our meetings.

Another goal is to have each of the club officers and directors provide input for their respective areas...I need each of you to help by encouraging our officers and directors to make the time to do this or you will once again be subjected to way too much of my writing!

The club starts 2013 with more members and projects than any year in recent memory. It promises to be a great year and I hope you will make reading the Acorn (and providing feedback) one of your New Year's Resolutions!

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John Brothers once again took the lead in bringing light and joy to the Village Christmas Tree

President Beth's Report

Beth Wilcoxon

Happy New Year to All of You!

At the party New Year's Eve, someone reminded me that this year is half over, and my initial reaction was "Whew, I made it!" Wow, we ALL made it halfway though our Rotary year, we accomplished a LOT, and we did an AWESOME job! I just looked back over the calendar to try to thank many of you for various jobs, but I am delighted to report that so many of you made a difference in these past six months that I just can't begin to thank you all. That, to me, is a great sign of success!

The success that I believe we have found as a Club is because we each share a commitment to service. Our interests and abilities are varied, but it is this common commitment of caring for others that assures our success in serving others. The next six months of this Rotary year are packed with opportunities and needs to serve, and I hope each of you will look ahead to see where you have committed to help and where you might help others in our Club.

Please check our Club calendar now to be sure you have all of the meetings and events on your calendar. If you don't know yet how you will be helping before and at the Crab Feed on February 9th, now is the time to sign up. The largest, most comprehensive training day locally for Rotarians is coming up March 23rd, and it is a day to be inspired and re-ENERGIZED. The Literacy Project at Fair Oaks Library is on a roll, and your time will be needed periodically in the next few months.

So, it's time to ENERGIZE again and renew your commitment to service.

What brought you to Rotary?

What else would you like to be doing for our projects?

Do you have new ideas to share?

We don't need to reinvent the wheel, but let's always look at how we might be more dynamic or more efficient.

From members who have been in the Club for decades to members who have been in the Club for just months or weeks, we each have so much to share individually, but we realize our greatest potentials when we work together.

"Peace Through Service"—this is the Rotarian way of life.

Best wishes to each of you in 2013!

Beth Wilcoxon

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

Eleanor Roosevelt



Announcements

Rivercats 4/21 anyone?

Maggie Hoy

Putting out the word to see how many are interested in the bus on April 21 to the Rivercats game!

Payment will not be due until early April but Tom is already putting word out that I have a bus and want to make sure to save enough room for our club

\$22.00 a person

Rancho Celebrates 54th Anniversary!

*Joe Scheimer, President
Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova*

On Tuesday, Jan 15th at 6:00pm the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova will be celebrating their 54th year at a Charter Night celebration at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Cordova.



Since your club sponsored us, it would be great if we could have you and some of your club members attend.

We will be sending you an invitation, but I wanted to give you some "heads up" advance notice, since they should have gone out by now. It seems like we are having to wrap up several loose ends as we start the New Year.

MegaDraw Tickets Available!

Ralph Carbart

MegaDraw tickets are printed and available NOW! Please be talking with your family and friends who would like to help support our Fair Oaks Rotary Foundation.

MegaDraw items are:

- Week in a home in Sedona.
- 55" HDTV
- Stay at a fabulous Diamond Resort timeshare.
- \$1,000 cash



Stories from our Website

It has come to our attention that not all of you regularly visit our new website, which has lots of useful information such as member lists, District updates, extended Event and Speaker lists, as well as great pictures and stories! Excerpts from a couple of recent website stories are included below. If you are reading this on your computer, you can [click here to go there now](#)

(Need help using the new website? Just talk with Fred, Steve or Keith)

Caroling at Eskaton

Fred Rowe

Dec 17, 2012

On December 17, ten Fair Oaks Rotarians, led by the intrepid Pete Schroeder, warbled our way through a half dozen or so Christmas carols at the Eskaton facility where long-time member John Yetto resides.

(see our website for more photos!)



Peru Team Returns from the Jungle

Fred Rowe

Dec 17, 2012

A team of ten departed for Iquitos, Peru on December 1-2 and returned on December 9-10. Who were they? Three from our club, two from Rancho Cordova (plus one spouse), two from Whirlwind Wheelchair, designer of the RoughRider, one physical therapist and one Spanish interpreter. What did they do? In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Iquitos, they brought the gift of mobility to 176 people in the Amazon basin in the form of RoughRider wheelchairs.

To save reading another 100,000 words, click [here](#) for about 100 photos of their adventure.

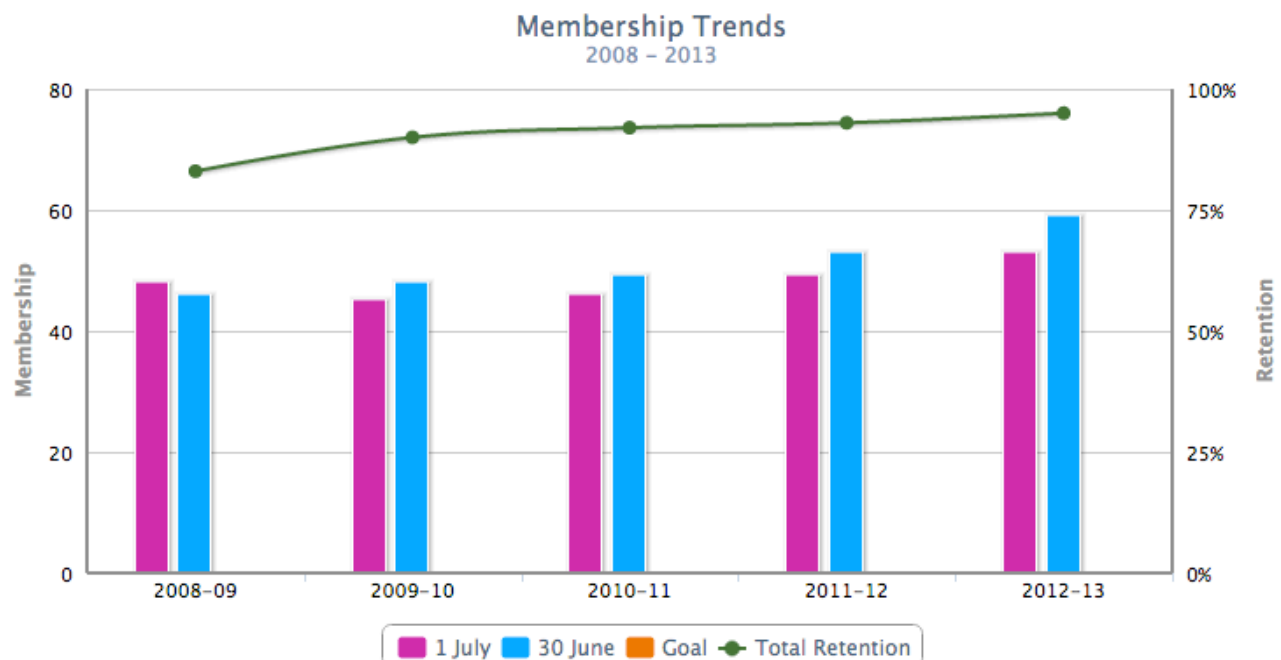


District 5180 News

The results are in for District 5180 through December and not only is Fair Oaks Rotary in the top 5 in terms of dollars/member, we are the largest and fastest growing club in this list.

Club	New Members	% Change	Avg Members	\$/Member
West Sacramento Centen	1	6%	18	\$99.21
North Sacramento	-	0%	27	\$61.47
Rancho Cordova	1	3%	40	\$53.53
Fair Oaks	6	11%	56	\$50.92
Sacramento Breakfast	1	6%	19	\$41.82

The longer term trend is also great as we have both grown our membership and improved the retention of existing members over the last five years. As we start this new year, take a moment to congratulate yourself for helping to make the Fair Oaks Rotary club one of the most successful clubs in the area!



January is Rotary Awareness Month

Spread the word about Rotary in January! At your next club assembly, make sure that members know about the latest projects and initiatives so they can raise awareness in the community. And consider these tips:

- Discuss the [RI Strategic Plan](#) at a new-member orientation.
- Update members on polio eradication at your next weekly meeting by getting the latest facts at www.endpolio.org.
- Include news from rotary.org on your club and district websites to let members know how Rotarians around the world are serving their communities.
- Publicize Rotary club events in your community. Consider conducting a [public relations](#) training session.



Award from **The Economist**. A panel of judges recognized the program as one of the world's most impactful developments" announced Greg Allgood, Director of the program. Wasrag is pleased to be partnering with P&G in the Adopt-A-School Program which is now 80% funded. Interested in adopting a school and having your Rotary Club funds matched by \$4.26 for each \$1 you contribute? Contact the [program manager](#). [Read More](#) about CSDW...



Adopt-A-School Partner Wins Major Award!

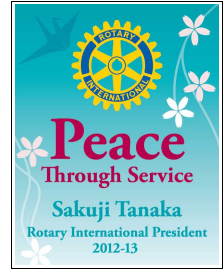
"The P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water Program has won the 2013 Social Innovation





ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS 23RD ANNUAL CRAB FEED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 5:30-10 PM
DIVINE SAVIOR CHURCH, ORANGEVALE



OVER 500 PEOPLE ATTEND THIS EVENT EVERY YEAR!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP US

- **Buy a MegaDraw ticket for \$25... better yet, buy five for \$100. You don't have to be present to win, only 500 tickets will be sold, and there are four great prizes (all \$1,000 or more in value):**
 - One week in 2013 at a luxurious Tahoe timeshare (or equivalent worldwide)
 - One week at a private 2-BR vacation home in Sedona, Arizona
 - Large screen HDTV
 - \$1,000 cash

(Make checks payable to "Fair Oaks Rotary Foundation")
- **Buy a ticket to the Crab Feed itself. For \$45 you get a great meal and a chance to win even more prizes in our silent auction or FunDraw.**

(Make checks payable to "Rotary Club of Fair Oaks")
- **Buy a black-and-white ad for your business in our program.**
 - Business card size (1/3 page): \$50
 - Half-page: \$75
 - Full page: \$150

(Make checks payable to "Rotary Club of Fair Oaks")
- **Become an event sponsor**
 - \$300 level
 - half-page program ad, two tickets to the Crab Feed and your name in the welcome video
 - \$500 level
 - full page program ad, four tickets to the Crab Feed and your name in the welcome video
 - \$800 level
 - full page program ad, six tickets to the Crab Feed, wine provided at your table and your name in the welcome video
 - \$1,000 level
 - color ad on the program back cover, eight tickets to the Crab Feed with special seating, wine provided at your table and your name in the welcome video

(Make checks payable to "Rotary Club of Fair Oaks")

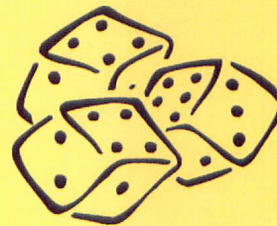
Rotary Christmas Party*Cathy & Dan*

To those of you who attended the Rotary Christmas Party last night...thank you. We hope everyone enjoyed the food & frolics. For those who missed it.....we're sorry your weren't able to join your fellow Rotarians celebrating with Holiday Cheer!...thanks to all of you who brought hostess gifts...that was very thoughtful of you as well.....hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with family & friends...& hope to see you at the Romines New Year's Party this year.....

**Let's Talk About Poo**

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has on display until the end of November an eye catching exhibit on sanitation and hygiene. The school director says she is "... on a campaign to get people talking about [excrement]. And the Golden Poo [a feature of the exhibit] is a fun and lively way to draw attention to the topic that kills [the] most kids in the world today. It's Public Enemy Number One." Times are changing and we must get more comfortable talking about "poo" [Read More...](#)

Fair Oaks Inner Wheel Annual

Bunco NightSaturday January 26, 2013
6:30 p.m.Woman's Thursday Clubhouse
10625 Fair Oaks Blvd.**Dinner....Bunco....Raffle...Fun**
(Bring your own wine)Price: \$12.50.....R.S.V.P. (Janet 961-9012)
Call early, space limited!



Katie & Vicki Walter with Alice



Nita and Mike



Vicki, Keith, Ruth, Katie



Jim Wilcoxon's brother Mark



*Fred & Alice winners
of the sock contest*

Stories & Photos Wanted!

Have a story to tell or favorite photo you would be willing to share? Send it to kwalter30@gmail.com and maybe it will make the next Acorn!

Speakers & Meetings

Jan 07, 2013

[Scott Jones and John McGinness](#)

Current and former Sacramento
County Sheriff's

Jan 14, 2013

[Rachel Ostwald and Stacie Wagner](#)

Group Study Exchange (GSE) to
South Africa

Jan 21, 2013

[No Meeting](#)

MLK Holiday!

Jan 28, 2013

[Fred Rowe, et al](#)

Peru Wheelchair Project

Feb 04, 2013

[Club Assembly: Pre-Crab Feed
meeting](#)

Upcoming Crab Feed

Feb 11, 2013

[No meeting](#)

Post Crab Feed recovery

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The FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

WILL it build GOOD WILL
and FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL it be BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

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