

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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QUARTERLY POTLUCK/GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1993

PROGRAM: STOSH GRONER'S ASTRONOMY

LOCATION: FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE
6:00PM SOCIAL HOUR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WARREN MCWILLIAMS

The rain this week has been a reminder that Fall is here, and it is time to get ready for the Historical Society's October Meeting. We are looking forward to the program that Stosh Groner will be arranging on Astronomy. If the weather cooperates, Stosh will have some telescopes set up outside so we can see what he will be sharing with us. Note: this would be a good evening to bring some of your school-aged children to hear about star gazing.

We have also planned a Fall Clean-up at the Cemetery for Sunday, November 14th -- weather permitting. Be sure to sign up at the October Meeting; we will call to remind you. We'd love to have a good turn out with you and your rakes, pruning shears, and paint brushes. It's a great feeling to put our efforts into making the Cemetery look better.

I would also like you to consider volunteering to be a docent for our History Center. The last few months we've had a difficult time keeping the Center open on the second Sunday of each month. We need only a few hours of your time so let me know if you might be able to assist.

Speaking of the History Center, the Board has decided it is time to have an Open House Christmas Party at the History Center -- scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 1993. Gayle Anita and Janet McWilliams will have more details at the October Potluck.

At our meeting, we will also be asking for people to help us with the operations of the Historical Society. We've had some

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CHAIRPERSONS:

AMENITIES...
pending

EDITOR:
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961-6912

DECORATIONS:
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967-5593

DOCENTS:
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pending

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faithful members helping in the kitchen, the History Center, and with other jobs; these members are getting tired and would like some help.

SEE YOU OCTOBER 26.....BRING A FRIEND!

SECRETARY'S MINUTES MARILYN KENDRICK

In absence of President Warren McWilliams, Vice President Ralph Carhart presided during the July 27, 1993 Meeting at the Fair Oaks Club House and introduced Micky Knapp, President of the Sacramento County Historical Society. Ms. Knapp announced that their Annual Potluck will be held at the Towe Ford Museum on Thursday, September 23, 1993 with a celebration for their 40th Anniversary.

Ralph introduced Mary Odem of the Folsom Historical Society. Mary invited members their Society's Military and Quilt Exhibitions during the month of August.

Treasurer Carole Abbott reported the Treasury has a balance on hand of \$4,571.07. Members approved Carole's current reimbursements totalling \$174.11.

At the request of Acting President Ralph, members approved the appointment of Steve Abbott, Gayle Anita, and Dick Hill to serve on the nominating committee.

Horace Crandall, Ways and Means Chairperson, conducted a raffle from the following people/businesses: Dottie Dykeman, plant; Marilyn Pearce, pussy willows; Red Carpet Car Wash, free car wash; Gold Room Spa, Shampoo and Conditioner; Oaks Hardware, car waxer; Roy Edwards Insurance, am-fm headset; Fair Oaks Village Travel, travel bag.

Jean Hill, Centennial Committee Chairperson, announced that there were 14 people attending the Centennial meetings. Local area students are writing about Fair Oaks history and doing research on the street names.

Lois Frazier, History Center Committee, spoke of the activities taking place at the museum. She reported that there were 15 visitors during the month of July and that Mike Williams of the Fair Oaks Fire Department has donated a collection of pictures. Ralph announced that there would be Cemetery Workday scheduled for September 12th or 19th.

June Melvin spoke of the current movement to dissolve the Fair Oaks Fire Protection District and to merge with another district. June presented a motion for the Society to write a letter to the Fire District, requesting that this matter be put to a vote by the people. This motion was seconded, but failed to be passed.

Bob Massey's historical moments included recalling various businesses in Fair Oaks' past -- the Nissen Key Factory, a 5-story chicken house, the 2-story house on Greenback with chickens on the top floor, the Phoenix Olive Plant which dumped lye into the streams, and the doodle-bug at Sunset and Main, the dredgers and a well that no one knows about.

Ralph adjourned the business meeting, and we all moved out into the wonderfully temperate evening to learn more about old Fair Oaks. Iva Langness, Lois Frazier, Lowell Sherman and many others entertained and enlightened us with their stories and descriptions of the town's past. If it hadn't darkened so quickly, who knows how long we might have stayed???



October 31 begins the new daylight savings time.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
STEVE ABBOTT**

The Nominating Committee which included Gayle Anita, Dick Hill, and Steve Abbott have selected the following slate of officers for the 1994 year:

PRESIDENT:	RALPH CARHART
VICE PRESIDENT:	IVA LANGNESS
SECRETARY:	MARILYN KENDRICK
TREASURER:	CAROL CROWTHER

"Thank you, Committee, for a job well done": per Warren McWilliams.

CENTENNIAL MEETING

In August, the Fair Oaks Centennial Committee had its second meeting. Jeanne Hill, appointed by the Historical Society, is chairperson for this committee, which is made up of representatives from many organizations within the Fair Oaks Community. The Committee has been brainstorming various ideas for the 1995 centennial celebration. More information to follow in future newsletters.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
HORACE CRANDELL (967-2102)**

Once again the raffle brought in over \$100. This has become our major fund raiser. But, in deference to our speaker, we must limit the raffle to eight items. Please notify me, at least, a week in advance if you intend to donate an item.

Two calendars were sold at our last meeting, and 10 have been sold since then. At \$2.50 each, they make a nice gift for someone interested in pictures of old Fair Oaks, and some of the significant dates in our almost-100-years of history.

Speaking of history, we donated a copy of THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA, and a copy of my demographic study of Fair Oaks, to the Fair Oaks-Orangevale Library. They are trying to build their Fair Oaks Collection, but have no money to purchase such items.

The F.O.R.P.D. has confirmed our use of the Clubhouse for meetings next year. Mark your 1994 calendar for **TUESDAYS:**
JANUARY 25, APRIL 26, JULY 26, AND OCTOBER 25, 1994.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

About 15 of our members attended the County Historical Society's annual potluck at the Towe Ford Museum this past month. We were treated to a night of great food, good music from a barbershop quartet, and several people reminiscing about the way things "used to be" in a celebration of the County Historical Society's 40th Year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to start a new section in this newsletter: **MY FOOTSTEP HAS A SHADOW**. You will be the authors by listing 10 memories for each decade in your lives as though you were looking into your own time capsules. For instance: during the 1940's, I remember having the only rusty skate key in the neighborhood; 1000's of bobby pins opened by my front teeth; "Buckle Down Sockey"; all new electric clocks set at 8:20pm; grandmothers' endless crocheted items; long western movie matinee lines to get "free" bubble gum; when ice boxes became "friges" or refrigerators. Please jot your decades of memories down on paper, include your name, and bring to our Potluck. **THANKS**

The Fair Oaks Historical Society, Post Office Box 2044, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is a non-profit educational corporation established to develop, preserve, and share Fair Oaks community history. Public attendance is encouraged at quarterly meetings, scheduled on the fourth Tuesday in January, April, July, and October of each year. The potluck dinner meetings begin at 6:00pm with attendees bringing potluck dishes. To attend on Executive Board meeting or for further information regarding meeting agendas, contact the President of the Society. The Society is open to anyone interested in Fair Oaks regional history; contact the membership chairperson or an officer if interested in joining.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____

amount of check enclosed: _____ for _____ person/people

Annual dues:

individual	\$ 8.00
family	\$ 12.00
supporting	\$ 25.00

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