

The Orange Peel

2023-2024 | President Don Morris | "Have Fun and Share Rotary"

Next Meeting Friday, Jan 5, 2024

Club Assembly - no speakers - break into Avenue of Service groups

Greeters -
Catrina Womack and Don Morris

Invocation -
Bill Wagner

Vocation -
Unknown

Prospector -
Don Russell

The Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Club Assembly - Kicking off the New Year!

Instead of listening to a speaker, this week, the program will be the first of four **Club Assemblies** to be held throughout the calendar year. We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

Club Service focuses on making the club strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership. **Don Russell** is the Club Service Chair. Some of the activities that fall under Club Service are the District Governor visit, the Christmas party, Sweetheart's Day and the Club's anniversary dinner. Don also schedules the monthly "Dine Around", a popular social get-together.

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. **Dennis Sarkisian** is the chairperson this year and he has organized work projects such as the American River cleanup, the Joe Surra Track cleanup, the Rotary House yard cleanup and making signs up club members to work the first Friday of every month at the Fair Oaks Orangevale Food Bank.

Recap of the Meeting Dec 15, 2023

Guests

**District 5180 Governor
Sidney Smith**

**District 5180 Theme
“Go Meet Do”**

Saying Yes to our
fellowship means:

- We get to **Go** places we never would have gone!
- We **Meet** people we never would have met!
- We **Do** things we never would have done!

Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. **Rob Auernig** is the chairperson and he will be looking for people in the community that the club can recognize with Vocational Awards, also known as the “People of the Year” awards. The vocations that have been recognized in the past have been school teacher, peace officer and business person of the year. Rob will plan vocational visits. In past years we have visited the Blood Source, the Harris Center and the new Sacramento Airport terminal. Rob will make sure that a Vocational speaker (member of the club) is ready to give a five minute talk at every meeting.

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more. **Bryan Daniel** is once again the chair person for this import avenue. Past projects that the club has contributed to have been funding the building of desks and chairs for schools in Honduras, microcredit loans for women starting small businesses in Africa, building water wells in Tanzania, and supporting the Shelter Box program.

Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professional through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE). Headed up by **Jeff Valtman**, the distribution of dictionaries will benefit the children of Orangevale. Other activities that falls under this avenue is participating in the district speech contest, awarding classroom grants, and selecting two students to attend RYLA camp.

More Fun Places and Faces

I received more pictures than I could fit in the last newsletter so I'm posting them here for your review and enjoyment!

- Photos from the Christmas Basket event (Janice and Patty will have to explain the giraffe photo!)
- Lunch at the Rheams after the event.
- Friday coffee meet up at Starbucks (Dec 22)
- Another Friday coffee meet up at Starbucks (Dec 29). Young man at the far right of the group is Jack Thomas from Kevin Kiley's office.
- Mairy is holding her favorite travel mug that she left behind at the Grange and Don Russell returned to her at Starbucks.
- Janice in her car getting ready to hit the road for Christmas!



