

# Orange Peel

Rotary Club of Orangevale

District 5180

Jan 7, 2022 Meeting

## Welcome

--Donnie MacDonald

--Janice Howarth

## Announcements

--**Dennis S.** shared that Eileen has Covid, so several members stepped in to get this set up. Special thanks to Eileen for trusting us to use their place!

--Special thanks to Tom Hoffman for a \$500 donation to support our activities in Rotary

--**Sean P.** received a Rotary hat for his hard work on the candy sales

--Christmas Baskets were a huge success. So many families were beyond grateful. Again, special thanks to all who hosted a family. I know the expense...and time were a gift of love.

--If you haven't signed up for Rotary Direct for your support of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), please consider it

--Speech Contest. **Bill W.** shared that he is overwhelmed with monthly commitments and it unable to chair the event. If you are willing, please talk to **Prez. Dennis.**

--Board Meeting Tuesday, at the Orangevale Chamber (last night). Everyone on the board was in attendance

--Winter Sanctuary is Wednesday, Jan. 19. Cooks at my home around 2pm. Signed up so far are: **Lorie, Don Wiberg (making brownies for the event), Janice Howarth, Bill W., Linda V., Patty W., Robbie S.** Those who have signed up to work the dinner are: **Russ, Lorie, Janice Howarth, Bob K., Deanna M., Audrey SW., Sean P., Don R., Jeff V., Ann H., Patty W., and Prez. Dennis.**

## Vocational Speaker

**Phyllis MacDonald** shared an amazing story about her Dad and the SS Jeremiah O'Brien. Her slide presentation was amazing and I was so engrossed, I forgot to take many notes! However, this ship served on D Day. A comment about Merchant Marines...they suffered a very high mortality rate...the first to go and the last to return. If you weren't there or on zoom, please talk to her about it...it was absolutely fascinating.

Prospector --**Deanna M.** never seems to surprise everyone with her ability to extract money....so it was **Joni C.** 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Since she wasn't at the meeting but instead enjoying a few days away with her sweetie Mark, we all had to put in \$\$\$, **Jonathon** was on the phone, then noted was the fact that **Brad S.** got an Iwatch...and was sneaky trying to look at it...\$\$\$, Polar Bear Plunge...\$\$\$. And if you didn't attend the wonderful end of year breakfast at the **Palmer's** home...\$\$\$.not to mention you missed a great time! Stay tuned... Happy Fines...**Steve B.** went to Tahoe and got stuck there when the monumental snow storm hit, **Ann H.** grateful that her place was successfully de-iced before leaving Minnesota...**Deanna M.** shared that Jamar is in Texas and running for Congress.

## Guest Speaker

**Kevin Knauss** was such a fun speaker! He returned and talked about the railroad that crossed through Orangevale. Called the Central California Railroad, it was established in 1852 to work the gold fields at Negro Bar to Lincoln. Though only in existence for about 8 years, it served a valuable purpose. There was a place called Half Way House, basically on Auburn Boulevard at South Cirby. The train did also go to Folsom, if you look closely off the side of Rainbow Bridge, will still see the cement supports among the rocks. Many members were amazed that the mounds on their Orangevale property were actually where the railroad existed. Though the track are long gone, the mounds are still there!

## Raffle

With 9 balls and \$68 in the pot, **Patty W.** when hunting around....but only came up with a white one!

### Upcoming Speakers for January

- Jan 14 – Dr. Aaron Lech ...talking about his Optometry trip to India
- Jan. 21 – Elyse Polis...talking about Weave and Sheriff Response Team
- Jan. 28 – Barry Ross ...sharing updates about Orangevale Park and Rec.
- Feb. 4 – Club Assembly

### Jobs for Next Week

Greeters – **Don M. & Mike McK.** (be there at 6:30am)

Invoker – **Lorie R.**

Vocational – **Don M.**

Raffle Ticket Seller – **Patty W.** (be there at 6:30am)

Note from your Editor: Attached are the Approved Board Minutes from our December Meeting. The new year means some new changes.... Should you have any questions about the minutes, please talk to our wonderful club secretary, Phyllis MacDonald.

Thought for today...as we deal with a New Year

“Everybody needs a passion. That’s what keeps life interesting. If you live without passion, you can go through life without leaving any footprints.” --*Betty White*

Pictures following thanks to **Bob K.**



