



Fair Oaks Historical Society

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MEETING, Tuesday January 28

Straith House on Earnscliff Dr. &

At the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

7997 California Avenue

NO POT LUCK THIS MEETING

It will be a dessert meeting.

Those with names starting with A through L Please bring a dessert.



The Straith House, at the end of Earnscliff Dr. near the bluff will be open for viewing starting at 5:00 PM. We are expecting that everyone will be at the clubhouse by about 6:15 for our meeting and to enjoy the desserts. You may drop off your dessert at the clubhouse before continuing on to the Straith

house. We appreciate Tim Carmichael and Carmel Comstock, the owners, for very graciously opening their house for an evening of viewing.



President's Look Back At 2013 Joe Dobrowolski

Last year was momentous for the Society. We completed work on the old Buddys Building. We moved our displays from the Fireside room in the Fair Oaks Community Center. We had the Grand Opening of our History Center in May. We hired staff and opened the History Center 5 days a week. Our staff Elaine Luong did a wonderful job welcoming and caring for the center up until November. Now, Ashton Smith, who backed up Elaine, is staffing the Center 3 days a week, 10:00AM to 4:00 PM.

We had excellent presentations at our quarterly meetings.

The Soup Night committee headed by Claudia Thorn and staffed with 16 subcommittee chairs put on another superior event, raising about \$9,000.00. This event was a success because of the work of so many and the donations for the raffles of a very generous community. Thank you all.

I'm looking forward to another successful year. We will encourage the local 3rd and 4th grade teachers to bring their students for tours of the History Center. We are starting off with a tour of the Center by AAUW (American Association of University Women) in January. Our January meeting will be very different and will include a tour of the Straith House and be a dessert meeting. In April we will have a talk on the Nisenan native peoples by a tribal leader and an expert who has taught at UC Davis.

NEWSLETTER: If you have email we would really like to deliver this newsletter by email. If you received this by US mail and have email please forward your email to me at joedobro@pacbell.net. Those of you who receive the newsletter by US Mail please add \$5.00 to the annual membership dues.

Donation: We received a very nice donation of 4 large framed historical photos from Ken Bansemer, who was one of the founders of the Society. He recently sold the Slocum House and has moved to Hawaii.

Treasurer's Report - Bob Vogel

By-Laws Amendments

The Board has approved changes to the Society's By-Laws. A vote on the proposed changes done at this January meeting. The most significant changes proposed are:

A supporting membership no longer will need approval by the Board nor the membership; clarifies the Honorary membership; clarifies duties of the treasurer and secretary; the parliamentarian is a member of the board without voting status; clarifies that the board must meet once a quarter; allows for the board to take a vote on items by email and adds a standing committee - Recreation & Parks Liaison

HELP!!!!

I really do need some help. I need someone to manger the History Center and another person to mangle the staff to manage the staff. Neither job will take a lot of time and I will work with you to do the job.

Member news: Mike Moreland and Lucy Milligan shown lately of Prescott Arizona died last year. Lucy Strom Of Sacramento was dropped from membership.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We also need someone to take on the editor of the newsletter . It's just putting together the articles written. The mailout will be done by others.



Fair Oaks History

Art Broadley

Excerpted from an article from the Neighbors newspaper, August 1985 about Fair Oaks.

Another old-timer, Art Broadley, 87, also remembers the small-town feel of early Fair Oaks.

"We knew pretty near everybody by name from here to Folsom and Orangevale," Broadley said. "We never even had a lock on the back door."

Broadley's father, Joseph, sold his building business in Manitoba, Canada, in the late 1800s and moved with his wife and six children to Fair Oaks.

Art Broadley remembers the oak trees that covered the land.

"It was all oak trees, all over the place," Broadley said. "Dad took 400 cords of wood off the place and sold it for \$8.00 a cord."

The first Broadley home consisted of single room about 20 by 60 feet on a 20 acre ranch. The children worked the ranch, raising grapes, almonds, and chickens.

Joseph Broadley returned to his former profession and built many of the community's first homes.

Art Broadley went overseas during the first World War, but returned to live in his hometown.

In the early '30s he married Hazel Slocum, a descendent of one of the earliest families to settle in Fair Oaks, and opened a restaurant with his brother, Robert.

Social life consisted of church, baseball, a marching band, and cards, according to Broadley.

Nowadays Hazel, 91, and Art Broadley live in a mobile home in the Mobil Country Club on Sunrise Boulevard near the community where they were born, married and most of all, lived to see a lot change.



Art Broadley, third from the Right in the top row, was one of the boys in the Fair Oaks Band in 1914.

Minutes of the July General Meeting - Vicki Walter, Secretary -

The meeting starting with a home movie of the Easter Egg hunt from circa 1955.

Then Bob Brugger gave a short presentation on Negro Bar.

After the potluck Warren Blomquist showed a video presentation of "The Rise of the History Center" complete with music.

The changes to the By-Laws were presented and will be voted on at January meeting.

Raffle donations are needed.