



FULLERTON *Sunrise* ROTARY

Rotary 101 – The Early Years

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Fullerton Sunrise Rotary

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Meetings are:

Thursdays @ 7:15 AM

Meridian Sports Club

1535 Deerpark Drive

Fullerton, CA 92831



The Late 20's & 30's were turbulent years for Rotary. In the 20's Rotary began to spread through Europe. In Europe controversies and rumors were spread about Rotary comparing and linking the Rotary movement to Freemasonry.

Also in the 20's the Catholic Church campaigned against the Rotary because they were concerned that Rotary was a religion. The Catholic Church had officially decreed that Catholics could not become Rotarians and had published in the Vatican newspaper to "Beware of Rotary".

Rotary Clubs were also disbanded in Eastern Europe with the spread of communism there.

To help combat these misconceptions of Rotary, the Code of Ethics of Rotary was replaced with the Object of Rotary.

There are four objects of Rotary:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Members of Rotary during the early years were typically White Males. This was not entirely a discrimination action but a sign of the times. During these times, most affluent business and professional people were White Males and thus the membership of Rotary was made up of White Males. In 1982, Rotary International officially opened up membership to all people regardless of race, creed or color. Later in 1987, Rotary membership was opened to women.

Other News:

Bruce Powell – The Newest Rotarian in the World

Bruce Powell was officially given his Red Badge and welcomed into the club by Steve Eldredge. We are all excited by Bruce as the newest member of our club and look forward to his contribution to FSR. Welcome Aboard!

Crittenton – Valley View Park & Tot Lot Complete

Al Olson announced that the Crittenton Park & Tot Lot had its Grand Opening. Al passed pictures of the Grand Opening showing the New Tot City, Benches, Parking Lot for Tot Cars and Grass Areas.

Membership Meeting December 8

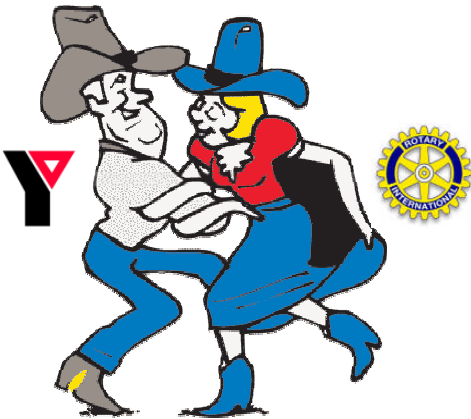
Steve Eldredge announced that a membership meeting will be held next Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30. All interested parties should attend.

Christmas Party Set for December 13

Howard Dutra announced that the FSR Annual Christmas Party has been set for Sunday December 13 @ 5PM at the Meridian Sports Club. Susan the social worker will be attending the party and will also be collecting gifts. This year the emphasis is gifts for teenagers that build family togetherness like board games and like. If you bring a gift that is wrapped, please place a note on the gift describing what the gift is.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Info.

- Carole Bartholomew celebrated a Record Wedding Anniversary December 3rd
- Ron Gillette's son, Derek celebrated a birthday December 4.
- Al Olson also celebrated a birthday December 6.
- Ron's brother who lives in Fiji and lives a very healthy lifestyle just had a triple bypass.
- Howard Dutra celebrated Thanksgiving in Roseville where enjoyed a White Thanksgiving.
- Gene Stelcik and Sara Bergstrom returned from a great trip to Egypt.
- Bob Sanders became a grandfather.
- Prochaska translates into "The Wanderer" in Czech.
- The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.
- Never stand between a dog and a fire hydrant.



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