



The Acorn

Photo of the day

Our Interact students meet District Governor Bob Deering



Our club has a long history of working with students at Bella Vista through the Interact program. This year over 90 students attended their first meeting of the year and we had over 30 students help at this

year's Senior Luau. Governor Deering made a special point of talking about not only the importance of continuing to expand Rotary's membership, but of the energy and value our young people bring to Rotary.

Club Events

Fair Oaks Uncorked

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

Oct 12, 2012 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Board Meeting

Papworth Abode

Oct 17, 2012 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Battle for The Oak

Bella Vista High School

Oct 26, 2012 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Safe Halloween

Fair Oaks Village

Oct 31, 2012

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Call to Order

Shortly after 7:00 President Beth rang the bell to begin the meeting.

Our guest, **Chris Deering**, led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Tonight's inspirational thought came from **Charley**, who paraphrased Eleanor Roosevelt saying, "the world needs dreamers, the world

needs doers, but most of all the world needs dreamers who do".

Our resident song meister **Pete**, on Beth's request, once again led us in Row, row, row your boat, with the women being led by "the lovely" Alice, and the men led by husband Fred, both fresh from their extended holiday.

Dinner

Eating on real plates with flowers decorating the tables, we had chicken cordon bleu as our main course with a fresh fruit salad, pasta, and apple pie a la mode for desert.

As our guest **Patricia Hinkelman** shared with the club, tonight's meal was the best she had tasted at the club in her 35 years of visiting, so we invited our chefs to come out and take a bow!



Sunshine Report

Buzz was not able to join us this evening so **Beth** shared that Buzz gave us a little scare at the Senior Luau, but has passed all his tests at the hospital and will hopefully be back with us soon.



Howard inquired if anyone had heard from **Virginia Grabbe** and Warren shared she had called to get an address and phone number and said she was doing very well.

Maggie had been in contact with **Maddie Wells** and she is doing really well, but is feeling a little homesick. Her school schedule is quite different from what she was used to and she is still adjusting to the different smoking habits in Italy.

Club Business

Last week we celebrated the success of the **Chicken Festival**, however **Shelley** wasn't able to be with us so tonight Beth made a point of recognizing all the time and effort Shelley put in to organizing this year's event.

Thanks also to **Bob Walters** and **Inner Wheel** - great team effort!

Uncorked will be here Oct 12, 2012 and **Fred** is looking for

either money or tickets ASAP.

Peter W. passed around a volunteer sheet to help at the event, but we still have a few openings.

Ralph is actively looking for volunteers to help with the **Crab Feed** as Feb 9th will be here before we know it.



Jim reported that we had over 90 Fair Oaks Seniors enjoying lunch and live entertainment on Wednesday, September 19th at the **9th Annual Senior Luau**.

Jointly sponsored by the Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District and the Fair Oaks Rotary Club this annual event is hosted at Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse.

We also had over 30 Bella Vista High School Interact students help serve and entertain. The You Tube link below will take you to a brief slideshow and video that captures the Seniors, Interact students, and Rotarians enjoying a few memorable moments together. http://youtu.be/jp-XrQ2_mM0

District Foundation Dinner will take place on Nov 17th at the DoubleTree hotel. We are trying to fill a third table - please see Warren for tickets.



The Rotary District **PoloPlus Sacramento Kings** game will take place Fri. Nov 30th, and Steve Monroe's daughter Rebecca, will be singing the National Anthem at the game.

Visiting Rotarians

Charlie introduced **Pat Carelli**, sharing that they were club presidents together at their respective clubs 15 years ago. Pat is from the "Fair Oaks South" Rotary Club.

Warren introduced **Flint and Renata Saylor**, who currently don't have a club, but he has been a member of Rotary for 40 years and is the past president of two different clubs.



Both Flint and Renata are Paul Harris Fellows.

Renata thanked us for a lovely dinner and thanked Janet and Warren for bringing them tonight.

Flint stood and shared that on Nov 17, he and Renata will celebrate 62 years of marriage.

We are also honored to have **Chris and Bob Deering** join us this evening!



Tonight's Guests

Fred introduced Interact President **Ramon Flores** and Vice President **Molly Gilmore** who joined Bob at the front table this evening.

Ralph introduced our interactive visitor John White from Bella Vista, as well as Interact student Charlotte Garcia who helped with the Senior Luau, and David Chen our exchange student.



Jim introduced Dave Barr, making his third visit with the club.



Hank introduced his wife Patricia Ruth, and shared that she's been coming to the club for 35 years, and that this was the best meal that she had ever had.

Janet McWilliams, President of Inner Wheel was also able to join us this evening.

And Jim Wilcoxon, one of our Associate Members clearly enjoying the evening.



Announcements

Bob Deering was asked to present some special award this evening and began by talking about Rotary's peace through service message, and how the support of clubs like ours make foundation programs possible. Tonight's award winner, **Charley Blatchford**, is a great example of ongoing Rotary support.

Charley first awarded a Paul Harris in 1996. Since then he has awarded Paul Harris fellowships to his three children and his grandchildren and tonight we honor him as the winner of a Multiple Paul Harris Fellowship award.



Mr. Deering had one more award to give out, saying he didn't believe ethics today are what they should be.

Rotarians created four simple questions in 1932 to promote ethical behavior now known as the four-way test

This year he decided to give out a pin that recognizes the Rotarian who exemplifies the values of the four-way test

Asking for names, each president said they could identify many, but his budget limited him to one name.

Tonight we honor **Dan Smallhouse** for his many years of high ethical behavior!



Drawings

The winning ticket for tonight's free dinner, pulled by Bob Deering, was **Shelly**.

Tonight's jackpot was \$320, and with **Keith** drawing the five of clubs, the jackpot will grow once again for some lucky member to try again next week.

And last but not least, Interact President **Ramon** selected **Dan Smallhouse's** ticket to be Little Genius next month.

Little Genius

This is **Pete's** last night as little genius, and asking if he should go easy on everybody, fined anyone who said yes.

We have a buddy system in the club, and for everyone who hasn't called their buddy, donate two dollars.

Little genius caught **Alice**, who forgot to pay for dinner, and was fined two dollars, which Bruce quickly volunteered to pay

But since it was **Bruce H.** who tattled on Alice, he was fined four dollars, which Alice agreed to pay

And finally, anyone who volunteered to do anything with uncorked was spared, everyone else got to pay a dollar fine

Happy fines

Peter celebrated his second granddaughter's birthday

Bill W. donated \$20 to celebrate the San Francisco Giants making the playoffs, and shared they have seats for the games

Fred had a great vacation in Norway and Eastern Europe tried to pay a happy fine using some of his left over Polish currency, which Alice quickly corrected.

Alice highlighted that on their trip they visited three Rotary clubs were only able to bring back one flag from the Berlin Rotary club

Howard paid a happy fine to celebrate his 34th anniversary with the Fair Oaks Rotary Club!



Cathy Smallhouse donating a birthday fine to the foundation.

Anne paid a happy fine for everyone chipping in to perform her duties when her car broke down preventing her from getting to the club early this evening.

Shelley paid happy fine for winning two new grants that she's starting with this month.

Ralph's happy fine is because his grandchild was going to be visiting this Friday.

Richard Chang paid a happy fine for Alice putting her on a Putting them on the committee

Bruce V. paid a happy fine for his son taking down the entire dorm when he installed his wireless network.

Bill W. noted that the Club's Foundation dinner is coming up November 19 and if you need to

Featured Speaker

Fred introduced Bob saying two and a half years ago there was a question if a mild-mannered CPA could rise to the challenges of being a district governor. We said yes, and I'm here to tell you we made the right call

Bob was introduced to the presidents as "your boss", but he was quick to correct this, telling the presidents they were his boss.

Of course Fred couldn't let pass the fact that Bob had posted some glowing accolades to the Dodgers this summer, before noting that they're not even going to make the playoffs, and commented this only proves how difficult it is to overcome on a misspent youth.

Taking the microphone, Bob had to improvise as technology proved a problem all evening.



He began by saying it is an honor to have all these young kids with us here from interact and to hear of all the wonderful he youth programs this club is involved with.

He explained the biggest job he has is to find the right people to work on the district committees, which are available to help the clubs.

The foundation committee is working to make more dollars available for local projects

His theme is for every person's vision to become a project. Bob and Chris recently visited with the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills and learned they had a vision to create a Teen Center. Working with their community they helped raise \$1.5 million dollars to make it a reality.

He shared that 2/3 of kids graduating from 3rd grade can't read at a 3rd grade level. Typically, students during grades 1 through 3 are learning to read, and from 4th grade on are reading to learn. If 2/3's of our children aren't

leaving 3rd grade reading effectively, what does that say about their chance of future success. This is an area where we can help one person, that will really make a difference.

Bob pointed out that our club has been doing a great job with membership, and while it is great Rotary has 1.2 million members worldwide, we had 1.2 million members in 1998. Over the last 14 years Rotary has added 1.2 million members, but we have also lost 1.2 million members.

Each of us needs to look for ways to bring new people to Rotary as well as help hold on to the members we already have.

Speaking of his experience with a wheelchair project several years ago, his "Rotary Moment" was when a young man put his arms around him and explained he was so thankful that I had come all the way from the United States to bring him his wheelchair, and for the first time he would be able to leave the house under his own power to see the sun. We all need to share our "Rotary Moments" with new members.

In closing, Bob wouldn't be a District Governor without talking about the District "Camp" Conference. Once again dealing with finicky technology, we watched a short video promoting the conference next Spring at the Hyatt Lake Tahoe, May 10-13.

