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IT'S FINALLY HERE –

THE EDITOR'S LEARNING CURVE IS CATCHING UP WITH THE ACORN!

Dear ACORN Readers,

I am happy to announce that as the newest editor of the ACORN, I have finally been able to figure out how to do this task. While developing a new found appreciation for the

Hagel/Price family, I hope to speed up my learning curve and get the ACORN back to it's earlier glory. Back issues to follow... Thank you for all your patience!

Sincerely, Carsen Smith

VISITORS

Guests included: Our speaker, Susan Spencer, Michael Vincent (InterAct), Debra Price, Maddy Wells (InterAct), Jeff and Julie Granja, Elaine Rock (Bloodsource & daughter of a past-President, Ruth Elliott, and Bonnie McClain. Steve Monroe (past member) and Peter Schroder (pending applicant) were also among our esteemed guests.

MEETING NOTES

The meeting began and guests were introduced, including a round of applause for Jeff and Julie Granja who donated all the produce for our holiday baskets this past season.

Maggie Hoy took a "straw pole" vote to see if members were more interested in a "Mystery Trip" or if the group would prefer to go camping at a location she found that caters to all forms of "campers" from tent camping to a more hotel-style arrangement. The unofficial vote indicated that people would be more interested in arranging a camping trip. More information to follow.

Ted Darrow brought attention to a sample dictionary that was brought to show the group what the Club is providing to the 3rd graders. Besides being a thick colorful book, the dictionary was high quality and this reporter would have been ecstatic to have received such a gift as a child.

Bob Walters brought our attention to a recent article on Rotary and Polio. If possible, a copy will be circulated.

CRAB FEED: Everyone needs to participate! Tickets are essentially sold out! Turn in any unsold tickets - we need them! Maggie wants to adamantly enforce the 5:30 door opening time as early arriver have been given the extra leeway by the event starting at 5:30 rather than 6. Please do not arrive any earlier if you are not a volunteer as we'll all feel bad locking you out - but we'll do it anyway to ensure that the stations are ready for all attendees on time.

Fred reminded the club that at the bell of the next meeting (2/6/12) - you own any tickets in your possession! WARNING: HE MEANS BUSINESS!

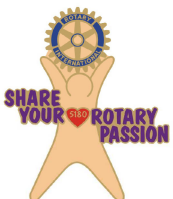


Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

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We meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Clubhouse.
7997 California (at Temescal)
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CLUB BUSINESS

Sunshine Report:

Dwayne Day is recovering and walking after a foot surgery. John Chavez recently had neck surgery, and Daniel Saving recently received a promotion at work and will be able to attend (and volunteer at) the crab feed.

Carsen Smith won the dinner drawing . Maggie Hoy was unable to draw the lucky card and the Ace of Spades still lurks in the deck. Tyler Janes will be our Little Genius for February.

FINES AND SHOUT OUTS

Little Genius Fred Rowe called out Peter Romines for starting the meeting late, Maggie Hoy for confusing InterAce with Inner Wheel, Joe Horyza for owning season tickets to the Sacramento Kings but taking our exchange student to a Bella Vista game instead. Fred paid a fine for almost being the “Big Winner” at Bunco night, and Dan Smallhouse for being the “Big Winner.” Tom Alberts was fined for being the “Biggest Loser” at Bunco Night, and Ruth Elliott was the biggest winner - taking home 5 prizes from Bunco Night. Everyone should attend the next event!

Little Genius then quizzed the members on Rotary “factoids” including the number of clubs in Rotary International (just under 35,000), the number of Rotarians (approx. 1.2 million), where the current RI President is from (India), and where the RI President-Elect is from (Japan).

Happy fines:

Carsen Smith paid a fine for stopping the presses on the Acorn (again). Steve Hoverman paid a happy fine for surviving over 6 months under President Romines. Thanks and good thoughts for Peter Romines's son who is coming home from Afghanistan. Ralph Carhart was in touch with Enrico (our prior Italian exchange student) who passes along a “hello.”

Howard Papworth donated in honor of his birthday. Dan Smallhouse contributed for his Bunco raffle prize winnings and will likely forward on the good luck of the prizes towards the crab feed. Beth Wilcoxon thanked the Rotarians who helped at Bella Vista's crab feed this past Saturday, including Tyler Janes, Jim Cralle, Jim Wilcoxon, Mike Maddox, and Carsen Smith.

Lastly, Charley Blatchford is thankful for reconnecting with a dear friend who was the best man at his wedding, but with whom he had lost touch for many years.

CALENDAR

This color means: Spouses/S.O. Night

Underlined means: Attend or make up

February	
6 Mon	Club Assembly/Final Crab Feed Preparations
11 Sat	CRAB FEED 5:30 pm
13 Mon	No meeting – Crab Feed Recovery Day
20 Mon	<u>President's Day Holiday – no meeting</u>
27 Mon	Speech Contest
March	
5 Mon	Inner Wheel Spaghetti Feed!

SPEAKER NOTES: Susan Spencer's Adventures with Guatemalan Weavers

Debra Price introduced our speaker, Susan Spencer, who was a past Fulbright teacher in England and taught in other international locations, as well as being a Principal in a few different California schools. Ms. Spencer shared a slide show of her Guatemalan adventures. She initially went to a Spanish immersion program in Guatemala, but fell in love with the area and the people, and ended up building a vacation home. She is very active in her advocacy for the Mayan Womens Weaver's Association and spreading the joys of the intricate traditional weaving that is the pride of many of the native cultures.

Ms. Spencer's slide show and photos centered around the village of Santiago Atitlan. The village is on a lake that is surrounded by volcanoes. Lots of produce and open air markets are featured. In focusing on the weaving work of the traditional culture, Ms. Spencer showed how a “backstrap loom” is used to create the intricate weavings. The loom entails creating tension on the strings by tying one side on a tree and the other is hooked to a waist belt on the weaver herself!

Guatemalan weavings are no longer in as high of demand since October 2005 when hurricane Stan created landslides from two local volcanoes. 800 people were killed in the lower income housing, which included a disproportionately high level of weavers. The peoples' boats were also destroyed, severely impacting their ability to earn a living. Well-intentioned contributors donated large amounts of clothing as assistance towards rebuilding, but it was largely comprised of western clothing. Therefore, it has been hard for many of the areas and subcultures to go back to weaving.

Handmade goods can be purchased at www.Cojolya.org which is a nonprofit organization and part of the Fair Trade system.

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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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