

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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"WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH WE NEED TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S EASY TO SAY, 'IT'S NOT MY CHILD, NOT MY COMMUNITY, NOT MY WORLD, NOT MY PROBLEM.' THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO SEE THE NEED AND RESPOND. I CONSIDER THOSE PEOPLE MY HEROES."

FRED ROGERS

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Guest Speaker: Ken Strelow, City of Oakley Community Development Director

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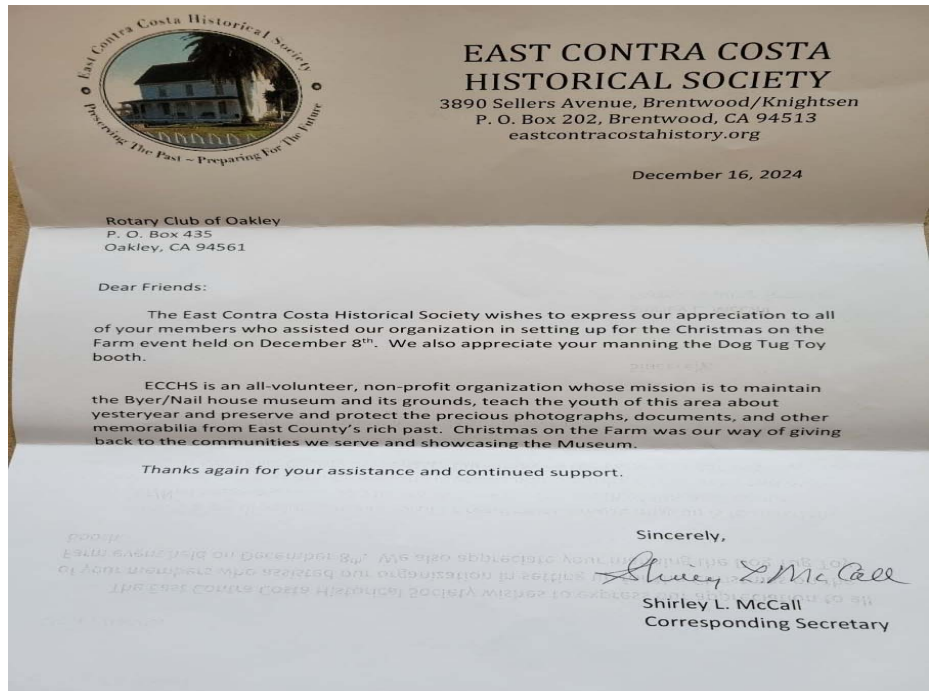
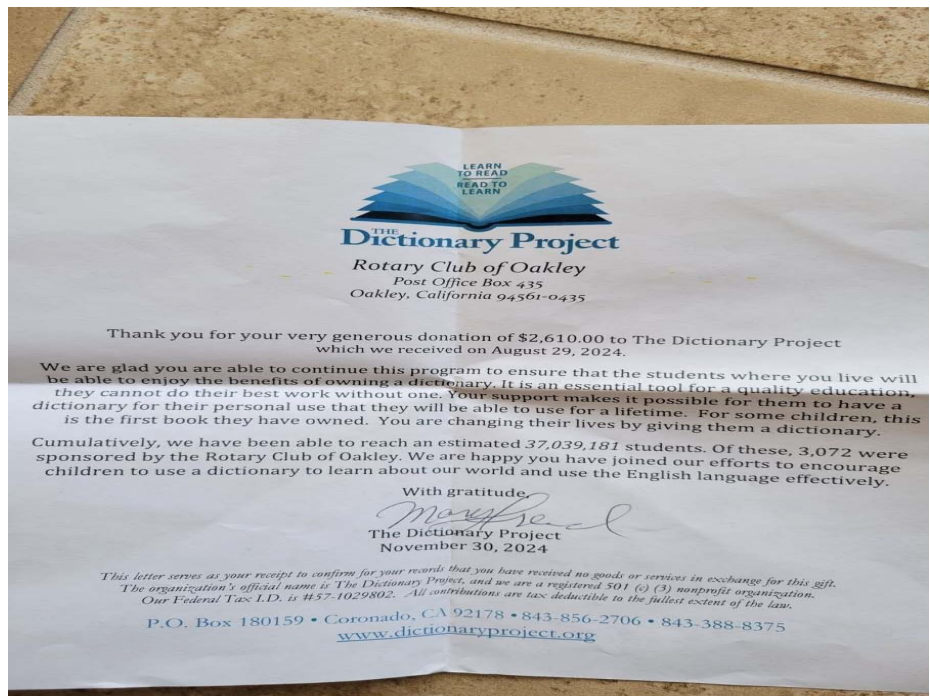


This week's Program Speaker was Ken Strela, City of Oakley Community Development Director. His work focuses on ensuring building code standards to safeguard public health and safety. enforcing these codes, and using the Permit and Inspection process meets the minimum code requirements. In 2024, there were 1,834 building permits issued and 113 single family residential permits issued.

As he noted, "Addressing minor violations, like graffiti, dilapidated buildings, and other nuisances, can deter more serious offenses. Active Code Enforcement sends a message that there is a sense of community care and dissuades an environment that encourages further neglect which can lead to criminal activity."

Letters of Appreciation

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We received letters of appreciation from The Dictionary Project and from East Contra Costa County Historical Society for our community service with youth and in promoting literacy with 3rd graders.

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/...> 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)



JAN 29

OAKLEY ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

JOIN OAKLEY ROTARIANS FOR DINNER ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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






On January 29, some Oakley Rotarians enjoyed dinner and fellowship at the newly opened Bluefin Sushi restaurant.

Club Announcements



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 Thy for Registration.

Monday, February 5, 6:30 PM

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069584675?pwd=os2zzc8k0b1emzq9rFZSpfXUDPDSS0.1)

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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 Thy.

Thursday, March 6, 8:00 AM-2:30 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



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

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

Feb. 20, 2025: Josh McMurray, City Manager of Oakley

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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](#), 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/):
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Four-Way Test



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?

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