The Orange Peel

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

Next Meeting
Friday, Dec 04, 2026

Speaker - **Angela Lee - OVFO Community Council**
Greeter - **Cindy Hill-Morris**
Invocation - **Audrey Smith-Wiberg**
Vocation - **Bryan Daniel**

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?

Casa Roble Interact Club



Mike McKibbin introduced two students who are members of the Interact Club at Casa Roble High School. **Henry Pollock** is this year's club president and **Eleanor Pyaro** is in charge of the club's social media presence.

Mike said that the Interact club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Mike provides the pizza paid for by the Charitable Fund. There are 16 members in the club this school year.

Henry spoke first and he thanked Mike for the pizza. Henry described the projects that the club has participated in this year.

For the Big Day of Service, the club participated in a beautification project in the native area between Casa Roble school buildings. They spread bark, planted new plants, cleaned the picnic table and it was a success. Today student go there to enjoy the nature setting.

Henry and Eleanore attended the Interact Conference last month. They learned leadership skills and how to run an Interact meeting. They were encouraged to publicize the

Recap of the Meeting Nov 06, 2026

Guests

Casa Roble Interact Club
Henry Pollock - president
Eleanor Pyaro - social media

InterWheel visitors -
Linda Daniel (wife of Bryan)
Marcia Kiesse - District Chair

Celeste McKibbin - wife of Mike McKibbbin

Jean Hill - Jim Buntin's sister

Ernie Womack - Katrina's husband

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"

club more and recruit more members.

The Interact Club is looking for another big project for the next Big Day of Service. Coming up the club members will be handing out bottles of water at Mile 9 at the CIM race. Linda Daniel invited the Interacters to also join the Inner Wheel Club at Mile 4 to get the word out about prevent violence against women and children. (Editor note - see more about the Inner Wheel effort further down in the newsletter.)

Horacio Oropeza who works for the Orangevale Parks department said they the Interact club can help with craft tables at the Orangevale tree lighting. The Fair Oaks Park District needs help with their tree lighting. Horacio said to talk to him after the meeting.

Bill Wagner said that he is looking for help on February 28, 2027 at the Sacramento Area VIP Basket Ball Tournament. The purpose of VIP (Very Inspirational People) is to provide the opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in competitive athletic, social and recreational activities. Bill is in charge of the kitchen and feeding the participants. The Interact members could help hand out meals. He will talk with Henry after the meeting.

To follow the Interact club on Instagram, search for **casa.roble.interact.**

President Steve thanked Eleanor and Henry for their talk and posed with them for this photo.

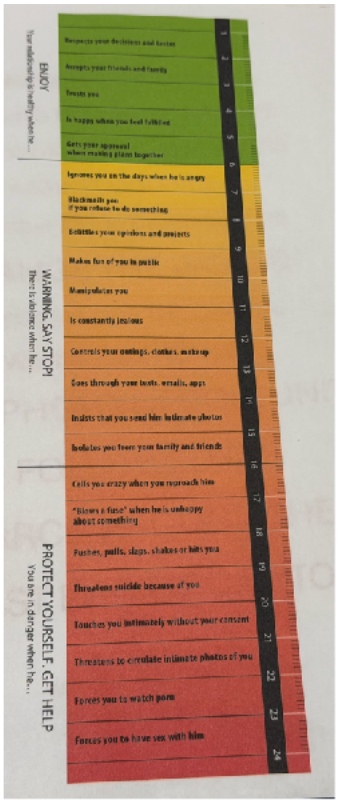


An Announcement from Inner Wheel



Linda Daniel visiting from the Inner Wheel Club of Orangevale spoke about a opportunity that everyone can participate in next week. The International Inner Wheel is supporting the United Nations 15-day Worldwide Awareness Against Violence - November 25th through December 10th.

The United Nations is leading worldwide awareness against gender-based violence primarily through the "International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women" on November 25 and the 16 Days of Activism running through "International Human Rights Day" on December 10.



The UN Secretary-General's campaign calls on governments, institutions, and the public to "Speak Out. Believe Survivors. Demand Justice.". The 2026 focus "centers on ensuring justice, protecting survivors, and ending impunity across home, work, public, and online spaces".

A global mobilization launching on November 25 to challenge stigma, promote prevention, and push for stronger legal protections. Linda said that everyone is invited to **join the Inner Wheel Clubs on the west steps of the State Capital at 10am., Wednesday November 25th.** Wear orange and join other groups around the world in the awareness kick-off. One voice can start a movement. This is the third year that the Orangevale Inner Wheel is involved.

There will be a photo of the group on the west steps at 10am. We will walk around the west side of the capital and then have another photo opportunity. Linda showed a flyer for the event and handed out orange wrist bands.

At the event, bookmarks will be given to young people which describes various scenarios that are red light events that can lead to violence.



Announcements & Committee Reports

David Shepard, Treasurer sent out invoices to everyone. He said "Thank You" to those that paid. If you didn't receive an invoice, let him know and he will send it again.

Janet Cahill, Community, said that last Saturday's Black Miner's Bar clean up was fabulous. There were ten people and a Mike's dog Magic out picking up trash. There is always trash out on the parkway so our work is helps to keep the trail clean. Weather-wise is was a beautiful morning!

Dennis Sarkisian announced the dates of the next two service days at the Food Bank. He will send out an invitation to serve on **Friday, December 4**. The first Friday is January is New Years Day and the Food Bank will be closed. We will serve on Friday, **January 8th**, 2027.

Mary Shear send an email asking everyone to bring in auction items for the Crab Feed. Items are needed for the silent auction, live auction and the raffle. She is also accepting cash donations which she will give to shoppers who will buy auction items. Mary need action items for men so think tools, sports, services, etc. when getting items.

Mary needs help putting baskets together and she need volunteer shoppers. She passed around the basket list for people to volunteer to fill a themed basket. Mary is accepting action items until January 15 but don't wait until the last minute to get your donations in!

Licia Green said that the recent Crab Feed meeting was well attended by 13 Rotarians. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 6, 2027**. Last year the club only made $5500 on ticket sales. the bulk of the fund raising is made through the sale of auction items! Please get your auction items to Mary.

Lorie Rheams said that its time to think about the Christmas Basket program. Lorie is looking for host families to make a Christmas basket for a family in need. Lorie needs shoppers and donations as well. The baskets will be handed out on December 19 and she especially needs help that morning at 11:00am.

Derek Maldonado's picture is on the from cover of the Orangevale Times. He was the top fundraiser and top bowler at the Turkey Bowl to benefit the Food Bank! Congratulations!

Don Russell, Club Chairperson said that it's National Child's Day. What did Buffalo say to his child when he left on a trip? Bye-son. Our **Christmas party** will be held Saturday, **December 5th**, 5:00pm at Don Glover's home; 7701 Greenridge Way, Fair Oaks. Bring a dish and a White Elephant gift.
The **Christmas Parade of Lights** will be held on December 12. The decoration of Steve's tractor and trailer will be begin at 9am the morning go the parade. For the start of the parade, meet at Green Oaks at 4:30pm.

The next **Dine Around** will be at **Fire Wings** on Sunrise Blvd across from Chili's. 5350 Sunrise Blvd, Fair Oaks. Wednesday, December 9th, 5:30pm.

The club will be dark next week. Don suggested meeting at **Starbucks** on Friday, November 27 for coffee and a chat. Located at 8888 Madison Ave, Fair Oaks. Its got new furniture so lets check it out.

Why did the little girl cross the playground? To get to the other **slide**!

Vocational Talk



When **Cindy Hill-Morris** and her husband Don bought their house in Citrus Heights, it came with a mature lemon tree. She held up a box with lemons in it. Cindy has used the lemons to make Lemon Curd, a spread that is delicious on scones, muffins, toast, etc.

Lemon Curd is made with lemon juice, sugar, butter and eggs. After washing the lemons, she zests them. Then he reams the lemon halves to extract the juice. She combines all of the ingredients in a double boiler and begins whisking, whisking, and whisking until the curd has the consistency of Hollandaise sauce. The recipe fills two jars the size of babyhood jars which must be stored in the refrigerator.

Cindy has a grapefruit tree in the yard and she tried making grapefruit curd. It did not make a very good curd. She will stick to using lemons.

The part of the recipe that takes the longest is the squeezing of the lemons and then the whisking. She held up a jar for us to see and she invited us to try her curd. She put it on the buffet table along with some pieces of bread.

Everyone tasted it as they ate their breakfast and it was delicious!! Thanks, Cindy for sharing!

Happy Fines

Jim Buntin was happy that his sister Jean is visiting and that he had a birthday (he turned 81 years old). The club sang him Happy Birthday!
Bryan Daniel was happy that his wife Linda was at the meeting today.
Celeste McKibbin was happy to be attending the meeting. Its been ten years since the family became part of the Orangevale Rotary family.
Phyllis Macdonald said that President Steve had an amazing agenda for his board meeting
Deanna Maddock was happy to wake up in a warm bed, to take a warm shower and to have a great person to wake up to!
Joni Cyr was happy to have her sone Joey out of the hospital. He had a rough time of it in the hospital but now he is home where Joni can take care of him.
Bill Wagner is happy to celebrate his 44th wedding anniversary. He made a donation on-line to The Rotary Foundation.
Horacio Oropeza is happy that he help to decorate the Christmas tree at the Orangevale Community Park building. The lighting of the tree will be the evening of December 4th.
Eleanor and Henry were happy to attend the Teen Council's Friendsgiving last night. They were also happy that this is their fourth year as members of Interact.

The Orange Ball Raffle

There were two balls and $269. **Horacio Oropeza** had the winning ticket and but he pulled the white golf ball out of the basket making him a Looser! He will be selling raffle tickets at the next meeting.

Thought for the Day

"Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude."

