



Fair Oaks Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

Preserving and Perpetuating the Heritage of Fair Oaks, California

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QUARTERLY POTLUCK/GENERAL MEETING -- TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1993

**PROGRAM: FAIR OAKS VILLAGE SINGERS
and
SPEAKER: MARY-GENE PAGE**

LOCATION: UPSTAIRS/COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE -- 7997 CALIFORNIA AVE.

**TIME: 6:00PM SOCIAL HOUR
6:30PM POTLUCK DINNER
Bring casserole, salad, or dessert.**

Questions: Please call Ralph Carhart, 961-6301

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WARREN MCWILLIAMS (961-9012)

Time for our regular get-together. The Society is going smoothly. Memberships are up to 75 paid members. The average monthly attendance has increased to 90 people or more. Let's keep it up! New members are always welcome. The meeting has been moved to the upstairs of the Community Clubhouse, so we will have lots of room.

We will begin working on the **100th ANNIVERSARY OF FAIR OAKS**, which will be celebrated in 1995. Plans are being made as I write. Jeannie Hill will be the Society's Centennial Chairperson, and will be working with many other representatives from service groups and organizations from the community. If anyone has ideas relating to the celebration or would like to work on the committee, please contact Jeannie at the Oaks Hardware, 10136 Fair Oaks Blvd.

Don't forget the Fair Oaks Grange monthly Breakfast at the Grange Hall, (7601 Woodland Ln, off Bannister Road)--8:00am to 11:30am-- on Easter Sunday and Mother's Day..

The Summer Cemetery Clean-up will be on June 6, 1993. Plan on bringing tools and willing hands. The Historical Society will furnish ice water and soft drinks.

I'm sorry that Janet and I will not be at the April meeting as we will be in San Antonio, Texas for a conference.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
RALPH CARHART (961-6301)

At our quarterly meeting, Tuesday, April 27, we will enjoy a special performance of our very own Fair Oaks Village Singers, a community chorus of thirty voices. The performance will include the premier of "THE HOME OF FRUIT AND BEAUTY", a specialty arranged by Trudy Knecht. In addition, Mary-Gene Page will tell us about the newly-formed "Friends of the Fair Oaks Library" and explain their mission. We will be meeting **upstairs at the Community Clubhouse**, and I'm looking forward to a big crowd and your great food.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT: November 20, 1995 marks the **centennial year** of the founding of **FAIR OAKS**. Plans are underway by the Chamber of Commerce and other Fair Oaks Organizations to celebrate this event throughout 1995. The Board of Directors of this Fair Oaks Historical Society would like to make a significant contribution to this celebration by undertaking a major task -- the preparation of a pictorial history of the community of Fair Oaks, 1895 - 1995. This effort will require teams to perform the following tasks:

1. Plan and oversee the effort.
2. Organize the format and layout for the history book.
3. Solicit, review, and select photographs and maps.
4. Prepare and edit text.
5. Raise funds.
6. Arrange the pictorial history for publication.
7. Market the history book.

This will be a large and time-consuming effort, but it will be a lasting tribute to the Historical Society and a treasure to our counterparts in 2095. We have less than two years to pull this together. We need a chairperson and a committed team of busy bees. Let President Warren McWilliams, or Vice-President Ralph Carhart know if you would like to be a part of this work.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE
MARILYN KENDRICK (967-7843)

President McWilliams presided over the January 26, 1993 General Meeting. We had a record number of people in attendance -- over 100 persons. There was a moment of silent prayer for two deceased members, George Payne and Dick Gilmore. Warren announced that Marsha Karly had been chosen citizen of the year and introduced George Dupray, President of the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce.

Gayle Anita spoke of the need for a chairman for the Fair Oaks Centennial Celebration. Jeanne Hill agreed to accept the position.

--secretary's minutes, continued:

Bob Massey spoke of his early experiences at Phoenix Field. Ralph Carhart shared a video of his flight over Fair Oaks. Russell Olsen, speaker of the evening, entertained us by recounting stories of the Old Fair Oaks Flying Club and the early days of Phoenix Field.

Decorations were provided by Marge Dave.

President McWilliams presided over the March 4, 1993 Executive Board Meeting. Marilyn Kendrick read the minutes of the previous meeting. The Treasurer's report recorded the bank balance of \$4,392.56. June Melvin reported on membership. There was a discussion of the membership list and of a need to add a new category for family life members. The possibility of using the Society's collection of pictures for an Centennial Year publication was explored. Bob Massey's motion to do this was seconded.

The Historical Society will have a display in the Fair Oaks Public Library during July. Gayle Anita will coordinate this effort. Mary Siemens has requested time to speak briefly about the new "Friends of the Library" organization. Horace Crandell reported on Ways and Means.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
HORACE CRANDELL (967-2102)

BAKE OFF COMPETITION: The 44th Annual Fair Oaks Fiesta weekend, April 30 - May 2, 1993 will feature a Bake-Off Competition on Sunday, May 2nd (12:00 to 1:00) in the Village Park. Categories include the following: breads; cakes; cookies, and pies. A Grand Prize of \$50 Savings Bond will be awarded by the First Interstate Bank. Additional prizes will be awarded by La Boheme, Slocum House, SPICES!, and Sacramento Savings Bank.

The judges will include Chef Jean-Luc Chassereau, of SPICES! (formerly of Maxim de Paris); Jim Jones, Editor/Publisher of Gold River News (and a Cordon Bleu Chef); and RoseAnne Crandell, Home Economist (and a winner in the Sacramento Union Cookbook Contest).

Details/applications are available from the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce, 10244 Fair Oaks Bl. during hours of 9:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday, or by contacting Horace Crandell.

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