

Fair Oaks Historical Society

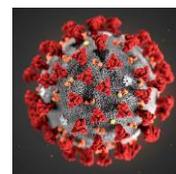
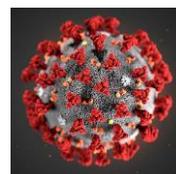
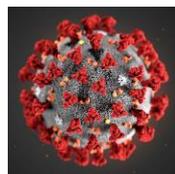
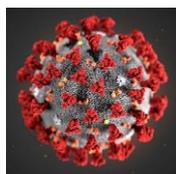
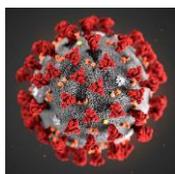
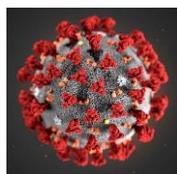
Newsletter – Summer 2020

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Ralph Carhart, Editor



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“We are living right now through an **historic pandemic outbreak.”**

Dr. Anthony Fauci, White House Coronavirus Advisor

President’s Message

Bob Sours

Friends— We’re at the halfway point in 2020– VACATION TIME. Time to enjoy the beach and mountains, spend time with family, and most of all, slow down and relax. But no one told COVID-19 that it’s time for a CEASE FIRE. We look around and see craziness, sickness, loss of loved ones, loss of employment and no smiles from our friends with masks on their faces. It took us a few months to realize that this invisible enemy was the “Real McCoy”. But thankfully, for most of us, we didn’t run and hide. This enemy shocked us into action, caused us change our habits, and find tools and methods to bring this creature to its knees. WE DID—for awhile. But we lost our FOCUS too quickly and the second round may plague the rest of 2020. What a way to start the decade!

Are we down? Not in America, in Fair Oaks! The plans we had in January are a little ruffled, but readable, so our Board dug them out, reset our FOCUS and continued to move ahead. The following is a summary of what we have been doing and what we have planned for the rest of the year and into 2021.

President's Message, continued:

Somewhere in the backroom of the History Center our past-President/Operations Manager/Tech Manager Jim Pearce began reworking our website, making use of our Facebook page, and enhancing our "Rotary Theater" with additional movies, stories and interviews and an updated walking tour. Jim will be sharing more information from time to time. Our list of things still to do includes adding an inventory of our treasures to the website.

Next, Treasurer Bob Vogel jumped in and volunteered to supervise long-needed repairs to the building— replacing dry rot damaged wood in the arbor and building, fixing the sidewalk along side our building and repainting the entire structure. Landscaping, sprinklers and keeping our building tidy and clean remains a continuing priority. So we hope for volunteers rather than contracting out those tasks. There will be more to follow on our need for volunteers on the Ways and Means Committee, for Jim's Operations Committee and for other things.

Our entire Board has been communicating and handling things via e-mail over these past months, and despite the inconveniences, performing in a way that I appreciate and that you can be proud of.

We are working to slowly transform our History Center into an information center for sharing the history and culture of Fair Oaks with visitors, residents and our own members. But the center will only be the HUB— still with our artifacts, pictures, theater and printed materials— but the entire town will become the "museum". Sound far out? We will update you as this concept develops.

In person events, fun times and our potluck meetings may be slow to return, but they WILL COME eventually. We all need to be patient and go about getting our projects up and ready to serve our members when this WAR with COVID-19 is over.

In closing, please send kudos to Newsletter Editor Ralph Carhart and chief writer Jim Pearce for their work in putting this great Newsletter together every quarter.

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER . STAY IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HELP ONE ANOTHER AND STAY SAFE!

Park District Clubhouse Stage, Pipe Organ, and Old Library Decisions

We're happy to report that the Park District Board of Directors, responding to public comments, including a letter from the Historical Society Board, dropped the idea of removing the stage and the theater pipe organ from the upstairs Community Clubhouse. Consideration of major expenditures on, or sale of, the Old Library was also dropped in favor of developing a less ambitious renovation proposal.

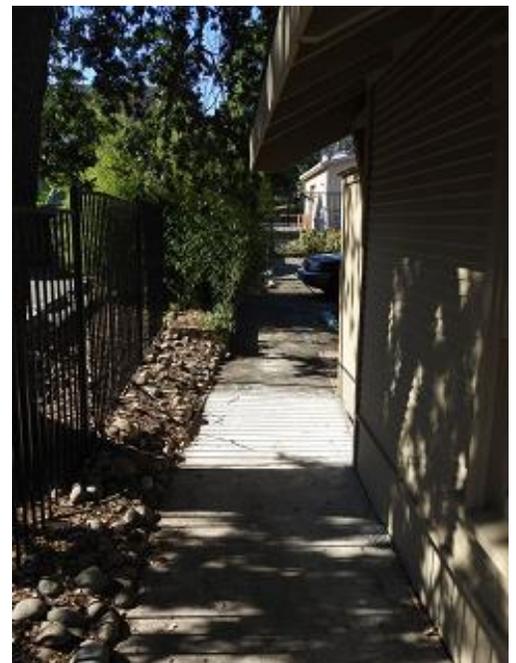
Whats's New at the History Center...

Jim Pearce

Notice anything missing in this photo?
We've taken the closure of the History Center due to the COVID-19 virus as an opportunity to do some repairs to the building. We've had the rotting beams on the front of the building replaced, the side walkway repaired, and the building painted.



Ivan Vucenovic did a great job, and we're ready to reopen when we get the word from the Governor. Unfortunately that doesn't appear likely soon as Sacramento County cases are still spiking. In the meantime, we'll be expanding the resources available on our website.



Website

We've always had an information-based website, but with the History Center closed and meetings cancelled we'll be looking to the website, Facebook page and e-mail list to communicate with our members. We'll be adding as much of our resources to the website as possible, including videos, books, histories and maps, to make a Virtual History Center. Your suggestions are welcome.

Membership and Dues

We appreciate our dues-paying members continuing to support the Historical Society. Currently we have 31- 2019 memberships NOT renewed for 2020 and eight 2018 NOT renewed. You can check your membership status on our home page:

www.fairoakshistory.org See right >

We still have expenses as well as the History Center renovation to cover and we hope all of you will continue as members.

Up Sunset Avenue

We were down to our last two copies of the book "Up Sunset Avenue" by Sarah Goller when we were asked by Howard Fox if we could reproduce the book and make more copies available for people. Fortunately, one of the copies was in excellent shape and we were able to scan its 175 pages. Orangevale Copy did a great job of producing the printed version, plus we now have the entire book on our website. We didn't anticipate the interest in the printed version, so initially we ordered only 10 copies. Since that time we have had 20 more books printed and we've sold out again. We're ordering another 10 books. If you want one, they cost \$20 and can be ordered from Jim Pearce. We're providing curbside pickup at the History Center.

We're sure you can recognize the Goller family relatives picking up their copies at the History Center patio. Howard Fox and spouse, Michelle Goller Hancock and spouse (Michelle compiled the original 1995 book and wrote an introduction to the 2020 version) and Jim in the background.





Jean Orr Applegate, 93, passed away on June 25, 2020 after a brief illness with COVID-19. Born July 21, 1926 at Sutter General Hospital, in Sacramento, Jean was the only child of John and Veda (Wood) Orr.

A fourth generation Californian, whose family settled in Amador County where her father was a cattle rancher and a County Supervisor, Jean attended one of the last remaining one-room schoolhouses in California (Willow Springs School) before moving to Sacramento to complete high school in December 1943. She also took piano lessons from the mother of Dave Brubeck, a well known musician.

Jean graduated from Oakland School of Arts and Crafts, now the California College of the Arts. She lived much of her life in Fair Oaks, married to David Carl Applegate, MD who practiced family medicine until his death in 1980.

She was active throughout her life in many community organizations including the American Association on University Women, the Fair Oaks Chapter of Inner Wheel, our Fair Oaks Historical Society, the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce and the Crocker-Kingsley Art Club.

Jean will be missed by her three children Kimberly Applegate, MD (George Parker), John (Suzy) Applegate, Brenda Applegate Gross (Michael) and four grandsons, David, Eric, Andrew, and Bryce.

Remembrances can be made in her memory to the American Association of University Women, Citrus Heights-American River Branch or Fair Oaks Historical Society.



John Richard (Dick) Easterbrook passed away in his Fair Oaks home from a little-known condition, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the age of 84.



Dick was born in Fresno, CA, to Paul and Betty Easterbrook. He is survived by his older brother Paul. His parents, sister Betty Ann and granddaughter Abigail are deceased.

Dick was a sportsman all his life, skiing, fishing, playing tennis, and golfing and hiking. He grew up in Fresno, attending Fresno High School, spending summers in Yosemite where his father was a seasonal ranger. He called the Fire Fall from Camp Curry to Glacier Point and had jobs including pony boy and ice cream server.

Dick attended College of Pacific (later University) in Stockton. While earning an undergraduate degree and teaching credential, he was very active in many of Pacific's sport and social activities. He was a member of Archania Fraternity where he met many of his lifelong friends.

After being drafted in the Navy in 1959, he returned to Stockton after eighteen months of service and started dating his soon to be wife, Sue Talbot, who he married June 10, 1962.

Dick was in public education at El Camino High School for 34 years, serving as biology teacher, vice principal, and as a counselor for the better part of 20 years. He was a gifted orator who would capture a crowd's attention from a classroom or a packed auditorium. He used that gift throughout his adult life in organizations serving the community. These include the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church, the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis, the Developmental Disabilities Service Organization, Sacramento, and the Fair Oaks Historical Society.

Above all, Dick was most proud of his family. He is survived by his wife Sue of 57 years, his three sons, John Jr., Keith, and Jim, their wives Carola, Sara and Amy, and his grandchildren, Madeline, Alana, Ian, Amelia, Elizabeth and Emma.

Memorial Book

A contribution to the Fair Oaks Historical Society is a very special way to remember those who have passed away or to honor someone for a special event or tribute. The names of those remembered or honored (stating the special event or tribute) are printed in the Memorial and Honor Book which is on permanent display at the History Center.

Recognition of each contribution also will be printed in the newsletter. The amount of the contribution will not be printed in the book or the newsletter.

We would appreciate it if members who want to recognize Jean Applegate or Dick Easterbrook in the Memorial Book send their donations right away so we can enter them into the book.



You can download the recognition/contribution form from our website or contact Jim Pearce (916-961-8415 or jpearce4104@gmail.com) for the form or for assistance.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Vogel

Account balances as of March 31 are: Checking - \$8,082.90, Savings - \$5,423.42, CDs - \$34,125.93, Total - \$47,632.25.

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TO:

Dues are for the Calendar Year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Dues are payable on Jan. 1, and become delinquent Feb. 1.
New members joining after Oct. 1 shall be considered paid for the following year.

Please check one: NEW MEMBER APPLICATION DUES PAYMENT

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Membership level requested:

Individual \$20 Family (2 Persons) \$25 Supporting (Business) \$50

Single Life Member \$150 Family Life Member \$225

I am adding \$5 and request a printed newsletter by USPS \$ _____

I am including the following donation to support the History Center:

Contributor \$100 Supporter \$250 Patron \$500

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check number _____ Date of check ___/___/___

Please mail this form and check payable to:

“Fair Oaks Historical Society, Inc.” P.O. BOX 2044, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

For more information, please call Jim Pearce, 961-8415 (jpearce4104@gmail.com)