

# The Orange Peel

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

## Next Meeting Friday, Jan 12, 2024

**Julie Cassil** - American  
River Parkway  
Association

**Greeters** -  
Diane Newman and Jim  
Buntin

**Invocation** -  
Kirk Camunez

**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 Meeting

Instead of having 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.

**President Don Morris** asked the members to breakup into groups. These are the committees and their chairpersons.

- **Community** - Dennis Sarkisian
- **Club** - Don Russell
- **International** - Bryan Daniel
- **Vocational** - Rob Auernig
- **Youth** - Mike McKibben filling in for Jeff Valtman
- **Membership** - Audrey Smith-Wiberg
- **The Rotary Foundation** - Janice Haworth

After meeting in groups, **President Don Morris** went around asking each chairperson to give a short report.

**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.

## Recap of the Meeting Jan 5, 2024

### Guests

None

### 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!

**Dennis Sarkisian** reported that a lot has been accomplished and more is planned. Coming up is helping with the Winer Sanctuary, a bike trail clean up and the Rotary House yard cleanup on Saturday, February 17th.

It's time to schedule the spring Joe Surra Track cleanup and the Joe Surra sign needs to be put back up at the Louis Pasteur School. This could be a Big Day of Service project.

Dennis has spoken to **Audrey Smith-Wiberg** about helping with the Special Olympics event that she is involved with. We might be able to help with their Prom night.

The Rotary House Foundation is going to make a decision about replacing the fence and thinning out the overgrown plants so there may be some work projects coming up this spring.

**Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professional through leadership development programs such as Interact and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

**Jeff Valtman** is the chairperson but he was absent so **Mike McKibben** filled in for him. Mike attended the Interact meeting in November and December. There were 17 students in attendance in November. Pizza was served at the December meeting and 23 students showed up. Several students have asked for the speech contest applications.

The Interact club has participated in the Christmas Basket project, the American River Cleanup and the Orangevale Community Christmas tree lighting, all helped out boy Ely and his merry band of students.

Jeff has recruited 50 students from the high school clubs such as ROTC and the SCORE nursing program to volunteer at our Crab Feed.

**Dennis Sarkisian** said the club received 17 classroom grants totaling over \$13,000. The teachers were notified to make the purchases and they will be reimbursed. They have until January 31 to submit their receipts.

**Dave Shepard** said that there hasn't been much traction on getting students to apply for the ROP scholarship. Most applications are received from Nursing students. He said that Casa Roble has one of only two auto shop programs in the district. Jeff arranged for an automotive vendor to bring their tool truck around to the automotive program. Jeff used that occasion to let the students know that they can apply for the ROP scholarship.

**Club Service** focuses on making the club strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership. Don Russell is planning more Dine Arouns. He is always looking for places to visit. The Pitch and Fiddle has been requested again. The Cliff House has changed hands but he needs someone to go there to check it out before it becomes a Dine Around location.

The Cocktails, Candles and Cotton Candy party is coming up and will be hosted by Diana Newman. Don is looking for more suggestions for social events such as a BBQ or a pizza party. The club's anniversary is coming up and he needs the member's input about going to a restaurant or holding the party at someone's home.

**Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. **Rob Auernig's** passion is scheduling speakers for the weekly vocational talk. He sends out the reminder to the speaker on Monday and every speaker has been prepared.

The Vocational tour to the Sierra Nevada Brewery was informative and enjoyable. Rob is looking for suggestions for the places to visit for a vocational tour.

Rob would like help finding candidates for the People of the Year Awards. Give him suggestions for a teacher, policeman and fireman of the Year.

**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** said he was watching the news on the war in Gaza and he saw Shelter Box Tents in the background. There is always money budgeted to give to the Shelter Box project.

**Jim Buntin** has a contact in Guatemala that we have helped in the past with school supplies. Bryan will allocated \$500 after he works with Jim.

**Phyllis Macdonald** gave the name of a microcredit organization where we can donate funds. Bryan learned of woman in Guatemala that is trying to raise \$500 for a tiller that she can use to improve her land for growing crops.

**Membership** - Audrey Smith-Weiberg filling in for Joni Cyr. The members who joined her at the assembly have decide to adopt the tactic of stalking to find new members.

**The Rotary Foundation** is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions.

**Janice Haworth** said that more member contributions are need to reach the club's annual goals. She has \$200 in matching funds so If you make a donation today she will match it.

## **Food Bank Summary for January 5th**

**Dennis Sarkisian** sent this summary:

Thank you for serving at the **Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank** this chilly, but thankfully sunny first Friday in January. In addition to bagging and boxing lots of grocery items for future distribution, we had the privilege of providing groceries to 95 appreciative families in need (246 individuals). Five were new sign-ups. After greeting one man who drove up this morning, he told me he was really hungry and looking forward to getting his allotment. Thanks again for your ongoing service and making a difference in our community.

## Vocational Talk

The Vocational speaker is none other than our own **President Don Morris!** He has been practicing law for 38 years and he getting good at it!



Don went out on his own in 1991 working in corporate and estate planning and his work eventually morphed into working exclusively Wills and Trusts. He helps plan for a lifetime and after a person is gone. Having a will and trust makes it easier on your family and benefactors.

Without a will and trust, Probate is slow and expensive. Right now in Sacramento it takes 5 months to get a hearing so an executor can be assigned. An attorney who works on a probate case gets paid on a percentage basis.

For example, if a person dies and leaves only a bank account with \$500,000, then the attorney gets paid \$13,000. Don was had a client who was an only son of a woman who died. She had \$235,000 in a bank account and Don will get paid \$7,600 of the money as a result of his probate work.

If you have a will and trust, there is no need for probate and the unnecessary attorney costs. Another advantage of a trust is that people can step to help when the person with a trust becomes incapacitated.

## Announcements

**Lorie Rheams** spoke about the **Winter Sanctuary** program. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner on Sunday, January 14. Lorie is looking for volunteers for cooking, serving and clean up.

Location and Date: Divine Savior Hall, Sunday, January 14

Please sign up for:

3:00pm to 7:00pm - Cook and plate dinner

5:30pm to 8:00pm - Serving

7:00pm to 8:00pm - Help putting dishes away

Lorie passed around greeting cards; a get-well card for **Bob Kurtz**, a thank you for **Paul Robbins** and a congratulations to **Ann Hively** on becoming a grandmother. Paul has been the auctioneer at our Crab Feed for many years and Lorie always makes sure that the club gives him a thank you card. This year she is getting the card pass around before the day of the crab feed.

Lastly, Lorie announced that the **Orangevale Library** is collecting formal clothing to help students who want to attend a high school prom. Give clothing to Lorie and she will take them to the library.

**David Shepard** said that the next **Orangevale Rotary Charitable Fund** meeting is on Thursday, January 18, 7:00pm at Ashley's Country Kitchen.

**Deanna Maddock** said the last **Crab Feed meeting** before the big event will be held on **Wednesday, January 10 at 6pm** in the home of Russ and Lorie Rheams.

**Russ Rheams** said that he send an email to members who purchased Crab Feed tickets but haven't assigned names and phone numbers of the ticket holders. There are 200 unassigned tickets and if Russ doesn't receive the information soon, then the ticket holders will have to do this when they arrive at the event.

**Dennis Sarkesian**, Community service, has scheduled a Rotary House yard cleanup on Saturday, 17-February. Dennis is looking at a late February or early March clean up of the American River Trail.

**Don Russell**, Club Service Chair, gave **Sean Palmer** a thank you card for brining and smoking a turkey for the club's Christmas Party. Don passed around information about donating blood.

The next **Dine-Around** will be on Tuesday, March 9th, at Strobelli's Pizza located near the intersection of Main and Madison. Don passes around a sign up sheet and a copy of the menu. There is limited seating at Strobelli's.

On February 3, Diane Newton will host a **"Cocktails, Candles and Cotton Candy"** party at her home. Her address is 6805 Douglas Blvd, #83, in Granite Bay.

**Janice Howarth** recently attended the District Foundation Meeting. She reviewed the clubs goals for donations. The donation goal to The Rotary Foundation during President Don's year is \$10,000 and \$2,800 has been donation so far (28%). The goal for Polio Plus is \$2,500 and \$1,390 (55%) has been given.

Janice has **Rotary Direct Forms** which members can be used for a one time contribution to Polio Plus or to set up a monthly donation to The Rotary Foundation.

**Eileen Hernandez** asked the club if they would like a change to their breakfast burritos. She offered to make chorizo, bean and egg burritos. The club responded enthusiastically. Starting next week, Eileen will make her regular burritos and the chorizo burritos.

**Steve Blair**, secretary, told everyone to check their emails for the invoice he sent our recently. It's time to pay for your meals.

## Prospector

**Prospector Don Russell** has started a "101 club". He donated \$101 to The Rotary Foundation and anyone that makes the same donation will be fine free for the month and they can ring the bell. Using the Dirty Harry analogy - you can pay with a check, a credit card, and IOU, or donate a dog. **Tommy Peno** and **Mairy Droese** joined. Don also started the \$51.50 club. **Bert Smith** and **Janice Haworth** joined (if I missed your name and the amount, I apologize).



Don asked **Lorie Rheams** if she knew her Rotary membership number. She did not. Don told everyone to learn their number because he would be checking next week.

Don had everyone stand up. Sit down if you went to a Friday coffee meet up at Starbucks. Sit down if you helped with the Christmas baskets. All those left standing, pay \$5.

**Happy Fines** - **Audrey Smith-Wiberg** was happy with her 13 days of travel last year when

she visited Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Don fined her 50 cents per day. Audrey was also happy that her son Austin brought a nice girlfriend home over the holidays. She said that Austin is smitten.

**Mike McKibbin** was happy to visit Spain with his family over the holidays but he caught a cold on the airplane flight back.

**Tommy Peno** was happy that a certain Rotarian check in with him via text messages while he was away. Tommy reminded people to check their “You and Me” list and check in with their Rotarian occasionally.

### *The Orange Ball*

There was no orange ball raffle today.

### *The Thought for the Day*

“Life is what happens while you are making other plans.” -John Lennon

### *Have Fun and Share Rotary!*

### *Fun Places and Faces*



Community - Steve Blair and Dennis Sakesian



International - Mairy Droese, Bryan Daniel and Phyllis Macdonald

More photos on the next page...





Membership - Audrey Smith-Wiberg, Keith Wright and Sean Palmer



The Rotary Foundation - Patty Wolff, Diana Maddock and Janice Harworth



Club - Don Russell and Russ Rheams



Vocational - Jonathan Spangler and Rob Auering



Pres Don and Tommy Penno and Diana Newman



Youth - David Shepard, Bert Smith and Mike McKibben