

The Orange Peel

2026-2027 | President Steve Blair | Rotary Creates a Lasting Impact!

Next Meeting Friday, Oct 16, 2026

Speaker - Councilman
Kevin Kiley
Greeters - Sean Palmer
Invocation - Lorie Rheams
Vocation - Bill Wagner
Raffle tickets - Deanna
Maddock

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?**



Orangevale History Project

Newsletter Editor **Mairy Droese** introduced **Mark Aring**, the current President of the **Orangevale History Project**. He is a 30-year

Information Technology veteran currently working for the State of California and holds a Bachelor's Degree in History. When not busy with these two things, he works the family's small farm in Orangevale and is helping his wife start her porch bakery business.

The museum is the official historical society of the Orangevale Community and was started five years ago. The mission of the museum is to collect, preserve and share Orangevale's rich legacy. It is staffed by volunteers who help research, acquire collection, house acquisitions, conduct interviews and write articles. The museum is lucky to have volunteer Tina who is a retired activist and has organized the archive.

Mark spoke a lot about acquisitions. If you have Orangevale history that you would like to share with the museum, please do so. Think about what you might have or might come across. For example, Mark was talking to Mairy Droese during breakfast and she has a lot of Rotary Newsletters. The museum would like to give them a home. Items can be given or loaned. Photos will be reproduced and returned.

The museum has a YouTube channel where they share interviews made with community members. Lupe Maldonado who owned L&M Deli recently passed away.

Recap of the Meeting Oct 09, 2026

Guests

**Mark Aring - Orangevale
History Project**

Visiting Rotarians None

**District 5180 Governor
Dave Veden
2026-2027**

**Rotary International
President 2025-2026
Olayinka Babalola**

**The 2025-2026 Rotary
International presidential
theme is "Create Lasting
Impact"**



Luckily he was interviewed and that history is now captured. The museum wants to avoid missing the chance to talk to the old timers in the community. Contact Mark if you know of someone in the community that should be interviewed and he'll schedule it.

One-third of the museum exhibition space is the anchor exhibit. The other two-thirds is refreshed once a year. Currently there is an exhibit on the history of San Juan High School. In December the exhibit will be changed to an exhibit on the Twin Lakes Riding Club. Mark would love to see an exhibit about the Rotary Club, the Grange and the Orangevale Women's Club.

The major fundraiser is "The Night at the Museum" which was held recently. It had to compete with other events held that same evening such as a football game, a carwash opening and a drone show in Folsom. But nevertheless, over \$5,000 was raised which is great for the second year that event has been held.

Member meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. The meetings are usually held at the Orangevale Library but the upcoming meeting will be held at the Orangevale Grange. The talk will be about The Pink Pussy Kat a Go-Go! which ended up becoming a Supreme Court Case. Doors open at 6pm.

The museum has a YouTube channel and each meeting is recorded and posted to the channel. Please visit the channel and join/Like/share/subscribe which will help boost the channel. In addition, the museum has a facebook page and an Instagram account.

Mark has been the President of the Orangevale History Project for the past five years. His work life has become less flexible and he needs to step down. The museum is looking to fill the roles of President and Secretary. Contact Mark for more details.



The museum is located at 6920 Hazel Avenue. The hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 12 noon to 4 pm. Free admission. For more information visit www.orangevalehistory.org

President-Elect Licia Green thanked Mark for his talk and for the wonderful work that the museum is performing to preserve Orangevale history. Licia presented Mark with a speaker's gift, a handcrafted pen made by member Bob Kurtz.

Announcements & Committee Reports

President-Elect Licia Green led the meeting while **President Steve Blair** is away. She talked about the Crab Feed. **Dennis Sarkisian** has reached outreach to former sponsors and secured or received pledges for \$2,500. **Mary Shear** has received three silent auction items. The donation form for items is available on the club's website. **Deanna Maddock** has been learning the new version of the ticketing software and the tickets will go on sale soon.

Janet Cahill said that the next trail clean up of the Black Miners Bar will be on Saturday, November 14. Mark your calendars.

Bill Wagner recently gave a report on The Rotary Foundation to the Board. Twenty members have given to TRF so far this year. There are different levels of giving. One-half of the club members are enrolled in the Rotary Direct program. Its an easy way to donate to TRF on a monthly basis. Bill has the forms and he will help you fill it out. Two other ways of giving is the Bequest Society and the Benefactor Society. Nine people in the club are members of the Benefactor Society which means they will designate \$1,000 be given to Rotary upon their passing. Talk to Bill if you want more information.

The **7th Annual Community Food Drive** is coming up on **Saturday, October 17, 8:30am to 11:30am** at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale. All proceeds benefit the Orangevale Fair Oaks Food Bank. The goal is to collect 50,000 pounds of food.

Mike McKibbin said that 19 members of the Interact club had a meeting this week and they discussed what projects they want to work on this school year. The Interact leaders will visit our club meeting on November 20 to share their projects.

Audrey Smith-Wiberg passed around a sympathy card for **Maggie Hoy** who lost her father recently. Maggie is a member of the Fair Oaks Rotary club and a long time friend of our club.

David Shepard filling in for **Jim Buntin** (who is away at band camp), said that the money we sent to Shelter Box is being used to deliver a Shelter Box to Nepal. We received a thank you card.

Dear Rotary Club of Orangevale,

Thank you for your donation to Shelter Box in support of our mission to ensure no one is without shelter and life saving aid after a disaster. It is your kindness and generosity that makes our vital work possible worldwide.

With gratitude, Tessa and the Shelter Box Team

David is the club treasurer and he said that he has a single check request form if you have made a reapproved purchase and you would like to be reimbursed for the expense.

Don Russell, Club Chairperson said that it's National Post Day. What did the envelope say to the stamp? Stick with me and we'll go places! What's invisible and makes a clucking noise around your house? A poultrygeist.

The next Dine Around will be at Divided Sky Tavern on Tuesday, October 13, 5:30pm. It located at 4894 San Juan Avenue in Fair Oaks. 916-241-9317.

Don asked everyone to consider donation a pint of blood. To encourage you, if you refer a new blood donor to give blood at Vitalant through the end of 2026, you'll each earn \$20. In addition, submit your donation to help your favorite Big Ten school and win \$1 million for student or community health.

Vocational Talk

Sean Palmer admitted that he forgot that he was scheduled to give his vocational tax today. He went through some of the goings on his his world. Trunk or Treat is happening at the Orangevale Community Center this evening.

Sean's wife Collette has been away on travel in Seattle. While she was gone, Sean finally caught the mole that has been tearing up his yard in a reign of terror for the past four months. Speaking of critters, Sean hadn't seen the neighborhood peacock, nicknamed Pete, for the last two weeks. Sean thought he was gone for good but the bird came strutting through the yard recently.

Collette posts a lot of chicken content on her facebook page. A woman started following her and asked Collette to adopt two chickens because the family was moving. Collette agreed to take the chickens and she was going to rehouse them. When she got to the home of the woman, the mother had told her two daughters that they would be living forever with Collette. Now Collette was stuck with them and they were trouble makers.

Sean said the two chickens would escaped the pen, tear up the yard and poop on the deck. Collette and Sean didn't want to keep them. Luckily Collette met a Carmichael widower who loved chickens. Since his wife died, he had bought chickens and raised them in his back in yard. He enjoys sitting the his backyard and watching the chickens. He accepted the two chickens for Collette and Sean knows that they will be loved more in their new home than in Sean's backyard.

Sean and nine friends went to Washington for a tuna fishing trip. Audrey's husband Don was one of the friends. The boat traveled for ten hours heading 90 miles south of the harbor in Washington. When they got to the fishing grounds, between the ten of them, they caught 115 tuna averaging 20 to 35 pounds each. The friends has so much tuna to bring home to Sacramento that Audrey had to go out to the airport to help carry tuna home.

Happy Fines

Mairy Droese is happy because she spent a week with her brothers in their home town of Gloucester, Massachusetts. She is also happy because she and her husband are about to go on a trip to Europe.

Deanna Maddock was happy because tomorrow she turns 50 years old. They club sang Happy Birthday to her.

Keith Wright recently returned from a six week trip to Europe where he walked the Camino de Santiago. Afterwards he visited Croatia.

Rob Auernig was happy that his son returned home in time for his daughters birthday.

Horacio Oropeza was happy to be out of the hospital where he was recovering from a bad burn to his arm.

Dave Shepherd was glad the Horacio is doing better.

Cindy Morris was happy that the weather was going to get cooler.

Jeff Valtman is happy to be taking his grandsons to a quarter mile midget track.

Audrey Smith-Wiberg is happy to be celebrating her 40th wedding anniversary this weekend.

The Orange Ball Raffle

There were four balls and \$139. **Deanna Maddock** had the winning ticket and she pulled the orange golf ball out of the basket! Winner, winner! She will be selling raffle tickets at the next meeting.

Thought for the Day

"Today, we've been reminded that history is much more than dates, buildings, and photographs. It's the story of the people who came before us, the choices they made, and the community they helped create. As Rotarians, we have an opportunity to honor that legacy while continuing to shape the future of Orangevale. May we always value our history, preserve our stories, and remember that the work we do today becomes the history of tomorrow."

"The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future."

- Theodore Roosevelt