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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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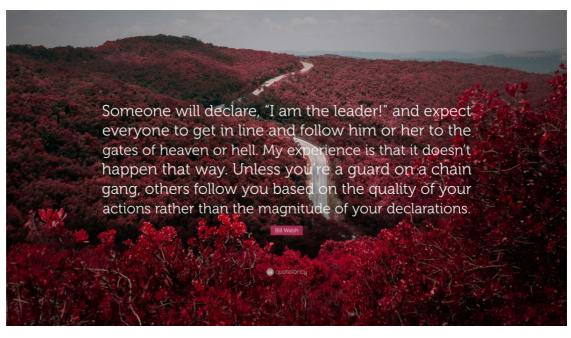
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Michael Hale September 17th

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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

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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.

We'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 you'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

Looking Ahead



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

Sept. 19: Lauren Huffmaster, Adventure Therapy Foundation

Sept. 26: SOCIAL EVENT

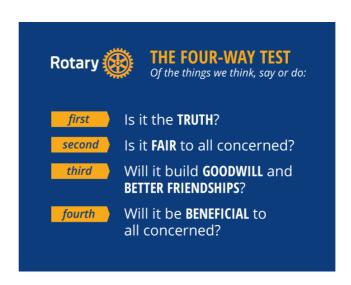
If you know of a good Program Speaker, please contact the Program Chair or the Club President

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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 for more information.

Four-Way Test



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