



# The Acorn

## Photo of the day



*Northridge students ready for their next story*

On February 26th over a dozen Rotary and Inner Wheel volunteers made the time to read to students at Northridge Elementary as part of Read Across America Day, a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually around Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and

community centers participate by bringing together kids and books. Alice Rowe once again helped find volunteers and worked with Northridge to make this great community event happen!



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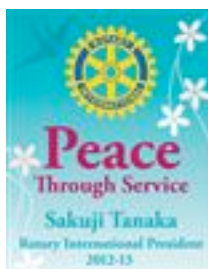
### Club Meeting Info

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

**Mar 11, 2013**

[Tobias Owen](#)

Mars rover Discovery and the search for life.

**Mar 18, 2013**

[Greg Roeszeler](#)

Playmakers - after school football and literacy program

**Mar 25, 2013**

[Natasha Owen](#)

Russian Consul - Warren McWilliams  
80th Birthday party!!

**Apr 01, 2013**

[Monica Wilcoxen-Eisel](#)

Monica is Beth's daughter. She will be talking about her recent trip to Tanzania.

## Upcoming Club Events

[District Assembly](#)

Mar 23, 2013

[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



### [We packed 'em in for the Inner Wheel Spaghetti Feed!](#)

Posted by Fred Rowe on Mar 04, 2013

As usual, our annual Spaghetti Feed with our Fair Oaks Inner Wheel affiliate was packed and energetic. IW President Janet McWilliams described the great work IW does locally and internationally, and the members lightened our wallets bidding on an assortment of items in a fun raffle.



## Birthday & Anniversary Report



### Member Birthdays

| Name               | Date   |
|--------------------|--------|
| Cralle, Jim        | Mar 02 |
| Wilcoxon, Beth     | Mar 05 |
| Carhart , Ralph    | Mar 18 |
| McWilliams, Warren | Mar 25 |

### Spouse Birthdays

| Name         | Spouse Of     | Date   |
|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Owen, Tobias | Owen, Natasha | Mar 20 |

### Join Date

| Name                | Years    | Date         |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Gaston, Charles     | 41 years | Mar 01, 1972 |
| McWilliams, Warren  | 33 years | Mar 01, 1980 |
| Scott, Robert       | 25 years | Mar 01, 1988 |
| Walters, Robert     | 34 years | Mar 01, 1979 |
| Rock, Elaine        | 1 years  | Mar 05, 2012 |
| Wick, Peter         | 15 years | Mar 09, 1998 |
| Hoy, Maggie         | 11 years | Mar 18, 2002 |
| Wagner, William     | 11 years | Mar 18, 2002 |
| Wilcoxon, Beth      | 11 years | Mar 18, 2002 |
| Grabbe, Virginia    | 3 years  | Mar 22, 2010 |
| Day, Duane          | 16 years | Mar 24, 1997 |
| Monroe, Steve       | 1 years  | Mar 26, 2012 |
| Romines, DPM, Karen | 1 years  | Mar 26, 2012 |
| Hagel, Bruce        | 5 years  | Mar 31, 2008 |





## Inner Wheel Raffle

Part of tonight's festivities included a raffle to help raise funds for Inner Wheel's many projects. In addition to the "mandatory" wine, auction items included a wide range of items from books and kitchen gadgets to home-made crafts.

In the bottom right photo Rick Chang, along with daughter Kirsten and RYE student David show off their winning items.





**Tonight's Guests, Visiting Rotarians, Associate and Honorary Members**

Rich Hale, Shayna Strauch, Vicki Foote, Jan McGorry, Pam Melton, Bob Howe, Jerry Foote, Bonnie McClain, Chandler Harrison, David Chen, Dean Henricks, Debra Price, Diana Cralle, Eddi Rains, Eriko Wagner, Janet McWilliams, Jinhee Staplefeld, Kirsten Chang, Mollie Hardy, Molly Gilmore, Naoni Monroe, Pat Chang, Pat Gaston, Pat Vogel, Patricia Hinkelman, Rosemary Lamb, Ruth Elliott, Sherry Luttrell, Vicki Walter, Virginia Grabbe, Michelle Harrison, Rich Hale, and Toby Owen.





## Mentor Program

*Alice Rowe*

Do you know that our Rotary Club of Fair Oaks has a **Mentoring Program** for new members? Well, it's new and still being tweaked to make it better and more helpful for new members, but here's the idea. When a new member joins our club, one of our more seasoned members is asked to help with understanding what it means to be a Rotarian, what is going on during the meetings (like, what IS this Little Genius business!), and introducing them to the other members in the club.

The idea is that we want our new members to become connected to the rest of us and to feel like they are a part of our Rotary family. Their new member "tasks" (like being a greeter, bartender, etc.) help in the same way....at least we hope so!!

So far, the following wonderful members have taken on this role: **Cliff Straehley** (Don Hick's mentor), **Maggie Hoy** (Trish Barnes), **Warren McWilliams** (Ron Adams), **Jim Cralle** (Dave Barr), **Charley Blatchford** (Todd Gaston), **Fred Vaske** (Ben Bolton), **Jeanne Maloney** (Nita Castro), **Bob Vogel** (Dave Clausus), **Bob Walters** (Tyler Happe) and **Bruce Hagel** (Natasha Owen).

Once the new member gets the New Member Red Ribbon off their name badge....the mentor "job" is complete! Would any of the rest of you be willing to be a Mentor to a new member? It's fun and worthwhile.....please let me know if you do!!  
Thanks, Alice

P.S. If you want to hear more about mentoring, or any aspect of the Membership program, please attend the **Membership Forum being held in the clubhouse next Monday, March 11th, at 5:45.** Remember, **everyone** in the club is a member of the Membership Committee....so please come if you can (even if it is just to share and/or to listen to ideas)!!







## Dave Claugus Loses His Ribbon

In what has become a more common, but no less important ceremony, Dave has completed his new member tasks and with help from Mentor Bob Vogel and Membership Chair Alice Rowe, happily loses his ribbon and takes his place among the distinguished and growing ranks of new Rotary members this year.

## New Member - Tyler Happe

As President Beth reads the induction speech, Alice attaches a Rotary pin welcoming Tyler as our newest member.

Tyler wanted us to know he is proud to be a part of the Fair Oaks Rotary and to give back to the community that he has forever called home.

Tyler grew up in Fair Oaks where he graduated from Bella Vista High School. After receiving his bachelor's degree from UCLA,



Tyler returned to Sacramento to attend the University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. Even though he currently lives in Rocklin, Tyler considers Fair Oaks to be the center of his world.

Tyler is the founding partner of Happe Reid, PC, a boutique law firm focusing on business, real estate, and estate planning, and located right here in Fair Oaks.

Tyler is also a principal of Main Street Funding, a private lending and trust deed investment firm.

Outside of the office, Tyler enjoys golfing, winter sports, and fishing. He's looking forward to meeting each of you and to ensuring that Fair Oaks, California can offer as much to future inhabitants as it has to him.

## Mike attends PETS

*Mike Maddox*

Thank you club members for sending me to President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in San Jose last weekend. Thanks also to Fred Rowe for driving!

There were over 400 PE's there and the event was very informative and organized. It was three days of learning, networking, fun and inspirational speakers.

At this event, each PE had to provide their district with two club goals: membership and amount of annual giving.

I submitted a goal of obtaining a net gain of two members. After conferring with Bill Wagner, our OUTSTANDING Foundation Chairperson, the annual giving goal was set to \$10,000. (\$1,000 higher than last year). With Bill Wagner at the helm, and the generosity of members, we should be able to achieve this goal.

And finally, the first ACTION ITEM for me is to persuade as many club members as possible to attend the District Assembly this coming March 23rd. It's only a half day (from 8 am to 12:30) and the small fee charged is paid by our club...SO PLEASE ATTEND!!



Rich Hale, President of the Citrus Heights Rotary Club tells us about their upcoming Texas Hold'em fundraiser

From: Eduardo Huarte <[ehuarte@yahoo.com](mailto:ehuarte@yahoo.com)>  
 Reply-To: Eduardo Huarte <[ehuarte@yahoo.com](mailto:ehuarte@yahoo.com)>  
 Date: Monday, March 4, 2013 12:35 PM  
 To: Beth Wilcoxen <[BRLW@pacbell.net](mailto:BRLW@pacbell.net)>  
 Subject: Re: TOOD AND FAMILY

My dear President(a) Beth:

All our love and we do really miss not being and working in such an excellent rotary club, in your next club meeting tell all the members we are with them and in working for a better future for all mankind.

Keep your flow moving with such a rotarian club,  
 Eduardo and Abril



## Something Extra with your Something Extra card from Raleys.

*Debra Price and Bruce Hagel*

You can help out the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library (and other organizations like local schools) when you do your grocery shopping. If you shop at Raley's, BelAir or Nob Hill Grocery, a percentage of your purchases can go to the organization of your choice.

If you have a Something Extra Card or account, go to [raleys.com](http://raleys.com) and sign in to your

account. Under the Something Extra tab, highlight the heading "Extra Credit" A dialog will ask you to "Add Organization." Your local organizations for 95628 will come up automatically, but to choose the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, type the zip code 95814 into the search box. You will then be able to find this organization and add it to your list. You can direct contributions to more than one organization.

It's a little thing that you can do that can make a big difference.

## Energizer Awards

Beth awards Ruth Elliot, Elaine Rock, and Karen Romines the coveted Energizer Award for their unstoppable support of our Literacy project at the Fair Oaks Library.



## Little Genius

Bonnie proved to be an extraordinary Little Genius, combining humor with rapid, plentiful small fines raising lots of money and few complaints...other than the entirely unjustified fine upon the Acorn editor for failing to properly insert Ralph's Crab Feed thank you;)

I am receiving the Acorn just super good.  
Keep em a'coming. Glad I am on your list. Thanks.  
Jerry Stauber 1/16





# 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

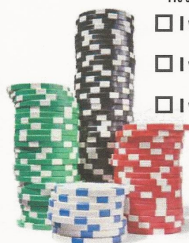
### TABLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

#### \$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

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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



## ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

To benefit  
The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
6PM TIL 10PM

Dinner at 7pm

WHERE??? FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

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

**TICKETSSSS \$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](http://www.fairoakstheatrefestival.com).

Tickets go on sale February 15<sup>th</sup>

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



## Fair Oaks Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel President Janet McWilliams took the mic just long enough to share a few facts before turning the program over to the Song Bird singers.

Janet shared how Inner Wheel is the largest Women's Service organization in the world. Founded in 1924 in Manchester, England, the vast majority of members are outside of the US.

The Fair Oaks chapter is the oldest west of the Mississippi and one of the largest with 32 members.

The Fair Oaks Inner Wheel is a long-time partner to our Rotary providing invaluable support on projects such as the Senior Luau, Crab Feed, and the Chicken Festival.



## A Big Thank You!

Beth recognizes Chandler and Michelle Harrison, Bella Vista parents and extraordinary volunteers for their multi-year support at our Crab Feed.



## Meeting Minutes

Tonight we enjoyed the annual Inner Wheel Spaghetti dinner.

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Inner Wheel President Janet McWilliams led us in tonight's Pledge.

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

Naoni Monroe shared the Inner Wheel Inspiration.

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

Celebrating the many March birthday's we sang (a really sad version of) Happy Birthday.

### **Drawings:**

Meal – Maggie Hoy was tonight's lucky winner of a free meal.

Ace of Spades – Todd Gaston was in the giving spirit when rather than finding the Ace, he drew the Joker, adding to next week's pot.



### **Other Business:**

The club award Ralph 500 Foundation points and a standing ovation as a thank you to leading us to a successful crab feed.

Ralph provided a summary for improving next year's Crab Feed based on suggestions



from this year's chairs before turning the mic over to Dan who walked us through the record-setting totals from this year's Crab Feed.

Ralph tells me more details will follow for those of you who can't get enough of the Crab Feed.

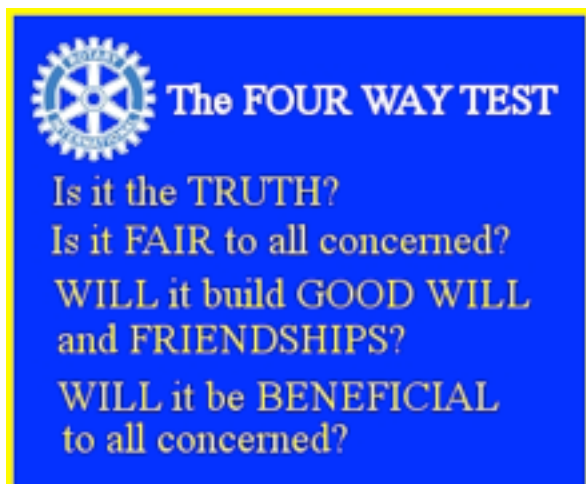






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