

# Rotary



## Club of Oakley, CA, US



### Inspirational Thought

#### Club Meeting Place & Time

Oakley, CA, US  
Meets at Black Bear Diner  
3201 Main Street  
Oakley, CA 94561  
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

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Perfection is not attainable,  
but if we chase perfection  
we can catch excellence.

Vince Lombardi

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### **Birthdays**

David James Hansen

February 2nd

Robert Greaff

February 5th

Joseph Weber

February 15th

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Branin Travers Cook

February 19th

## **Vocational Minute: Markus Powell**

Markus Powell provided the Vocational Minute at the Jan. 23 meeting. For 16 years, Markus has served in the Alameda County Fire Department as a fire engineer and hopes to be promoted to Captain. He is married to Christine and has a teenage son named Julius. During the pandemic, his family acquired a Mini Golden Doodle puppy named Chance. In his leisure time, he is restoring a 1984 VW Vanagon, builds Legos, and volunteers at Freedom High School.



## **Paul Harris Society Recognition (Jan. 23)**

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The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year. We recognize and celebrate four Oakley Rotarians who have made this commitment to the Rotary Foundation.

L-R: President-Elect Rob G., Foundation Chair Angela G., Past President Hugh H., Club Programs Chair Natalie H., and Past District Governor Mark Roberts

**Guest Speaker: Past District Governor Mark Roberts (Jan. 23)**

**Past District Governor Mark Roberts**



This week's Program Speaker was Past District Governor Mark Roberts. He spoke about the different ways that giving to the Rotary Foundation allows Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

To learn more about The Rotary Foundation, please visit:  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-foundation>

### **District 5280 Wildfire Disaster Relief**

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The Rotary District 5280 Charitable Foundation is accepting donations to assist those

affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles County. Your donation is tax-deductible and will directly impact those most devastated by this disaster. The tax ID of the Charitable Foundation is 95-4597691.

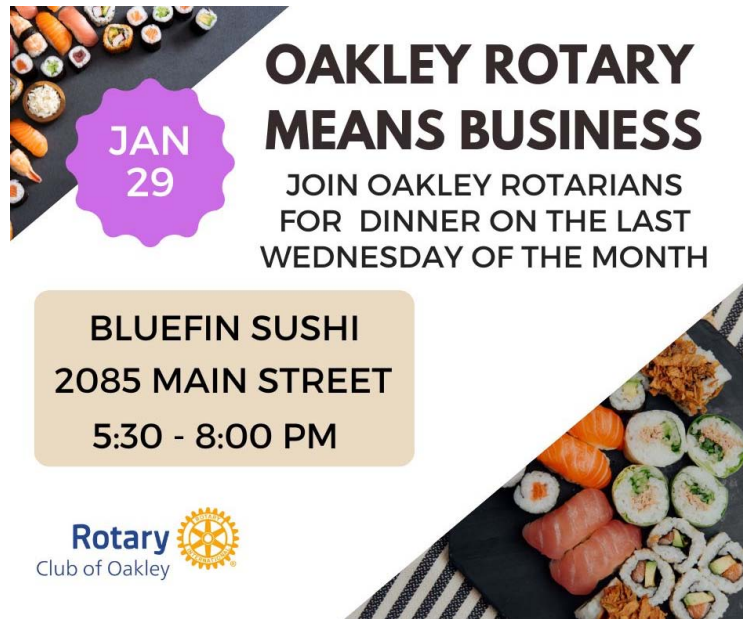
Donate by credit card:

Please click [https://www.paypal.com/donate/...](https://www.paypal.com/donate/) to make your donation via credit card.

Donate by check:

Please make your check payable to "Rotary District 5280 Charitable Foundation"  
Mail the check to Rotary District 5280 Office at: 8055 W. Manchester Ave, Suite 460,  
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293  
Please put "Wildfire Disaster Relief" in the memo

### Oakley Rotary Means Business (Jan. 29)



The flyer features a top-left corner with a photo of various sushi rolls and nigiri. A purple starburst graphic contains the text "JAN 29". The main title "OAKLEY ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the text reads "JOIN OAKLEY ROTARIANS FOR DINNER ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH". A tan rectangular box contains the event details: "BLUEFIN SUSHI", "2085 MAIN STREET", and "5:30 - 8:00 PM". At the bottom left is the Rotary Club of Oakley logo, which includes the word "Rotary" in blue, "Club of Oakley" in smaller blue text, and a yellow gear icon. The bottom right corner shows another photo of sushi.

**JAN 29**

**OAKLEY ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS**

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**BLUEFIN SUSHI**  
2085 MAIN STREET  
5:30 - 8:00 PM

Rotary  
Club of Oakley

### Club Announcements



**Monday, January 27, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**Board of Directors Meeting on Zoom**

All Oakley Rotarians are welcome to attend. If you need the zoom link, please email President Thuy.

**Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 PM-8:00 PM**

**Oakley Rotary Means Business: Bluefin Sushi**

Come join us for dinner at 2085 Main Street in Oakley, 5:30-8:00 PM

**Thursday, January 30, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Bite of Reality at Freedom High School**

Contact President-Elect Rob for volunteer opportunities to facilitate discussions on budgeting for high school seniors.

**Saturday, February 1, 8:45 AM-1:00 PM**

**District Grants and Foundation Day Training (virtual on zoom)**

Have an idea for a service project and want to learn how to write a District Grant for 2025-2026?

Join us on zoom for the District Grants and Foundation Day training. Advance Registration is required to get the zoom link. Contact President Thuy for Registration.

**Monday, February 5, 6:30 PM**

**Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick on Action Plan, Membership, and Peace**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

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**Monday, February 17, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**Board of Directors Meeting on Zoom**

All Oakley Rotarians are welcome to attend. If you need the zoom link, please email President Thuy.

**Thursday, March 6, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Girls' Empowerment Day at Oakley Recreation Center**

Contact past President Vera for volunteer opportunities on the organizing committee.

**Thursday, March 13, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Falcon Fest at Freedom High School**

Contact Joe W. for volunteer opportunities to set up an information booth.

**Thursday, May 2-4**

**District Conference at San Ramon Marriott**

Contact Dave W. for volunteer opportunities at the House of Friendship.

## Looking Ahead



**Jan. 30, 2025: Ken Strelo, City of Oakley Community Development Director**

**Feb. 6, 2025: Kaylen Lumsden, Asst. Principal of Oakley Elementary**

**Feb. 13, 2025: Lori Wilson, State Assemblywoman, District 11**

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## Cars 2nd Chance




If you have a car, truck, motorcycle, or RV (operational or not), you can donate that vehicle by calling CARS 2ND CHANCE (C2C) at 925-326-5868. The Rotary Club of Oakley is in partnership with [CARS 2ND CHANCE](https://www.cars2ndchance.org/), located conveniently in Concord, CA.

They can answer questions and walk you through the simple process of vehicle donation. 50% of your tax-deductible donation will support the Oakley Rotary Foundation, while the remainder supports local Rotary service projects in Contra Costa County and around the world.

To learn more about the process of donating your vehicle, [click here](https://www.cars2ndchance.org/): <https://www.cars2ndchance.org/>

### Four-Way Test

A dark blue rectangular graphic with the Rotary logo and the text "THE FOUR-WAY TEST" in yellow. Below the title, it lists four questions in white text, each preceded by a yellow arrow pointing right containing the word "first", "second", "third", or "fourth".

Rotary  **THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
*Of the things we think, say or do:*

- first** Is it the **TRUTH**?
- second** Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- third** Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- fourth** Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### Club Leaders



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