

# The Orange Peel

2025-2026 | President Deanna Maddock | Show up, Give back, Get things done, and Have fun!

## Next Meeting Friday, Oct 10, 2025

**Speaker** - Matthew Bruce -  
National University -  
Fundraising Academy

**Greeters** - Cindy Hill-Morris  
**Invocation** - Lorie Rheams  
**Vocation** - Cindy Hill-Morris  
**Prospector** - Mary Shear  
**Raffle tickets** - Donna  
Detmers

## 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?**

## Observations from RV Travel



The scheduled speaker was a no-show. **Mairy Droese** stepped up to give her future Vocational talk as a fill-in for the speaker.

Mairy met her husband **Dick** six years ago on-line. She likes to joke that she go him through Amazon Prime and decide to keep him! They met before Covid and in the first seven months together they travel quite a bit.

When Covid shut the world down, they still wanted to travel so their “Plan B” was to buy a Winnebago, C-Class Motorhome. They have had the RV for just over five years and they have 59,024 miles on it. It is 25.5 feet long and when they pull their two-door Jeep Wrangler, its 44 feet long.

Mairy and Dick have a goal to visit all of the Lower 48 States. This summer they took a 60-day, 8,127 mile road trip through 24 states. Eight of the states were ones that they hadn’t visited before - Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. As of now, they have visited 39 states.

Next summer they plan to visit nine more states for a total of 48! Those states are the six New England states, New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

## Recap of the Meeting Oct 3, 2025

### Guests

None

### Visiting Rotarians

None

### District 5180 Governor

**Megan Ellinghouse**  
2025-2026

### Rotary International President 2025-2026

**Francesco Arezzo**

**The 2025-2026 Rotary  
International presidential  
theme is "Unite For  
Good"**

Mairy wanted to share some observations from their RV travel. When driving, they travel at 56 to 67 mph, depending on the state law. They are like a turtle in the slow lane with the trucks. Since they have gotten an RV they are much more sympathetic to truck drivers and other RV drivers. Driving slow and careful gives them a much better fuel usage - the average milage was 13.8mpg and the average cost is \$3.49. The average nightly lodging was \$49.

They take turns driving but Dick is most comfortable if Mairy drives on the highways only, from rest stop to rest stop. Dick has said many times that he wishes he could have a day without orange construction cones. Ten years ago, they say that they should have invested money in cone manufacturing. They are everywhere and they see evidence of the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Bill at work. About 80% of the time, the road work involves rebuilding bridges and overpasses.

Mairy and Dick have talked about making a board game spinner and theirs would be used in the morning before heading out in their RV for the day. It would have pie sections representing kind of a day they would have - heavy rainstorm, high winds, dust storm, road construction with workers, road constriction without workers, flag man and a pilot car, a detour, etc.

You probably don't give much thought about rest stops but when you're in an RV or a big truck, looking for a safe open rest stop becomes important. Mairy and Dick needed a rest area so they could get out and walk around, eat lunch, check the RV, etc. There is nothing so discouraging as coming up to a rest area that is closed with a sign announcing the next rest area is 68 miles ahead!

Mairy's favorite rest areas are the Welcome centers when you enter a new state. She likes to pick up information about the state they are going to drive through, for instance, what are the state foods they should try. For example, when were driving through

Nebraska, they had to stop and get a Runza which are so popular that there is a fast food chain called Runza. For those of you that don't know what a Runza is, its a German/ Russian baked bread pocket filled with ground beef and cabbage. They are pretty tasty.



The bad things about rest stops is when the bathrooms are fitted out with the same toilets that are used in prisons - cold metal toilets securely attached to the floor with no plastic seats. Cold water and no mirror. No toilet paper and/or no paper towels.

The next subject Mairy brought up was about merging onto the highway. Many drivers don't know how to use an on-ramp! Really, folks, pay attention. We are in a big RV, happily using cruise control and we come up to an on-ramp. Someone will be heading up the on-ramp and matching our speed and not paying attention.

Suddenly they look over and see us. They panic and they don't know what to do - should they speed up or should they slow down. We're watching the driver and trying to figure out if it's time to put on our brakes because we can't really speed up quickly. Finally the on-coming driver reacts and they find the accelerator or their brakes. its a stressful time. So everyone, pay attention to your driving when entering a highway. Thank you.

The last observations is gas station etiquette. They use diesel fuel in their RV. They can fill up at a truck stop but they aren't always handy. When Dick goes to a regular station, the diesel pumps are usually on the end.

Many drivers pull up to a pump, turn their vehicle off and go inside the gas station building...for a long time. Are they in there socializing, eating breakfast, going to the bathroom, and/or picking out the beef jerky they need for the day? When they eventually come out, then they pump the fuel and get into their vehicle.... and look at their phone, put in a destination in the GPS, send a text, etc.

Several times, Mairy has gone up to the driver and asked them to move on. This is not a parking space!!! We are 44 feet long and we want to get to the pump!! We don't like blocking the gas station entrance while we wait to use the pump. So everyone, please don't use the area next to the pumps as a parking lot! Thank you.

## Announcements

**President Deanna Maddock** had to start the meeting without her bell. It appears that someone has stolen it. So instead, she squeezed the rubber chicken several times to get everyone's attention.

She ran through a list of community events -

- Saturday, October 4th is the 6th annual food drive at Divine Savior, 8:30am to 11:30am.
- Orangevale Grange Plant Sale, October 4th from 8 to 12
- Aging-Well Symposium & Resource Fair at the Orangevale Community Center, Saturday, October 4, 8:30am to 2pm, Free.
- Next Crab Meeting, Wednesday, November 5, 6:30pm at Steve Blair's home. Steve is looking for a place to store auction items. Let him know if you have a spare room.
- The **Rotary Foundation dinner** is coming up on **November 8, 6-9pm** at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

**Eileen Hernandez** returned Rotisserie, the chicken . Eileen shared a lot of photos of Rotisserie helping at the restaurant. This week **Joni Cyr** will be taking the chicken home.

## Committee Reports

**Janet Cahill** said that today is our service day at the Orangevale Fair Oaks Food Bank.

*Note from the editor:*

**Dennis Sarkisian** sent out this Food Bank Summary in an email:

Thank you for serving at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank today. Although a bit short-handed, we got the job done. Serving with our Fair Oaks Rotary friends, we completed plenty of prep work, bagging and boxing groceries, then processing and loading groceries in vehicles of **68** struggling families, totaling **211 children and adults**. We also processed 3 new applicants, getting them "in the system". A couple clients I spoke with shared how much they depend on their food bank allotments every 2 weeks and many more expressed appreciation of the service they receive. Once again, thank you for your ongoing dedication to serving those in need.

**Jim Buntin**, International Chair, said that the ShelterBox organization is celebrating its 25th year. For the new members that don't know about Shelter Box, it is a charity that we give money to every year.

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in the small town of Helston, Cornwall UK. Now, 25 years later, ShelterBox has grown into an independent international disaster relief organization that provides emergency shelter, tools and other essentials to people after disaster. In 25 years, we have supported **over 3 million people** in **around 100 countries**. Syria is our longest ongoing response. We've supported **over 375,000 people there** since 2012. Their biggest response today is the typhoon and earthquake in the Philippines.

Jim will be sending a flyer about the 25th celebration, or you can learn more at their website [shelterbox.org](http://shelterbox.org)

**Mike Mckibbin** said that first Interact meeting of the school year at Casa Roble High School was held this week - 44 of the 49 students who signed to attend came to the meeting and enjoyed the free pizza. It was mostly young ladies and they are looking for service opportunities. There was discussion about the speech contest and the RYLA camp. They also talked about making Water Pasteurization Indicators (WAPI's), a simple, reusable device that helps determine when water has reached pasteurization temperature, making it safe to drink. WAPIs are simple to build and can prevent water borne illnesses.

**Dave Shepard**, club treasurer, sent out invoices for Rotary swag and Rotary dues. Please pay up.

Dave talked about our club's involvement is Rotary Youth Exchange. We haven't hosted a student since Coivd but we stay in touch with former students. We hosted an exchange student named **Mia** who lives in Ukraine. She lived with Mike Mckibbin's family and Dave's family. She visited them last week and left a box of Ukraine chocolate with Dave which he brought to the meeting. When going through the breakfast line, take a piece of chocolate.

**Don Russel**, Club Service Chair, said it is Butterfly and Hummingbird Day. Why couldn't the butterfly go to the dance? Because it was a moth ball.

The next **Dine Around** (DAR) will be on the third Tuesday of the month, October 21 at Divine Sky. Don will be hosting his annual **Halloween Bonfire** night in his front yard. Dress up, bring a snack and a chair. **Friday, October 31.**

**Don** said that make Blood Donations a passion in his life. Please consider making a donation or asking other people you know to donate blood. Don finished with this question - What kind of music do chiropractors like? Hip-pop.

**Joni Cyr** passed around a flyer about a Pickle Ball Tournament. It is being hosted by the 20/30 club which her daughter belongs to. The money raised from the tournament will go to support schools and youth sports.



## Vocational Talk



**Cindy Hill-Morris** gave her vocational talk and it was a Show-and-Tell. Cindy usually gives a talk about law because she is a lawyer but this time she shared the hobby which helps her relax-embroidery. (Someone suggested that maybe the repeated stabbing with a needle helped to reduce the stress!)

Cindy described several types of embroidery and with each type she showed a sample of her work. Cindy learned to embroider when she was a teenager. Most of the work she has made was from using a kit that contained the yarn and a pattern. Sometimes she has designed her own art work. One impressive long wallhanging was a piece she made in high school. It featured blackwork, chainstitch, satin stitch, etc.



Cindy kept pulling piece after 5 piece of her work out of the bag she brought to the podium. There were several cute halloween pieces. Cindy showed examples of stump work which is a raised embroider which can incorporate beads and sparkly objects.



Cindy has worked in cross stitch on plastic canvas and aida cloth. Some of the kits have included an embroidery hoop for finishing and displaying her work. A cute pumpkin kit had instructions for several new stitches for her to learn. She buys the kits at Walmart, Michaels and Amazon. Cindy left her work out on the podium so everyone could admire it during the breakfast break.

## Prospector

New member **Mary Shear** was at the podium for her first time as prospector. **Janet Cahill** left early and gave Mary five dollars. Mairy didn't know that if a member leaves early, they pay a "scooter fee" of \$5 for missing the rest of the meeting.

Mary called out the October birthday people - **Deanna** (10/10), **Diana** (10/11), **Mairy** (10/20) and **Jeff** (10/21). **Dave Shepard** was fined for his phone ringing during the meeting.



Mary asked questions about last week's speaker's talk about how to prepare an Elevator Speech. What are the four elements of a successful speech. The acronym is C.A.R.E. **Licia Green** knew the answer - Connect, Acknowledge the problem, Resolve the Problem and Engage.

At last week's meeting, there were four young visitors. What was the group promoting? Kids Helping Kids and they are putting on a concert/auction in January to benefit families of children with pediatric cancer.

Mary then went on to ask questions about Halloween.

When did the Halloween celebration start? 600 AD.

Which First Lady decorated the White House for Halloween? Mimi Eisenhower in 1958

Which President told children that the White House was haunted by Ab Lincoln? George Bush in 1989.

When did "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown?" first air on TV? 1966

## Happy Fines

**Audrey Smith-Wiberg** was happy to meet Baby Scarlet, the newborn of George who is her son Zack's best friend. Scarlet is so cute with a full head of hair.

**Joni Cyr** was happy to be done hosting a wedding at her home.

**Jeff Valdman** is happy that his brother's oldest daughter is getting married, Also he is happy that he and his wife Linda are going to Maui for a week.

**Lucia Green** was happy because she is going to a Stevie Nicks concert on Saturday.

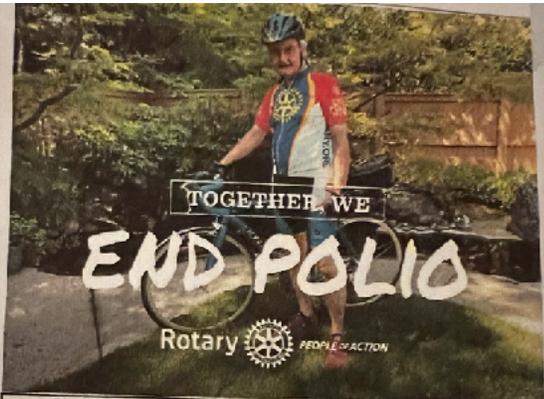
## The Orange Ball Raffle

**Donna Detmers** had the matching raffle ticket. She was wearing a brightly colored coat and she should have been lucky for her but she drew out the orange ball. Donna will be selling raffle tickets next week.



## The Thought of the Day

Autumn or Fall, reminds us to slow down savor the moment, and celebrate the season of gratitude.



For the fifth year, I am doing a Fundraiser for PolioPlus. My goal is to raise \$150,000. When we started this fight, there were 350,000 cases a year, last year there were 99. Let's get it to zero! Please join this fight and contribute: use my hyperlink, QR code or give a check to your club Foundation Chair. Let's raise \$150,000 by **World Polio Day, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**.  
<https://raise.rotary.org/Joe-Scheimer/fundraiser376>



**October 24 is World Polio Day.** Rotarian Joe Scheimer is helping out district to raise the \$150,00 before the zone institute meeting on October 23. So far he has raised \$67,380. Please make a donation. <https://raise.rotary.org/Joe-Scheimer/fundraiser376>