The Orange Peel

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

Next Meeting
Friday, Nov 13, 2026

Speaker - **Roger Spencer - HART**
Greeter - **Rob Auernig**
Invocation - **Patty Wolff**
Vocation - **Steve Blair**

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 Library



Speaker Chair **Licia Green** introduced **Rick Westberry,** the branch supervisor for the Orangevale branch of the Sacramento Public Library. He has been with the library for about two and a half years, and as the supervisor of Orangevale for almost a year. He has a Master of Arts in History from Sacramento State University and originally wanted to become a professor of history. He was drawn to the library because he loved providing free resources to the community and seeing the joy that libraries bring to members of the community.

Note from the editor - Mairy was on vacation and joined the Rotary meeting via Zoom. She had to drop off the call after Licia introduced Rick. The following information comes from the library website.

The library is located at 8820 Greenback Lane and is open Tuesday through Saturday.

The Orangevale Library first opened in May 1912, when Mrs. Adelaide Morse welcomed neighbors to borrow books from 100 volumes kept in her dining room on Walnut Avenue. As the collection grew, the library moved to the Orangevale Clubhouse, then relocated several times over the following decades as space needs increased.

By the 1960s, the branch operated in a shared building with the post office on Hazel Avenue, serving a growing

Recap of the Meeting Nov 06, 2026

Guests
Rick Westberry - Orangevale Library

Nicole

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"

community eager for more space and resources. Despite several moves and even closures, passionate residents continually rallied to keep their neighborhood library open.

After operating in multiple temporary sites, the library found a lasting home in the Greenback Oaks Shopping Center in 1986. Community support and state funding helped sustain the branch through challenging years, and Orangevale residents' commitment to their library never wavered.

In 2021, the Orangevale Library completed a major renovation that doubled its size and made the building fully accessible. The updated space now features areas for children and teens, new study rooms, public computers, and a community room, continuing a legacy of service and connection more than a century in the making.

The community room is named after Jane Wise, a past member of the Orangevale Rotary Club who had a passion for the Orangevale Library. Jane was the high school principal and a long time Rotarian. The meeting room has a video screen and projector, microphone and hearing devices, a small kitchenette and restrooms.

Your library card gives you free access to books, eAudiobooks, digital media, learning resources, and more. You can browse the library's catalog for items in 13 different languages.

Besides book other things can be checked out such as museum and park passes, cake pans, early learning kits and video games. The seed library is very popular with local gardeners.

Every month there are several events of interest. For example in November there is Family Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers, Read to a Dog for children, Mixed Media Art Journaling for adults, LEGO Robotics for teens and Genealogy workshops.

For more information visit https://www.saclibrary.org/visit-us/orangevale.

President Steve thanked Rick for his talk and presented him with a speaker's gift, a handcrafted pen made by member Bob Kurtz.

Announcements & Committee Reports

President-Elect Licia Green talked about her time at the Rotary District Conference held at Lake Tahoe last weekend. Licia and her husband Rob along with President Steve Blair and partner Cathrine attended. Licia served as a Sargent-At-Arms. A good time was had by all.

Licia talked about the upcoming Crab Feed meeting that will be held at her home on the evening of November 17, 6;30pm. **Mary Shear** is collecting auction items so please bring your auction items to the weekly meeting meetings.

Janet Cahill said that the next trail clean up of the Black Miners Bar will be on Saturday, November 14. She will send out an invitation to the clean up.

Bill Wagner, TRF Chair, talked about gems - Sapphires, Rubies and Diamonds. The cumulative donations to The Rotary Foundation of $1000 or more are recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow pin. With each increment of $1000, the donor receives a pin with a ruby, sapphire or diamond, for higher increments of giving. Cumulative or outright gifts of $10,000 or more are recognized as Major Donors. Today, Bill said that **Denis Sarkisian** is the club's newest Major Donor. Thank you Dennis.

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.

Don Russell, Club Chairperson said that it's National Sax Day. Don hosted a Halloween bonfire and a lot of people showed up. Don said that a lot of people showed up to give blood at the Divine Savior church last Sunday.

Vocational Talk

Rob Auernig grew up far away in Carmichael. When he was young, Orangevale seemed far away. (His dentist worked in Orangevale and Rob had unpleasant experiences which affected his visits to the dentist ever since.)

The Sacramento Raceway opened when Rob was ten years old and his father would take him there often. Rob remembered on one drive out Sunrise Blvd, his father got the car up to 110mph!!

When Rob was in third grade his family moved all the way to the other side of Manzanita. He went to the Winston Churchill High School and Rob was on the baseball team. During a game against Casa Roble, Rob could see goats grazing out past the ball field. Orangevale was still out in the country.

Everything seemed so far apart to young Rob. He wrapped up this brief history of growing up way over in Carmichael.

Happy Fines

Katrina Womack was happy to add a new puppy to their family.
Janet Cahill is happy to be back from her trip to Australia to celebrate her father's 90th birthday.
Phyllis Macdonald is back fro a trip to Scotland. Her husband Donnie had a successful book launch.
Sean Palmer had a good time at the turkey bowl and he was happy that Brad Squires lost.
Bert Smith was happy that Rob repaired her car again.
Joni Cyr said that her son is recovering from pneumonia and his numbers are better.
Dave Shepherd has a good trip to Mount Rushmore and the Badlands.
Jim Buntin's wife had a enjoyable trip back east for a reunion.

Thought for the Day

"The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of your library." - Albert Einstein

A Special request

The club received an email from **Ronnie Margolis,** Secretary & Past President of the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay, Hawaii.

I'm writing from the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay on Kauaʻi's North Shore with a request, and I've done my best to make it easy for you.

On September 7, Hurricane Lowell passed along Kauaʻi's west side and did severe damage across our island. Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed, and much of the North Shore, where our club serves, was without power for two to four weeks. Eight weeks later, families are still navigating insurance claims, rebuilding, and keeping food on the table. More of our neighbors are relying on food banks than before, and our farmers lost weeks of business.

Kauaʻi has answered the way island communities do: together. Our nonprofits are coordinating through VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), and our Rotary club has been in the middle of the work. We are raising $25,000 for Hurricane Lowell relief through our annual fundraiser, Vacation for Giving.

Help Kauaʻi recover, and maybe win a week on the North Shore. Hurricane Lowell struck Kauaʻi on September 7, damaging or destroying hundreds of homes and leaving much of the North Shore without power for weeks. Our fellow Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay are raising $25,000 for relief through Vacation for Giving. Give $50 or more by November 20 for a chance at 6 days and 5 nights at The Cliffs at Princeville, round-trip airfare for two from the West Coast, a rental car, and dining certificates. Learn more and give: hanaleirotary.org/vacation-for-giving. Watch the 60-second video: youtube.com/shorts/4EqtSXhJLdg

ROTARY CLUB OF HANALEI BAY · KAUA'I

Vacation for Giving

Hurricane Lowell relief · Entries close November 20, 2026

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Help Kaua'i recover, and you could win a week on the North Shore.

On September 7, Hurricane Lowell did severe damage across Kaua'i. Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed, and much of the North Shore went without power for two to four weeks. The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay is raising **$25,000**, and much of what we raise goes to Hurricane Lowell relief.

THE GRAND PRIZE

- 6 days and 5 nights at The Cliffs at Princeville
- Round-trip airfare for two from the West Coast
- A rental car for the week
- $500 in dining certificates
- A couple of fun Kaua'i activities
- Or a $2,500 cash alternative

GIVE AND RECEIVE ENTRIES

Give $50	**1 entry**
Give $150	**4 entries**
Give $250	**8 entries**
Give $500	**16 entries**

Each gift level includes 5% tax support. Prefer a tax-deductible gift without entering? Use the "I Just Want to Give to Kaua'i" option on the same page.

Entries close Friday, November 20.

WHAT ROTARY HAS DONE SINCE THE STORM

Food for families and farmers
$100 food credits for kūpuna and families, spent on Kaua'i-grown food from 46 local farms.

2,000+ free meals
Support for the Anaina Hou kitchen in Kīlauea, which kept cooking on generators and propane.

Ready for the next one
A North Shore resilience trailer, branded with the Rotary logo, carrying solar power, Starlink internet and tools.

Scan to give and enter

hanaleirotary.org/vacation-for-giving

Questions? Ronnie Margolis, Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay
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Vacation for Giving is a donation-based drawing sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay, not a raffle; entries are never sold. No donation is necessary to enter or win. Open to individuals 21 and older. Gifts that include drawing entries are not tax-deductible. Drawing on or about November 21, 2026. Official Rules at hanaleirotary.org/vacation-for-giving. Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay, PO Box 1495, Hanalei, HI 96714.