

# 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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Someone will declare, "I am the leader!" and expect everyone to get in line and follow him or her to the gates of heaven or hell. My experience is that it doesn't happen that way. Unless you're a guard on a chain gang, others follow you based on the quality of your actions rather than the magnitude of your declarations.

Bill Walsh

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-- Bill Walsh

## **Birthdays**

Michael Hale  
September 17th

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

Sarah Megan Davis  
September 16th

## **Club Announcements**



**Friday, September 6, 5-9 PM:**

**Friday Night Bites  
@ Oakley Civic Center Park**

**Monday, September 16, 5:30-6:30 PM:**

**Oakley Rotary Board Meeting on Zoom**

**Friday, October 11, 6-10 pm:**

**Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament  
Fundraiser for the New Oakley Library and Community Center  
@ Oakley Recreation Center**



Rachel King, Senior Regional Director at the Dollywood Foundation

## Rachel King, Senior Regional Director at the Dollywood Foundation



This week's Program Speaker was Rachel King, Senior Regional Director at the Dollywood Foundation. The Dollywood Foundation is named after the iconic singer and songwriter Dolly Parton. Parton's own father was not literate. According to Parton, "When I started the Imagination Library, it was to honor my Daddy. My Daddy was so smart but he felt crippled with the fact that he couldn't read and write." The Imagination Library was a way to honor her father, "When I got this idea to do the Imagination Library I wanted to get Daddy involved in it. I wanted him to help me with that so he could take the pride in that and so he did. He got to live long enough to hear the kids call me the Book Lady."

Since 1995, Dolly Parton's Foundation has implemented a book gifting program called Imagination Library. It worked so well in Sevier County, Tennessee in promoting literacy in low-income communities that the program has grown into a national and later, an international movement, to foster a love of books and reading for preschool children of all income levels. This program provides free books to children from birth to age 5 and creates unique partnerships with local organizations, the book publishers, and fulfillment centers. The Imagination Library. In 2022, the Imagination Library reached **2 MILLION** books mailed **each month**, with 1 in 10 children under the age of five in the United States receiving Imagination Library books!

To learn more about the Dollywood Foundation Imagination Library, please visit:  
<https://imaginationlibrary.com/the-dollywood-foundation/>

## Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Fundraiser



The Rotary Club of Oakley presents the Inaugural Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Fundraiser to benefit the new Oakley Library and Community Center. Come join us for a fun night benefiting a good cause. Pizza, pasta, and salad are provided by Skipolini's.

Buy your tickets now! <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../oakley-rotary-inaugural...>  
\$75 per player, includes buffet dinner, one drink ticket and tournament plays. You must be at least 21 to play.

Weâ€™ll be reaching out to local businesses to ask for raffle donations, but we also need help from Oakley Rotarians. Whether you can contribute an item for the raffle, or donate your time and talent, your support would make a big difference. Although we have a month, that will quickly fill up as we contact businesses and possibly assemble raffle baskets.

If youâ€™re able to lend a hand or contribute in any way, please talk to Club Secretary Vera Martinez. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

When: Friday, October 11, 2024; 6-10 PM  
Where: Oakley Recreation Center, 1250 O'Hara Ave, Oakley, CA  
For tickets and sponsorships: please contact Mike Hale:  
(213) 359-9799 ~OR~ [Michael.Hale@scouting.org](mailto:Michael.Hale@scouting.org)

## Looking Ahead



**Sept. 12:** Jeff Palmquist, Oakley Union Elementary School District

**Sept. 19:** Lauren Huffmaster, Adventure Therapy Foundation

**Sept. 26:** SOCIAL EVENT

\*\*\*If you know of a good Program Speaker, please contact the Program Chair or the Club President\*\*\*


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## Cars 2nd Chance



Don't forget that The Rotary Club of Oakley is in partnership with CARS 2ND CHANCE (C2C). They are based locally in central Contra Costa County and if you have a car, truck or motorcycle, running or not, you can donate that vehicle by calling C2C at 925-326-5868. They can answer questions and walk you through the simple process. 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. Click [Click Here](#) to learn more and to start the donation process or, contact Oakley Rotary at [OakleyRotary@Gmail.com](mailto:OakleyRotary@Gmail.com) for more information.

## Four-Way Test

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**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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