



The Acorn

Photo of the day



In what can only be described as a huge success, the Fair Oaks Rotary led a coalition of local service groups in the first Safe Halloween event in the park. RYE student David Chen and Interact

student Molly Gilmore pose for the camera at the amphitheater where over 500 donated books were distributed. More photos inside and online at our [Club Site](#) or on [Facebook](#).

Club Events

District 5180

Foundation Dinner

Doubletree Hotel

Nov 17, 2012 06:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Board Meeting

Rowe Abode

Nov 28, 2012 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM

Rotary Night at the Kings

Power Balance Pavilion

Nov 30, 2012 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Board Meeting

Romines Residence

Jan 16, 2013 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM

Board Meeting

Alberts Home

Feb 20, 2013 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM

Club Meeting Info

We meet Mondays at 6:45 PM

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

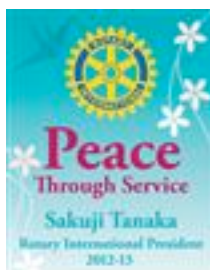
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District Governor Bob Deering

Welcome

President Beth worked overtime ringing the bell this evening as she tried to stop the socializing long enough to call the meeting to order.

Welcoming our guests and friends, Beth shared that this month we focus on the Rotary Foundation's mission.

Jim Cralle led us in the Pledge of Allegiance on this day before the 2012 elections.

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Thought for the day

Charley once again provided us with our thought for the day, but began by asking we continue to think of everyone on the East Coast who are still recovering from "Super Storm" Sandy while preparing for the possible arrival of a new storm.



Charley then proceeded to explain that many of us are buffeted by the events of life, dealing with unexpected health issues,

financial issues, and the many other things that life throws at us. As a boy, he recalls a line, carved in stone at a summer house he visited that read

*"Whichever way the wind doth blow,
Some heart is glad to have it so;
Then blow it east, or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best"*

President Beth's Message

Rotary International has designated November as the month to focus on **The Rotary Foundation** (TRF), and they have just announced that we can now sign up for regular monthly contributions. Go to [Rotary Direct](#), then select your fund, choose your amount and indicate how often you wish to contribute. This is just one way that TRF is looking for sustainability in all that they do, but you are also welcome to donate at any time throughout the year.

There are many fund choices, but most of you, most of the time, will want to choose "**Annual Fund – SHARE**" which is the only one that supports grants and activities chosen by our Club and our District for local and international projects. Donating to this fund also is a way to accrue Paul Harris Fellow points.

There are several other funds from which to choose, and the second one that is important to me is the "**PolioPlus Fund**". From time-to-time, I also contribute to this fund, and it is another way to accrue Paul Harris Fellow points.

With a little research, such as on <http://www.charitynavigator.org>, you will find that your contribution goes much further towards programs than most any other foundation with almost perfect scores for their financials, accountability and transparency. As you look at your possibilities for donating to charitable causes, please consider making The Rotary Foundation one of your top choices.

...Beth Wilcoxon



Interact clubs celebrate the program's golden anniversary

The very first Interact club, formed at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, USA, is joining Interact clubs and their sponsors around the globe in celebrating the program's 50th anniversary during World Interact Week, 5-11 November. Given all our Fair Oaks Interact club does to support our programs, take a moment to [read about the program's history](#) and then make the time to thank Ramon, Molly, or any of the other students who help make our local programs so successful!

Corrections

In the 10/29 Acorn I forgot to include Kiyomi Barr and Betsy Alberts who were both guests that evening - sorry.

Rotary Club of Fair Oaks**Birthday & Anniversary Report**

Sorted By Name

**Member Birthdays**

Name	Date
Adams, Ronald	Nov 17
Barnes, Patricia	Nov 06
Mathews, Shelley	Nov 23
Schroeder, Pete	Nov 08
Walter, Keith	Nov 14

Spouse Birthdays

Name	Spouse Of	Date
Schroeder, Peter	Browning, Anne	Nov 11

Anniversaries

Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
Wagner, William	Wagner, Eriko	30 years	Nov 26, 1982

Join Date

Name	Years	Date
Blatchford, Charley	24 years	Nov 01, 1988
Hoverman, Stephen	22 years	Nov 01, 1990
Maloney, Jeanne	15 years	Nov 24, 1997
Rinkel, Herman	3 years	Nov 16, 2009
Smallhouse, Cathy	20 years	Nov 01, 1992
Smith, Carsen	4 years	Nov 29, 2008
Stapelfeld, Bill	2 years	Nov 29, 2010

This week's song

In November we also have a number of birthday's to celebrate: Trish, who was not feeling well and was unable to join us, Pete, who is traveling back from Chicago, and according to what is in Club Runner was either born on the 8th or 11th, Keith, Ron and Shelley. Cliff, noting this was probably one of the earliest songs learned by most of us, led us in yet another stirring rendition of Happy Birthday.



Dinner

Dinner this evening included green salad, bean salad, mashed potatoes, and a whole chicken, masterly carved (at least at my table) by Tom Rains. For dessert we enjoyed Mike's retirement cake.

Following dinner, President Beth acknowledged Bob Vogel for once again shopping for this evening's dinner and our cooks for another delicious meal.

Sunshine report

Buzz McClain deferred his usual role this evening to Charley, who had visited with Don Hicks earlier in the day. Don had shoulder surgery last week, but was now home, and although still in a fair amount of pain, has begun physical therapy.

Time to celebrate

As Howard rolled a large cake toward the front of the room, Beth invited Mike to join her at the podium. As Mike pleaded for legal representation, Beth explained that Friday was Mike's last day with the Post Office as glasses of Champagne were distributed for a toast to our very own "Mailman Mike"



Safe Halloween

Bob Walters, in recognition of the tricky negotiations with all the other groups that supported Safe Halloween, was presented with a bottle of Rabbit Trick Wine by Beth.

Bob told us it was a very good event and thanked everyone for making it such a success, sharing that we gave out over 500 books to the kids. Some of the books also went to RAFT teachers, who helped us with the sorting.



different set up for the children to while they were there.

This was certainly a group effort with The Women's Thursday Club, Fair Oaks Theater

Festival organization, Fair Oaks Inner Wheel, Fair Oaks Interact, and the Downtown Merchants Association all playing a part in making this event successful.

Some people have already asked if we will do this again next year? Bob asked that before we decide, everyone should take a look at the pictures posted on [online](#). It is really inspiring to see the parents who immediately sat down and started reading to their children and the looks on the kids' faces who got books.

Bob offered special recognition to Ted's wife Neilu, who said she could only help for a couple of hours and ended up staying most of the day. He also called out all the Rotarians who volunteered their time to make this event successful.

Maggie shared a story about how a 4 year old, upon getting a book,



immediately sat down and said this was way better than getting candy.

Bob also shared that he was not able to offer his living room for book storage next year, and Ted immediately offered his home for storage. Beth said she couldn't imagine not doing this again next year given the reactions we saw this year and will work with anyone interested to see how to make next year happen.

She also reminded us that the book donations were an outgrowth of our literacy project this year at the library and we should have an update on that in a couple of weeks.

There were five

games play



Nominations for President

One more business item, according the bylaws of our club, everyone is invited to make a nomination for president for the 2013-2014 year (i.e. after Mike). If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Peter Romines who will then bring the nominations forward for a vote on 12/10.



Christmas Tree Lights

John Brothers explained that normally we try and put the lights up just before Thanksgiving, however this year the lift isn't available then. Therefore John is looking for volunteers for this Friday, Nov 9 to help with the lights. Whatever time you can donate will help, as it will likely take most of the day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to complete putting the lights and decorations up. There are many jobs, so anyone who can help is welcome. Volunteers are needed starting at 9:00 AM, and there will be work to do until it gets dark each day.

Holiday Food Baskets

Tom Rains talked about how once again Rotary will be distributing food baskets to Fair Oaks residents this holiday season. Volunteers are already contacting local companies and organizations for donations and more details will follow at our next regular meeting as the plan and dates firm up.

For new members (like me), Tom Alberts put together a great story after last year's event that can still be viewed online using the link below.

http://fairoaks-carmichael.patch.com/blog_posts/rotary-club-assembles-60-holiday-food-baskets-at-northridge-elementary

2013 Crab Feed

Our President reminded us that the Crab Feed will be upon us in no time and we need to keep this front and center in our minds, but most important - we need each and every one to start bringing in donations for the raffles.

Ralph has donation forms, and if you haven't already expressed how you would like to help, please contact Ralph soon as organizing efforts are about to begin!



Club Foundation Dinner

The **Fair Oaks Club Foundation Dinner and Awards** will take place in two weeks, on Nov 19th, upstairs at the Clubhouse. This event recognizes our members' giving to the Rotary Foundation and will be fully catered. Make sure to let Bill W

know if you and any guests will be coming as this is a fully catered event and we want to have the right number of places set.



Buzz and Bill are Amused
And Bob Takes a Much-Needed Nap

No meeting next week

In observance of Veterans Day we will not be meeting next week.

District 5180 Foundation Dinner

We still have seats left for the **District 5180 Foundation Dinner**, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento on **Saturday, Nov 17th**, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This event is focused on awards to the district clubs based on their donations. Please let Warren know if you are interested in joining us.

PolioPlus Fundraiser at the Kings

We also have **Rotary International's PolioPlus Fundraiser** at the **Sacramento Kings** game which will be held on Friday, Nov 30th and Maggie has sent an email asking people to send checks to her house so she can track who has paid.

Tonight's Guests

We once again had a number of guests join us including Ralph's good friend and visiting Rotarian Dean Henricks from the Citrus Heights club. Guest Speaker, and visiting Rotarian Brian Moore of the Natomas club; Leilani Beach, Ron Adams' "best friend"; Kiyomi Barr, Dave Barr's wife of 28 years; Trish Barnes' friend and future Rotarian Nita Castro; Interact President Ramon Flores; and our RYE student David Chen.



Tom Rains was greeted by fellow Rotarians with "unanimous support" in his attempt to draw the Ace of Spades...but kept the pot growing by selecting the Queen of Hearts instead.



The Ace of Spades Game
Tom Fails to Realize
That the Ace of Spades is Needed to Win

Little Genius



Drawings

Bob Vogel was the lucky winner of tonight's Free Dinner.

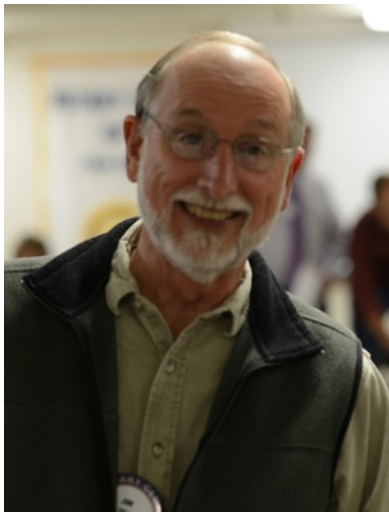


Warren, A Grouchy Little Genius -
Gets Boomed and Gets Grumpier

In what may have been the most "feisty" Little Genius performance in some time, Warren McWilliams began the "festivities" by fining everyone at a nearby table \$5 because nobody would admit to having

boomed him on the way to the podium.

Charley was asked about an encounter at the bank, at was fined for not giving Warren money when he was “panhandling” there.



Jim Wilcoxon avoided being fined because he was Warren's buddy.

The “choir” from last week were each fined a \$1 for singing off key and not keeping the beat.

Mailman Mike was also not fined tonight because he kept up

the tradition of retiring well from the Post Office, almost inspiring Warren to put the uniform back on.



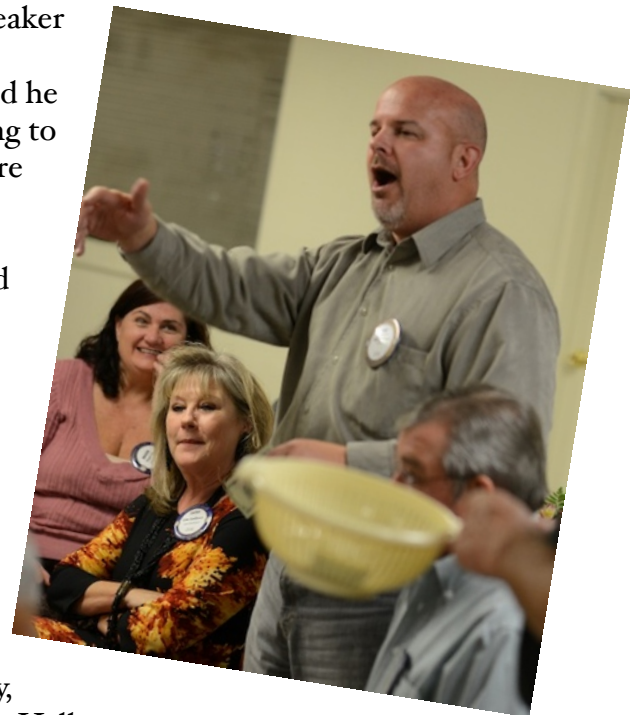
Warren Fines the ENTIRE Table \$5.00 Each
And Beth's Glass of Wine Suddenly Becomes Fascinating

Bill W has asked how much he wanted to donate for the nice cruise he just finished, but admitted he really didn't like the cruise.

Asking how many had talked with their “buddy” since the last meeting, everyone who hadn't was fined a \$1.

Telling us we had a “long winded speaker tonight” Warren said he wasn't going to do any more fines and asked if anyone had Happy Fines?

Dan S explained that last



Wednesday, he wore his Halloween costume to the bank and scared the living daylights out of the staff - so he was paying a happy fine for not getting arrested.

Jim C was happy he collected \$4.10 in his “beggar” Halloween costume at Safe Halloween, and rounded it up to \$5 for his fine.

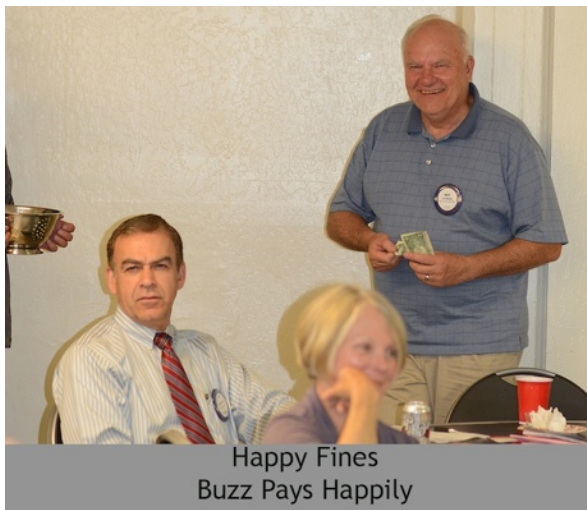
Bruce V paid a Happy Fine because had the pleasure of seeing Bella Vista's last two soccer games where they destroyed their opponents, and learned Bella Vista is nationally ranked and the games are free.



Maggie paid a Happy Fine because although the Battle for the Oak game was horrible, David got the opportunity to have his picture taken with Olympian "DeeDee" Trotter.

Ralph paid a Happy Fine because he has two wonderful

Rotarians working with him tomorrow all day in his precinct helping with the voting.



Happy Fines
Buzz Pays Happily

Buzz, paid "only" a \$1 for being at the Giants' parade in San Francisco because it was so crowded he couldn't see anything. On the other hand, he was in Apple Hill yesterday and explained in the first running of their annual run, his son won the 5 year-old race. Well on Sunday, his granddaughter won the very same race.

Fred paid a Happy Fine because in one more day we will have no more political ads and no more robo calls for at least a couple of weeks!

Beth shared that in about one hour her daughter will start the trek of her life as she climbs [Mt. Meru in Tanzania](#) on an educational trip that Intel sponsored.

Dave Barr paid a Happy Fine to celebrate his and Kiyomi's 28 years of marriage

And last but not least, Warren explained that Peter Wick needed to



pay a \$5 Happy Fine for winning another Gold Medal for his Orange Dragon Liqueur.



Happy Fines

Orange Dragon Wins Another Gold Medal with pressure from Little Genius, Peter Pays

Featured Speaker



Bill Wagner, as our Foundation Chair, had the pleasure of introducing this evening's speaker.

Tom Cicchini, District PolioPlus Chair, was originally scheduled

for this evening, however he was double booked so Brian Moore volunteered to step in. Brian is a former District Governor and is currently in charge of Polio Plus for Zone 25 - which stretches from the State of Washington down through Arizona (and includes Hawaii). Brian has been a Rotarian since 1995 and both he and his wife are Paul Harris Fellows.

Brian is a Civil Engineer by training and vocation, but his love is wine and has been certified wine judge for the State of California for the past 25 years.

Brian opened his presentation by explaining that he had

consulted with President Beth and decided not to show the PolioPlus video this evening, because the video was only a little over 40 minutes long and the meeting needed to be at least an hour and a half.

What Brian really wanted to do is bring us up to date on where we are with PolioPlus. We just came off of a \$200 million challenge, and when the challenge ended Rotarians had contributed \$228 million.

Our club exceeded the \$2,000 goal District clubs were asked to donate last year, something only about half the clubs managed to do.

What is Rotary doing with Polio now? Brian is back from a brainstorming session about how to get Polio back in front of people, because we are not done.

Brian had passed out the new handout which outlines "Here's What You Can Do". The focus at this point is for Rotarians to become advocates.

The key elements of this new effort are:

- Build Awareness
- Raise Funds
- Reach Out
- Encourage Advocacy

Learn more by clicking on the link below!

www.endpolionow.org



Speakers & Meetings

Nov 12, 2012

[NO MEETING](#)

It's Veteran's Day!

Nov 19, 2012

TRF Club Recognition Dinner

Speaker: Cynthia Collins Shain

Nov 26, 2012

TBD

Dec 3, 2012

TBD

Dec 10, 2012

Club Assembly: Election of Officers

Dec 17, 2012

[NO MEETING](#)

(post Christmas Party)

Dec 24, 2012

[NO MEETING](#)

(Christmas Eve)

Officers & Directors

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and FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL it be BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

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