



# The Acorn

## Photo of the day



Virginia Grabbe, an Honorary Fair Oaks Rotary member catches up with Sherrie and Ralph Carhart during our social time before the regular meeting.

For many of us, this time to catch up with old friends is reason enough to be a Rotarian.

If you haven't visited recently, make sure you come early so you have the time to enjoy a drink and great conversation before the "business" of the evening begins at 7:00.

## Club Events

### Literacy Committee Meeting

Jan 09, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM

### Library Service Project

Jan 11, 2013 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM

### Board Meeting

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

### Inner Wheel Bunco Night

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

### 23rd Annual Fair Oaks Rotary Crab Feed

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

## 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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[Club Site](#)

[Facebook Page](#)



[District Site](#)



District Governor Bob Deering

## Welcome

If you have read this far we want to hear from you!

What do you want from the Acorn?

It has historically been used to record the minutes of our weekly meetings.

Over the last few months it has included more photos, news and announcements, and links to videos and other online content.

Has it gotten too big?

Is there anything missing that should be included here?

What about other club communications? Are you getting information that is timely and useful?

### New Year's Resolutions!

Hopefully you will continue to share your thoughts and I will do my best to evolve the Acorn to better meet the club's needs.

The current plan is to simplify the "minutes" and focus more on upcoming events.

With the support of the project leads, we will also bring you more details on the projects your time and money have made possible.

To a great extent, the future of the Acorn depends on you the readers, becoming contributors. Unlike traditional papers which may publish all the news that's fit to print; the Acorn will be limited to all the stories that are easy to edit.



Did you notice the next 4-5 club events are always on the first page?

If you have an announcement, send it to me and I'll include it on the announcements page.

If you are a speaker, send me your bio and material and I'll include it for everyone who wasn't able to make the meeting.

If you are a Board member, send me what your committee or area of responsibility is doing.

Project leader? Share your success here by sending me your story.

Do you have a great picture or story fellow Rotarians would enjoy? Send it my way!

2013 promises to be an interesting year...share your story in the Acorn so future Rotarians can also enjoy it.

*your editor*  
*Keith Walter*

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## Recognition

### Dan & Kathy Smallhouse

Since our last meeting we've had two parties: one for Christmas and a New Year's party. Tonight, I'd like to thank Dan and Kathy Smallhouse for hosting our Christmas party!

### Blaine Lamb

Blaine Lamb was presented with the Paul Harris Rotary "plus one" pin in a celebration this evening.

### Peter & Karen Romines

Peter and Karen, who hosted our New Year's eve party aren't with us this evening so we will wait until they're back to thank them.



## Announcements

### 2013 RYE Student

Maggie announced that Katya Brown, is going to be our RYE student next year.

### \$500 Donation

Bill Wagner announced that Cindy Shane, our Foundation speaker, sent back a donation for \$500.



### New Rotary Banner

Vicki Walter presented the club with a new banner she made to hang the visiting Rotary club flags on.

### Sacramento Sheriff's Volunteers

Sherrie Carhart spoke to the club and asked that we pass the hat for the Sheriff's volunteer organization. Talk with Sherrie or Ralph for more details.

### Rancho Rotary Celebration

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. The Fair Oaks club sponsored them and it would be great if we could have you and some of your club members attend.

*Joe Scheimer, President*

### St. John's Women's Shelter

Ron Adams announced that we are taking over a project this year with the **St. John's Women's Shelter**. January 15 will be the next time we go down to help. Talk with Ron for more details.



## Featured Speakers

### **Former Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness**

Sheriff McGinness, now a local talk radio celebrity, was our first speaker this evening.

He was with the sheriff's department for 31 years before retiring in 2010.

He has also been to the club for several years providing us with updates on the sheriff's department.

Looking back, John reflected on the dark days of 2008-2009 when the department went through dramatic cuts. He also said that there are large budget impacts that the public has yet to see. In particular, the stiffer sentencing laws have dramatically increased the prison population, without a comparable increase in building, resulting in significant overcrowding.

As a result of this, the Supreme Court, said California needs to reduce crowding. The response in California has been to move the problem to the counties. We are in the midst of living with that, and are about to see a similar crisis in the mental health area.

Sheriff McGinness contrasted the mental health system when he began where there was a dedicated facility on Stockton Boulevard, to the system today, where patients are dumped on the local hospitals who are ill prepared to deal with them.

In one of the lighter moments, former Sheriff McGinnis, shared that since he no longer holds the sheriff post, he can simply say bad things about everyone on his radio show.

### **Sacramento County Sheriff Scott R Jones**

Scott R Jones, the 36th Sheriff of Sacramento County was graciously introduced by Sheriff McGinness.



*Sheriff McGinness*

Sheriff Jones said in many ways we were fortunate that we were one of the first organizations to "fall off the cliff".

As I look back, it was an incredibly difficult time with many painful decisions. This year alone we've hired a number of new deputy sheriffs and we are well on our way back to where we need to be. Because we were the first to fall off the cliff, a recovery actually started a little sooner than most others.

As a result, we in the region have become closer and we now to help each other out which we are currently doing with the Sacramento City Sheriff's organization.

We have done some very innovative things. I identified gang violence as our number one priority. [In 2011 we had no money but we developed a strategy the loudest to win the federal COPS Grant.](#)

## Featured Speakers Continued

Also, as part of this new strategy, we have a multi-jurisdictional strategy with all of the other local cities, state, and federal organizations.

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department is using innovative crime-predicting software to combat gang and youth violence. [Click here, to read more.](#)

The Bee published an article on May 4th that outlines the "[Full-court press on gangs in Sacramento County](#)"

Wrapping up the presentation, he opened the floor to questions from the club. The majority of the questions centered around guns as a result of the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

The discussion that followed was lively and respectful with everyone agreeing to disagree.



*Sheriff Jones*

### Bonus Announcement

If anyone wants to have their dinner paid for next week, please come to the meeting with a current copy of your Donor History Report from The Rotary Foundation website, and I will agree to sponsor you for dinner.

Offer is limited to the first 30 people who show up with the report.

*Bill Wagner*



*Bob makes quick work of his Little Genius duties*



*Jeannie searches for her missing ticket*



## More Announcements

### Literacy Project

**Bruce Hagel** explained that the **Literacy Project** is moving along and that April 1 is the projected date for finishing it. This Friday and Saturday at 1:00, Bruce is looking for volunteers at the library to help with cleanup.



### Crab Feed

**Deborah Price** and **Cathy Smallhouse** asked everyone to write on the provided 3 x 5 cards at your table, the silent auction item you would like to donate. If possible, please commit to three items. When you make a donation, you



need to complete the Rotary donation form. Donations should be dropped off at Cathy's house.

Prior to this evening's meeting, Ralph hosted a get together with the crab feed volunteers.



What's most important at this point is for you to bring in the donations for the fun draw. Fred Rowe has the tickets for the Mega Draw.

It is also important to finish selling your crab feed tickets and bring Keith your money or any unsold tickets.

Beth reminded all of us that this is our major fundraiser and everyone has a role. If you don't know what yours is, check with Ralph

### Website Profiles

[Here's a link](#) to a video telling our members how to modify their Personal Profile on our website.

*Steve H*



## Holiday Food Baskets

The Fair Oaks Rotary put together holiday baskets for 83 families this year.

Tom Raines who wasn't able to join us this evening did a great job organizing this event and brought us in under budget by working with local merchants to donate many of the basket items this year.

Congratulations to all and enjoy some of the pictures from this year's project.



Grocery Bags Stuffed with Veggies  
One for Each Family



Marci -  
Who Makes It All Happen



Tom Raines  
Rotary's Holiday Basket Manager



Croutons Make Him Happy



Real Christmas Spirit



## Still More Announcements

### ClubRunner for your phone

ClubRunner is proud to announce that the ClubRunner Mobile App is now available for Android devices!

Already available for iPhones, this app gives you the ability to **browse through your member directory, view the latest feed of home page stories** and even **locate the nearest clubs** that are within a specified range of your current location, right from your Android device. To learn more about ClubRunner's Mobile App, please click [here](#).

*Steve H*

### District 5180 Newsletter

The January edition of the Rotary District 5180 FOCUS Newsletter is now online at the District website [here](#). You may also see it on your club's ClubRunner website.

### District 5180 Fireside Social

Bill Wittich would like to invite newer members (within about a year) to attend the District 5180 Fireside Social. You will find that the fun and learning will help bring your newer members up to speed in Rotary.



### Vocational Lunches

Our 1st networking luncheon of 2013 will be held at Carmelita's on Jan. 15th at noon.

We'll have an interactive discussion on Your Business Goals for 2013 - Are They S.M.A.R.T.?

Mark your calendar!

See you there.

*Pete*

### Singing & Playing

Well, the holidays have come and gone, and we'll be back to singing and playing some folk, blues, rock and pop - who knows what else - at The Clubhouse (5201 Primrose, just south of Madison - at the intersection of Wildridge & Primrose).

The 3rd Thursday of this month falls on the 17th, so mark your calendars!

Invite a friend or two for an evening of fun!

Some great local musicians and singers to lead the group. Lyric sheets provided for most songs.

7:00 - 9:00 PM -- 5201 Primrose Dr. in Fair Oaks (free parking!)

January 17th

Bring a beverage and a snack to share.

See you at The Clubhouse!

*Pete Schroeder*



## Tonight's Guests and Associate Members

Bonnie McClain

David Chen

Debra Price

Janet McWilliams

Jim Wilcoxon

Jimlee Staplefeld

Joe Maloney

Joedda Wick

John McGinness

Katya Brown

Kathy Lester & Liam

Molly Gilmore

Pat Gaston

Ramon Flores

Rosemary Lamb

Scott Jones

Sherrie Carhart

Vicki Walter







*Ramon Flores , Katya Brown, David Chen, and Molly Gilmore*



*Kathy Lester & son Liam*



*Virginia and Dave*



*Janet & Warren McWilliams*



**A "Seasoned" Veteran**  
Explains the Art of Packing a Holiday Basket



**Alice - Gets to the Bottom of the Squash Bin**



## Meeting Minutes

### Pledge of Allegiance

Maggie led us in the pledge.

### Song for the Day

Cliff led us in singing Happy Birthday to all our January celebrants .

### Sunshine Report

*J.B. Buzz McClain*

Happily there was no sunshine news!

### Thought for the Day

Bill S offered a thought from Tom Hanks, briefly summarized as *Everyday when you wake up you get to choose what that day's gonna be.*

### Drawings

Sheriff McGinness picked Bob Walters ticket for the free dinner.

Tonight's Ace of spades drawing was worth \$380, and after Jeannie Maloney dumped the contents of her pocketbook on the table looking for her ticket, Maggie was selected. Fortunately



Arrived Too Late for Pizza

for everyone except Maggie, she did not pick the ace of spades so the jacket pocket survives another week.

### Little Genius

Bob Walters was our little genius for this evening, and wanting to save time for the speakers, simply fined everyone, based on whether they had or had not made a New Year's resolution.

Since Bob forgot to let members volunteer "Happy Fines" seems like next week the first fine should be on Little Genius?



Beth Finds the Pies  
And Apparently Really Likes Apple

### Credit Where Credit is Due!

Photos in this Acorn are once again brought to you compliments of **Bruce Vincent!**

## Speakers & Meetings

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

Feb 18, 2013

[No meeting](#)  
President's Day Holiday

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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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