

**FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
January 25, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Carhart following another wonderful potluck. (Some of the raffle was conducted during dinner.)

Guests were introduced.

Program: Vice-president Trude Vasquez introduced the program for the evening.

The program was about George's Oak Room..... The program started with Bob Brugger who talked about the bars in Fair Oaks and the fourth bar which was the Oak Room. The Oak Room was on the Northeast corner of Sunrise and Fair Oaks, Ora McGinness was the first speaker she shared the story of the last night of the Oak Room when Mac Huss came in dressed as a bum, who brought in a farewell message and a bottle of Thunderbird wine, which Ora read. Bob and Billy Russ, who met at the Oak Room, he talked of Mike Curtis who was a fixture at the bar. Bob Bonner who worked with George at Mather. Dick Underdown had a Real Estate office across the street, he gave gift certificates from the Oak Room (at a discounted price) for his clients. Warren McWilliams shared that he used his Standard Oil credit card at Oak Room, also the letter carriers ate a lot of breakfasts there. Ron Hankens, an ex Aerojet employee spoke of John Luis a good friend of his that they had many great times. The years of operation was in the 1962 - 1982. In 1985 it was La Posta restaurant for a few years.. .

Business Meeting

Ralph thanked Warren and Judy Blomquist for the kitchen set-up. He also mentioned that we were collecting emails. Others were thanked that have been doing things for the group.

President's Report: Ralph talked of the last years accomplishments. Highlights of this was the lease of the "Buddies" building, the lease has been signed. Help is needed to get the building ready. Joe Dobrowolski is heading this committee. Ralph also reported that we had a very successful Soup Night and raised \$7400. The website has also been improved thanks to Jim Pearce. **Plans for the future**, informal talks with the tape recorder perhaps a new updated book. He also announced committee assignments for the next year.

Installation of New Officers: Past President Warren McWilliams installed the following officers for the 2011 year: President, Ralph Carhart; Vice-president, Trude Vasquez; Treasurer, Joe Dobrowolski; and Secretary, Janet McWilliams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Family-Life Memberships: The following Life memberships were considered by the group: Hedda and Tom Smithson, new Family- Life membership; upgrading of the Pearce's and Carhart's family memberships. These memberships were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joe Dobrowolski reported that the organization's total worth was app. \$51,000. There will be expenditures this next year for the new building. Treasurer's reports are published in the newsletter.

By-Laws Amendments: Joe moved that we accept the By-laws changes as published in the newsletter. Lois seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fair Oaks Racquet Club: This club will be 50 years old this year, they are planning a celebration. Members were encouraged to share information with them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Janet McWilliams, Secretary.

