



Rotary Club of West Calaveras

February 1, 2018



Frog Jump Fair

Our thanks to Laurie Giannini for visiting the club to provide some interesting history about the fair. She told us that the first fair was held in Copperopolis in the fall, and the state did not provide funding, so each director donated money to fund the fair.

In 1928, the City of Angels Camp received funding to pave their roads, and decided to have a celebration. That celebration was a frog jump. The first frogs jumped on a table, so the first winning frog only jumped 3'.

In the 1930's, the frog jump celebration merged with the fair, and moved to Angels Camp. In the 1940, the date was moved to the spring. Buildings were later constructed with post-war building funds.

In 2006, the fair experienced a lot of financial hardship and struggled to meet expenses, and in 2008 a carnival accident further devastated the fair. Fortunately, in 2009 a 501 c 3 organization called Friends of the Fair was created and they have been very active in raising funds. The fair is now operating with a 37% reserve.

The fair is a real benefit to the local economy, and it is estimated that the "trickle down" value of the event is approximately \$7.7 million. And, Laurie wanted to quell the rumor that Hells Angels attend the fair. They did attend one year in the early 70's, but have not returned. The fair is a great family friendly affair.

Thank you Laurie for the great information, and for all of your hard work to save the fair.



St Patrick's Dinner/Dance * Friday, March 16, 2018 * 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Valley Springs Veterans Hall

\$25.00 per person * Music by Steve Johnson & The Rusty Rockers

Tickets at Valley Springs News & Valley Springs Library

Or, email westcalaverasrotary@gmail.com



Calendar

**2/8/18 Leslie Davis
Assessor updates**

**2/15/18 Mark Campbell
CUSD update**

**2/22/18 Jean Walton & Nikki Stevens
Human Trafficking**

3/1/18 Peter Mauer

**3/16/17 St Patrick's
Dinner Dance**

Thought For The Day

**It's hard to fight an enemy who has
outposts in your head.**

Rotary Club of West Calaveras now meeting Thursday morning at the 7:30am. At Perry Hall, United Methodist Church, 135 Laurel St, Valley Springs. *Guests are welcome.*