



# The Acorn

## Photo of the day



Six of the over 20 Fair Oaks Rotary volunteers who have contributed their time to make the new children's area of the Fair Oaks Library ready for the grand opening this Saturday...hope to see everyone there!

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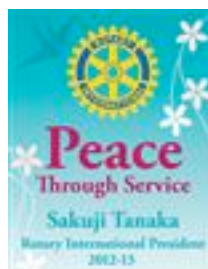
### Club Meeting Info

We meet Mondays at 6:45 PM  
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave.  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628 USA

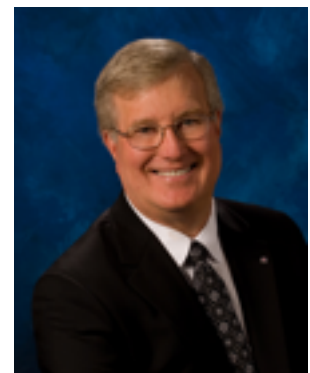
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District Governor Bob Deering

## Upcoming Club Meetings

**Apr 01, 2013**

[Monica Wilcoxen-Eisel](#)

Tanzania: Connecting and Enriching Lives with Intel's Education Service Corps

**Apr 08, 2013**

[Ray "Digger" from the Fair Oaks Cemetery District](#)

Overview of the the FOCD

**Apr 15, 2013**

[Bill Wagner](#)

Social Security and financial info

**Apr 22, 2013**

[NO MEETING!!](#)

Post River Cats "meeting"

**Apr 30, 2013**

[MEETING DATE CHANGED TO APRIL 30TH](#)

South African GSE joint meeting in El Dorado Hills

## Upcoming Club Events

[Board Meeting](#)

Cralle Residence

Mar 27, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

[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

[Meet GSE team from Africa](#)

EDH

Apr 30, 2013 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

[District 5180 Golf Tournament - Teal Bend](#)

May 03, 2013 08:00 AM

## Bruce and Michael

Taking a rare turn in front of the camera, our photographer Bruce Vincent and his son Michael, home from college for Spring Break, pose for this great father-son photo.

Like most issues of the Acorn, the majority of the great photos in this issue are courtesy of Bruce, and he usually has much higher quality versions of the photos you see here if there is ever one you just have to have.



## Cultural Fellowship

*Dave Barr*

The Fair Oaks Rotary Club held its first “Cultural Fellowship” pre-meeting Monday night at 5:45 at the clubhouse. It is still in its conceptual stages, but we can safely say it was deemed worth pursuing in light of its possible value and application to the six focus areas of Rotary. A rough plan for moving forward was outlined as follows:

1) Since this is intended to be a cultural exchange on an equal basis, one of the first things needed is to make sure that we have interested and willing partners on the other side. For now, that means continuing to engage members

and organizations from those communities to discuss possible cooperation and mutually beneficial goals. We've already started with the local Vietnamese-American community, so continuing with them seems a natural choice for realistic feedback on building a successful -and ultimately more inclusive - model.

2) Measurable results may take a while to appear, but just making friends and building trust is a good start. Talking with and listening to members of those other communities IS a valid awareness-building activity in itself.

3) Keep it on the radar. From guest speakers to club and community visits, we will try to offer at least one activity per month where members can get some sort of insights



into, or interaction with, members of the partner communities.

4) Continue to solicit suggestions from other Fair Oaks Rotary members on other communities to approach and possible future activities.

I'm open! And I personally really enjoyed the Russian music last night, so any input or questions can be directed to Dave Barr: 916-212-6436, or [DaveBarr@Pacbell.net](mailto:DaveBarr@Pacbell.net).





## Literacy Project Nears Completion

*Fred Rowe*

On Saturday, March 23, the finishing touches were put on our Family and Children's Center project at the Fair Oaks Library, just in time for the celebration scheduled for Saturday, March 30.

Lots of hands-on work and \$6,000... half of that as a grant from The Rotary Foundation... went into creating an area specifically for kids under five and their



parents.

We partnered with Friends of the Library on the project. The final work crew members couldn't resist being the first to actually use the area.

## 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.



From: Lana Adlawan <[ladlawan@saclibrary.org](mailto:ladlawan@saclibrary.org)>

Subject: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Our new space looks FABulous, thanks to the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks!

As you know, we could not do this alone, and appreciate so much the time spent in the library these last few weeks working on the collections.. again, again, and again.

Thanks so much for your work this weekend, and please extend my appreciation of your work to the rest of your members.



## Warren Celebrates 80 Years

*Mike Maddox*

Warren McWilliams turned 80 years old today! Or, should I call him: Mr Fair Oaks? As a resident of Fair Oaks for the past **67 years**, Warren has contributed thousands of hours and dollars to the Fair Oaks community.

SOME of his past positions: President of the Fair Oaks Historical Society (two times), President of the Fair Oaks Foundation for the Leisure/Arts, **President of the Fair Oaks Rotary club** and even Honorary Mayor of Fair Oaks. After working 34 years at the Fair Oaks Post Office he is now retired (12 of those years he ran the whole place pretty much by himself).

Warren assures me the Pony Express was a thing of the past when he started his career! I first met Warren in 1980 when I started working at the Post Office. About half the time he seems gruff and grumpy, but he's really a nice guy. I also noticed that if you give him a microphone in front of a group of people, he's actually pretty funny. He's an amazing asset to the community and it has been an honor for me to have met and worked with him. On behalf of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club members, the entire community, and myself: THANK YOU and HAPPY BIRTHDAY **Warren McWilliams!**



Past President Warren McWilliams (1977-78) celebrated his 80th birthday with us by buying the bar, tri-tip, and dessert at tonight's meeting.

Mike indicated Warren could be quite the ham when given a mic, and he confirmed it with a short story about the post office...

When I gave tours at the Post Office I showed a group of young people the Wanted

posters...and one of them asked...why didn't you catch them when you took their picture?

The Rowe's took advantage of the Happy Fine time to give Warren a "magic wand" and the largest whistle I've ever seen as Birthday gifts.







## Assistant District Governor Visit

This evening was an official visit for our very own Fred Rowe in his role as Assistant District Governor.

Fortunately, our club has experienced great membership growth; we have completed a number of successful projects, and we have developed District resources...covering all the primary areas RI asks ADGs to keep an eye on...so (for Fred) his report was very brief and very positive about what a great club we are!

## An Expensive Mistake

Yours truly enriched the Rotary treasury this evening via a pair of really dumb mistakes.

First I failed to recognize that Little Genius Bonnie was absent and Bill Wagner had taken her place. During our Cultural Exchange pre-meeting, I made the mistake of commenting on Bill's "cultural needs"...expensive slip of the tongue.

By far, the more costly mistake was overlooking my wife Vicki when asked by Beth to introduce guests at my table...think I'll be paying for that one for a long time to come!



## Help Wanted!

Speaking of literacy...if you enjoy the Acorn then your help is needed to provide content. Each week we have interesting speakers, stories, and more that deserve to be captured. Please take your turn acting as an Acorn reporter so we create the best Acorn possible. We have three volunteers already, but the goal is five more so we only need to report every couple of months. Call or email Keith if you can help.

## Featured Speaker - Natasha Owen

Born in Kazakhstan, she graduated from the Institute of Foreign Languages in Minsk, Belarus leading to her career in translation.

From 1983-1989 Natasha worked at the Soviet Academy of Sciences where she met her future husband Toby, leading to her emigration to the US where she worked as a Member of the Hawaii Association of Interpreters and Translators.



Some of her more recent accomplishments include:

1992 Established the Russian Community of Hawaii.

1999 Appointed to the position of Honorary Consul General of the Russian Federation in Hawaii.

2000 Founded the Children of Russia Foundation in Hawaii,

2009-10 Multiple short stories were published in Vienna, Paris, and Moscow.



Natasha opened with a joke about the difference between a lady and a diplomat before explained what the role of a Consul is and how she became the honorary Consul for Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union.

She also shared the story of ill seaman off the Island of Midway she helped as part of her Consul role, before summarizing her life as “wonderful journey”

Following her presentation, we were treated to four traditional Russian songs by two members of the Russian community.



## Membership Update

*Alice Rowe*

Of the three sessions I attended at this past Saturday's Rotary District Assembly, the session on "Membership" was the most exciting and (BEWARE) I came away with MORE ideas and thoughts about FUN THINGS we can do!! Membership is not just about bringing in new members, but it is every bit as important to make our existing members feel connected, and to make every member feel that their being a member of our Rotary Club of Fair Oaks is a worthwhile endeavor, both in terms of their time spent and the money invested.

Possible future things we can do (o.k., these are OPTIONAL) but we could have more socials, some which could include younger children, grandchildren, and high school students, such as...how about a bowling tournament with some of our members vs. our Interact Club? How about meeting at an ethnic restaurant and getting a tour and lecture from the chef, plus getting some history about their culture, and following it with a delicious social dinner together at the restaurant selected. Hmmm, we could even make a club video in which we highlight all our service projects and activities!





### Tonight's Guests...

We once again had a standing-room only meeting with many guests to celebrate Warren's birthday and to support our Featured Speaker this evening, Natasha Owen. Our guests, Honorary, and Associate members this evening were: Mrs Kovalyov, Tanya Scott, Vera Cherkoasova, Mr Sitmitskaya, Margarita Ioannesyn, Janet McWilliams, Jim Wilcoxon, Michael Vincent, Molly Gilmore, Monica Barr, Nancy Regan, Naoni Monroe, Pat Vogel, Rosemary Lamb, Ruth Elliott, Sergey Nemolyaev, Sherry Luttrell, Toby Owen, Vicki Walter.



## Meeting Minutes

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Fred Rowe led us in tonight's Pledge.

### **Thought for the day:**

Bill Stapelfeld offered the following two thoughts for the day: 1. happiness doesn't depend on external conditions, but rather internal conditions; 2. so if your ship doesn't come sailing in, swim out to it!



### **Song of the day:**

Pete led us in singing a very special version of "For he's a jolly good fellow!"

### **Tonight's Dinner:**

This evening we enjoyed tri-tip with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon, bread and salad

### **Drawings:**

Meal – Jeanne Maloney was this evening's winner of the free dinner.

Ace of Spades – Lloyd Hinkelman's number was selected and Mike brought the cards to Hink's

table spreading the approximately dozen cards remaining! Drawing the Two of Spades he won \$10 but the Ace remains for at least another week.

Little Genius - it took three times to find a winning ticket this evening, but finally Jeanne was again the "lucky" winner who will become Little Genius on April Fool's Day!

### **Little Genius:**

Bill Wagner, standing in for Bonnie, was in rare form, raising lots of money handing out big fines in rapid-fire fashion, leaving lots of time for happy fines this evening.







### St Johns Women's Shelter

Scheduled for St Johns Women's Shelter on April 16: Nita Castro, Don Hicks, Ted Darrow, Dave Claugus and Pete Schroeder.

### Central Regional Speech Contest

Some changes had to be made to the speech contest configuration of clubs. Our new, revised time and place are:

Central Regional

(Moderators: Mizell & Tracy)

Date: Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

Location: SMUD HQ Building,  
6301 S Street, Sacramento

### Heads Up!

Joint Club dinner for GSE team is CONFIRMED for Tuesday, April 30. Location might change from EDH to Folsom Community Center. NO regular Fair Oaks meeting on Monday, April 29.

**FESTA & VINO**  
a Celebration of Food and Wine

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
6:30pm-10pm  
Scottish Rite Center  
6151 H Street Sacramento

**WINE & FOOD TASTING**  
Silent & Live Auctions  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

See Details Online At  
[festadivino.com](http://festadivino.com)

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**ADVANCED  
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# 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**

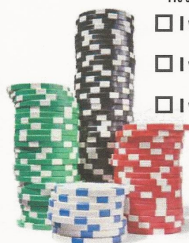
### TABLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

**\$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

**\$50.00  
Buy-In**



- ☐ I would like to donate a prize

- ☐ I would like to be a Table Sponsor

- ☐ I would like to purchase

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

## Carmichael Elks First Responder Appreciation Dinner for 2013

*Come Show Your Appreciation for Your Favorite  
First Responder*

**Carmichael Elks Lodge #2103**

Date: Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95609

## 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 Gym)

1021 Harvard Way, EDH

Point of contact for our Club will be defined shortly.

**PLAYMAKERS 4TH ANNUAL  
CRAB FEED/SPORT NIGHT**

St Vianney Church 16487 Coloma Rd Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**CRAB FEED**

- Live Entertainment
- Live & Silent Auction
- Sports Celebrities

**SPECIAL GUEST**

**BRYAN MAY**  
CHANCELLOR OF SPORTS

**TENECIA WALLACE**

**DATE**

- Date April 6th
- 6PM Cocktails
- 7PM Dinner

**\$60 Per Person**

**PHONE: (916) 220-1284**

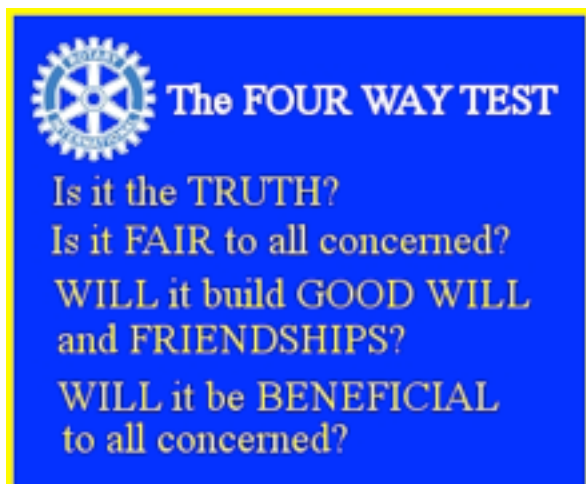
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