



The Acorn

Photo of the day



**THE TREASURER EXPLAINS -
INCOME REQUIREMENTS
WITH OUR NEXT LITTLE GENIUS**

Tonight we celebrated Halloween early, and Dan clearly had fun with more than his costume this evening.

Even though he wore what might have been the best "Little Genius" outfit ever, he gave everyone a pass this evening,

levying no fines, in light of the collections taken for new members...but he couldn't resist having a little fun with Warren, who won the honor of being Little Genius next month.

Club Events

Safe Halloween

Fair Oaks Village
Oct 31, 2012

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

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

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Welcome

Pledge

Debra Price led us in the Pledge this evening.

Thought For The Day

Charley began by saying that of course our thoughts were with all the people on the East Coast this evening, who are currently dealing with "storm of the century" Sandy.

He then shared a reading from the Dali Lama, reminding all of us to think kindly of others and offer our service to them whenever possible.

Song Of The Day

Song Meister Pete invited all his "Elves" to join him up front for his "antidote to safe Halloween", his original song entitled "The Ro-t'ry Club."

The lyrics are included to the right, but to fully relive this unforgettable experience, click the link below to view and hear the newly-posted YouTube video that no doubt will go viral once the world discovers it!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbwZUHLEK8w>



The Ro-t'ry Club

We were moving out west, to escape the cold.
But my lady and I didn't know a soul.
It came to our attention, a fun-loving crew,
Got together every Monday, and next thing we knew...
(refrain:)

We joined the club. We joined the Ro-t'ry Club.
The Ro-t'ry Club. It wasn't just for the grub.
We joined the club. It's much more than a pub.
We joined the club. We joined the Ro-t'ry Club.

We met Alice & Fred, and so many more.
Peter was the President - a coat & tie he wore.
Then Beth took the reins, to even the score.
I'll probably get fined, but that's what we're here for.
(refrain)

We love Little Genius, we say, tongue in cheek.
We support the Foundation & the Governor geek.
The 4-Way test - keeps us all meek
Put-'em-all together, we come back every week
(refrain)

President Beth's Message

ENERGY: vigor, power, liveliness, get-up-and-go, oomph, vitality...
Wow! Did you feel it Monday night also??? From costumes to inductions and a very ENERGIZED RYE student back from Denmark...
WOW!

Rotary from the beginning has emphasized the value of fellowship together leading to more effective service together, and yes, this is part of what I have learned from being a member of our Club. The synergy we build by being together, learning together, working together and having fun together leads to us serving our community in bigger ways. In one week, we are providing service to our military veterans and our high school students, to those needing blood and to our young children learning the values of community and reading.

And the cycle of service and fellowship, supporting each other in our challenges and triumphs, and working and learning together continues next week. Yes, I feel ENERGIZED by each of you and the power of what we can do together!

...Beth Wilcoxon



PAST PRESIDENTS
HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE TO SET UP A TABLE?

Dinner

I am happy to say our fine cooks have returned to the kitchen after last week scrambling to get pizza when they were unable to join us.

After enjoying the usual drinks and appetizers we were served a mixed green salad, garlic bread, and spaghetti with meatballs for dinner.

For desert we enjoyed fresh baked cookies and ice cream sundaes - at least all of us who saved room, weren't being inducted, and believed the story about the calories being removed.



THE CLUB TREASURER
EVERYONE PAYS THEIR FINES WHEN DAN'S ON THE JOB

Announcements

Uncorked

Beth began this evening's meeting by inviting Peter Wick to the front, where he was awarded the new Presidential Energizer Bunny award for his leadership of this year's Uncorked event.

Peter Romines passed the football pool around to raise money for Polio Plus.



Beth awards the trophy

Battle for the Oak

Speaking of football, this past Friday night, our club offering Vets free flag pins and admission to the annual



Rotary @ "THE game"

Battle for the Oak game.

We have been supporting this event between our local high schools for several years now, and once again we award Del Campo the trophy for winning. Our thanks to Joe, for making this happen for us.

Blood Source

This Saturday morning, several of us enjoyed a tour, led by Lorraine, of the local Blood Source.

Our thanks to Pete and Elaine who organized this event.

Before and after the tour some of us were able to donate, including our President!



Blood Source guide Lorraine



Yes, we do expect blood, as well as your time, money, first born...

Safe Halloween



**BOB RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS
FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN**

"Dr" Walters was invited to tell us about Safe Halloween this Wednesday and suggested everyone just keep their costumes on 'til then. He explained everyone is welcome, even if you haven't signed up, we will find something for you to do.



David is ready for Halloween, are you?

District Foundation Dinner

Beth asked everyone to see Warren if you have any questions or need to pay for the Foundation Dinner coming up on Nov 17th.

Kings Game

Maggie couldn't stay this evening, but Beth reminded us the King's Fun Bus still has a few seats open.

SF Giants - 2012 World Series Champs

Beth led us in a cheer for the SF Giants winning the World Series, and expressed relief that tonight's



Rotarians celebrate the "sweep"

meeting was not competing with a game 5 of the Series.



A PAIR OF GIANT'S FANS

Tonight's
Guests



The Gaston Family: Pat, Charlie & Todd, not pictured here, but also guests tonight were Kathi, Ashley, Nicole, & Wesley Gaston



Super Ron and Guest Leilani Beach



RYE Speaker Isabel Jacobsen with Parents Katy and Rick

Not pictured here, are guests: David Chen, Ben Bolton, Nita Castro, Jim Wilcoxon, Pat Vogel & Chiara (RYE student from Italy)



District RYE Chair
&
Visiting Rotarian
John Carr



BLAINE AND ROSEMARY LAMB



Returning Guest Dave Claugman



New Member Inductions

Beth invited family members to join our new inductees: Ben Bolton, Dave Barr, and Todd Gaston at the front of the room.

In response to Beth's comment about Charlie Gaston's long tenure with the club, Warren offered that he had joined the Fair Oaks Rotary in 1971. Beth seemed surprised that Warren would remember this, until he explained that he was only 12 at the time.

Taking a more serious tone, Beth observed that our new inductees had been proposed for membership by a multitude of existing Rotary members and had been approved by the Board for membership. She then went on to explain it was her privilege this evening to induct them as new members.

Invoking the most somber and reverent tone she could muster while wearing an Energizer bunny costume, Beth did a great job of presiding over the induction ceremony. She was supported by proud Membership Chair Alice Rowe, as each new member was presented with a Rotary plaque and pin.

The new members were then asked to take a minute or two and share a little bit about

themselves with the club. Their speeches are available by clicking on the links below.

Ben Bolton's speech

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFJOIMOf6yo>

Dave Barr's speech

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRpQxIFMIK4>

Todd Gaston's speech

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzclL2Y_xs

Drawings

Brand new Rotarian Ben Bolton was the lucky winner of tonight's free dinner drawing.

Much to everyone's surprise, Ben was also selected to draw tonight's Ace of Spades jackpot. While it was his lucky night to get both draws, he was kind enough to not draw the Ace allowing the jackpot to grow for another week.

Last, but not least, tonight we also drew for next month's Little Genius, which Warren won, reportedly for the first time in over 10 years.

Halloween Costume Awards

Beth invited Charley to bring his judging team to the front and announce the winners. To nobody's surprise, his judges allowed Charley to face the wrath of the crowd by himself.

Charley, ever cool under pressure, realized we had not done a Sunshine Report, and shared that Don Hicks had successfully completed shoulder surgery this morning and was recovering at the hospital.

Moving to tonight's contest, in the category of "most colorful" costume, the winner was "Superman Adams"

Next was sort of a grey area for us, in the category of "Scariest" costume, the award goes to Dan Smallhouse.

We have gone through some of these categories before, so in the category of most recycled costume, the award goes to Bruce Hagel.

We couldn't make up our minds about this next category, so in the "Most Ambiguous" category, the winner is Peter Romines.

We also had a prize for the "Most Deceiving" costume, which was awarded to Karen Romines - dresses as Peter Romines?!??



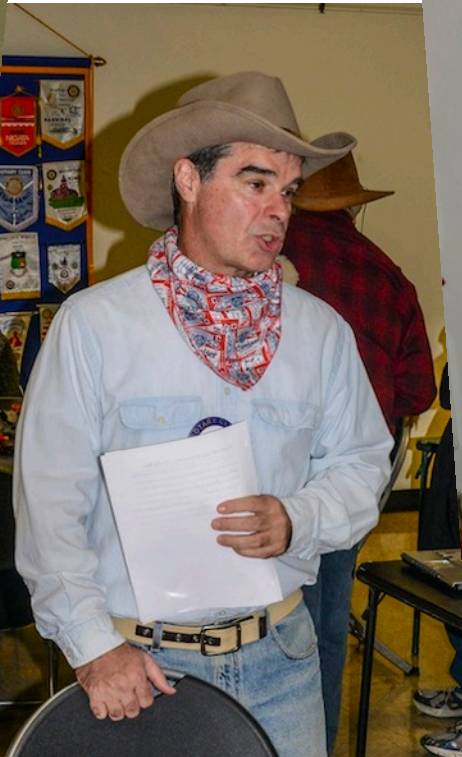
And finally, the Most Secretively Disguised award went to Trish Barnes - who unfortunately we didn't get picture of!



Halloween Costume Pictures



Halloween Costume
Pictures Continued



Little Genius

Dan Smallhouse, in one of the award-winning costumes, asked President Beth to forgo fines this evening in light of the generous donations everyone had already made on behalf of our newest members. We did however proceed with...**Happy Fines!**

Fred paid a fine to celebrate the (lack of) hitting by the Detroit Tigers.

Karen celebrated that her son was back on American dirt after returning from duty overseas.

Charley's son two fines, one because his son didn't contract meningitis after being exposed; and the second to celebrate his 24th anniversary with the club!

Ted paid a Happy Fine because at the start of the 4th quarter, the 49ers are up 24 to 3 over Arizona, and having just returned from two weeks in Hawaii, Ted was able to visit Warren's brother's memorial in Pearl Harbor.

Pete paid a Happy Fine because he and Anne just celebrated their 22nd anniversary, and because his first golfing buddy in Fair Oaks, Tom Alberts, was able to rejoin us this evening.

Bonnie paid a Happy Fine to celebrate the World Champion San Francisco Giants.

Visiting Rotarian John paid a \$3 Happy Fine to celebrate the 3 wonderful RYE students with us this evening.

Pat Gaston paid a Happy Fine to celebrate their wonderful son Todd being inducted into Rotary.

Tonight's Featured Speaker

Mike Maddox introduced Isabel Jacobsen, our RYE student who spent last year in Denmark. She

was joined at the head table by her parents, Rick and Katy; visiting Rio Americano High School RYE student Charia from Italy; and our current RYE student David Chen.

Isabel demonstrated both the maturity and poise she learned while living abroad by departing from the "expected" presentation of: went here; did that; power point presentation. Explaining that while she did have the "expected slides", what she wanted to talk about didn't match the slides.

Isabel then proceed to captivate the attendees for the next 30 minutes; first with an emotional story of what her year in Denmark meant to her; followed by a more traditional slide show; before finishing



with a lively Q&A session.

To see and hear the first few minutes of her remarkable story, simply follow the link below.

My Life As a Dane

Isabel's story of her year in Denmark as a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student in 2011, as told to the Fair Oaks Rotary Club on 10/29/12.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODNciX4SdeM>

Speakers & Meetings

Nov 05, 2012

Tom Cicchini, District Polio Plus Chair

"Current Status of Polio Eradication"

Nov 12, 2012

NO MEETING

"It's Veteran's Day!"

Nov 19, 2012

Club Foundation Dinner and Awards

"Speaker: Cynthia Collins"

Nov 26, 2012

TBA

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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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