

The Orange Peel

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

Next Meeting Friday, Dec 12, 2025

Speaker -

Greeters - Phyllis
Macdonald

Invocation - Audrey Smith-
Wiberg

Vocation - Licia Green

Prospector - Bill Wagner

Raffle tickets - Patty Wolf

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?**

Santa Claus is in town!!

At the start of the meeting, in came **Santa Claus** as large as life!!!! And he was waving around a book which contained his “Naughty or Nice” list!!



He was peppered with questions from the astounded Rotarians - “Where’s your reindeer?” and Santa explained that they only come out on Christmas Eve when there’s Magic in the air.

Santa said that the other question he is asked all the time is how is it possible to fly around the world in one evening. Albert Einstein was trying to figure out how Santa gets around the world in one night. He figured out that if Santa travels at the speed of light, then times slows down and Santa can make all of his deliveries.

Santa opens his little book and told everyone that he has two lists. On the Good Side of the open

Recap of the Meeting Dec 05, 2025

Guests

Santa Claus - North Pole
Maryann and Dan Povey - OV Live

Savannah Judson - Interact, President

Henry Pollack - Interact, Vice-President

Chloe Blanchard - Interact, Treasurer

Derek Maldonado - President
Deanna's main squeeze

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"**

book he has a list of mentors and good Rotarians. He read of the names on his list -

- **President Deanna Maddock** who demonstrates her leadership
- **Bill Wagner** for being extra charitable
- **Audrey Smith-Wiberg** who baking skills have improved since she retired
- **Keith Wright** and **Sean Palmer** who bowl turkeys in matching shirts
- **Brad Squires** barely made it onto the list because he misses a lot of meetings
- **Licia Green** is always towards the top of his list
- **Lorie and Russ Rheams** who are very good at heading up the Christmas Basket program
- **Becky Herz**, the Orangevale Parks Administrator, who wears many hats



Santa says that little children ask him for a white Christmas but he tells them there are many, many people on the Good List who don't want snow so he doesn't make it snow in Orangevale on Christmas.

Santa then began to tell his own person origin story. **MaryAnn** and **Dan Povey**, sitting in the audience today, are with Orangevale Live, which focuses on The Orangevale Community. They are Santa's greatest supporters.

A few years back, MaryAnn learned that Santa was sick and won't be able to attend the Orangevale

Tree Lighting ceremony. She remembered that **Dan's brother Paul** had a bread that was greying nicely. She called Paul where he was living in Gig Harbor, Washington, near Tacoma. She begged him to come down and be Santa.

Paul agreed and he flew down to help out. Paul realized he didn't hate playing Santa but he hated the awful Santa suit he was given to wear. It was made of plastic fabrics and didn't look that flash.

Now that MaryAnn had her hopes in him to play Santa, he decided to invest in really nice Santa attire. His favorite Santa is played by Kurt Russell in the movie "The Christmas Chronicles" So he google Santa outfits and proceeded to acquire pieces. He fur trimmed red leather jacket came from Etsy. It was made in Pakistan for a Canadian seller. Santa showed off his jacket to the Rotarians and he was thrilled that it cost on \$150! For the people on his Naughty list, Santa sources his "coal" from Amazon

Before Paul became Santa, he attended college when he was 25 years old. When he graduated with a major in Biology, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. He saw a flyer advertising for volunteer field reachers. He allied and was accepted. He worked with UC San Diego to collect water samples off Catalina Island. Then he went on to study ants in Palm Desert and catch Sage Grouse at Mammoth Mountain. All this was volunteer and he would have continued with animal studies if only he could get paid.

Paul went home to visit his parents who lived in Foster City. Nearby Marine World was building a new campus. He applied for a job with Marine World and got a part-time job working with dolphins and killer whales!

From there, Paul got a full time job at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma, Washington. Paul fell in love with the area and was excited that Killer Whales visit the San Juan Islands. He was whale naturalist and a zoo keeper for 30 years and never once did he wake up in the morning not wanting to go to work. At the end of his work day, he often thought - I didn't see that on coming!

In the offseason, Paul/Santa works with his two horses on his property. He also travels. When he was on vacation in Kenya, he took some of his Santa regalia and wore it on St. Patrick's Day. Santa grows his beard all year long and on Christmas morning, he happily shaves it off!

Santa has visited the Gig Harbor Rotary Club which meets for lunch. From that visit, Santa has received invitation to visit private parties. He has been Santa for special needs children and played Santa at a Holiday Ball for children.

During COVID, over two days, he visited families of special needs children who sat outside their home waiting to see Santa. A car club lent him a convertible so the children could see him drive by.

Santa will be at the Orangevale tree lighting and children can get their pictures taken with Santa. He will be at the Orangevale History museum open house.

President Deanna thanked Santa for his special visit and presented him with a handcrafted pen made by member Bob Kurtz. Santa invited people to come up and have their picture taken with him.



A Visit by the Casa Roble Interact Club

Three Interact Club members attended the meeting.

Savannah Judson - Interact, President. She has been in the club for four years.

Henry Pollack - Interact, Vice-President. He has been in the club two years.

Chloe Blanchard - Interact, Treasurer. She has been in the club for three years.

Savannah showed a list of events that Interact has participated in this year:

- Annual Ironman Race
- Buckleys Autumn Bash at Green Oaks
- Flat Sac Cross Country Invitational
- Casa Activity night

Coming up - Help with the American River Cleanup and the Christmas Basket event.

The next big project that the Interact Club will work on is the cleanup and beautification of four nature areas on the Casa Roble campus. By improving these areas, the club hopes to give students a place to relax and enjoy



nature. The areas haven't been maintained and they need landscaping. The Interact members will build wooden benches, chairs and tables. They will plant flowers and spread wood chips. They want to hang bird-feeders in the trees.

Rotisserie

Last week **Jim Buntin** had Rotisserie to take home. He gave the chicken to Jason to give to **Becky** for the week.

Committee Reports

Janet Cahill said that on Saturday, December 6, 8:30am, we will cleanup our mile of the American River Parkway trail. There will not be a tour of the Native Plant center.

Jim Buntin, International Chairperson, said that the club sent money to **Shelter Box** to help the people affected by the hurricane in Jamaica. He added that the last of the money in the International budget was sent to the Roseville Rotary Club's for their **Global Grant**.

Mike McKibbin said that more than 30 students attended the **Interact** meeting at Casa Roble last Wednesday. Students signed up to help with the Christmas Basket

distribution and the American River Parkway cleanup. On December 5, the Interact officers will attend our Rotary meeting.

Bill Wagner, Rotary Foundation chair, has enrollment forms for Rotary Direct. The minimum donation is \$10 per month from your checking account on a reoccurring basis. He also brought in Benefactor Forms.

A few years ago, the Rotary District Foundation committee awarded three \$45,000 scholarships to students studying abroad. One student traveled to Thailand to study Peace Resolution. After she graduated, she was hired by the Thai government. This weekend she will marry her Thai fiancé. It's good to learn what the scholarship winners are doing with their lives.

Mike McKibbin, Youth Chair, said that twenty cheerleaders who volunteered to help at our crab feed last year will be in Florida for a January competition. They will not be available to help bus tables at the Crab Feed. Mike is looking for other Casa Roble Clubs who can help out. Mike said that the speech contest might be canceled this spring because Casa Roble no longer has a speech program.

Jim Buntin, International Chair, said that Paul Bardwell of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club will be leading a trip to Guatemala to help support a local Rotary Club. The club is near the school we support every years. More information to follow.

Steve Blair spoke about the Crab Feed coming up in January. Sign up for Crab Feed assignments. Start bringing in your silent auction items. Items are needed for the gift baskets. Look at the items needed for the baskets and sign up to buy the items. Steve has forms for the donated auction items. Steve is interested in auction items for men. Remember all items need to be new or collectables.

Steve Blair said that the club will participate in the Orangevale Christmas Light Parade. Derek's flat bed trailer will be pulled behind Steve's tractor. Plan on joining the trailer for the parade. The trailer will be located at the entrance next to Green Oaks Elementary School. Plan on parking there, find the Rotary Float and climb on board.

Lorie Rheams talked about the Christmas Basket project. The distribution will be on Saturday, December 20. In the morning , the Boy Scouts will unload the items from the cars. Lorie needs Rotarians at 11:00am to go over the donations to ensure

that there are enough items. Lorie is still looking for people who want to adopt a family.

Don Russell, Club chair, said that today is National Ninja Day. Why is the most dangerous cookie? Ninja Bread man cookies. A duck bought chapstick. He said Put it on my Bill!

Last Friday, at the coffee meet up, he was joined by Patty and Diana.

The Christmas party will be Saturday, December 13 at 5pm at **Don Glover's** home on 7701 Greenridge Way. Sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Bring a White Elephant gift (under \$35). Wear an ugly sweater or sparkle.

Joni Cyr wanted to remind everyone that when they are a greeter, they need to ask guests to sign in and make a name tag to wear at the meeting.

Russ Rheams reminded the members that are going to help with the Christmas Basket day to show up at 8am and work until 3pm. The students will show up at 11am to help out.

Vocational Talk

Rob Auernig started his auto-body business 36 years ago in 1989. Rob's business has a website and he brought it up on the screen so everyone could see it. There is a link at the top of the screen "I've Been in An Accident".

When you click own the link, it will take you to a screen with a list of four important things to do in case of an accident:

- There are (or maybe) injuries. Safety First
- Everyone is Now Safe. Now what?
- I don't think that I can or should drive it
- Before you call the Insurance Company



Under each heading there is a wealth of good information.

At the top of the page is button labeled “Install This Page on Your Phone”

This will add incident instructions to your phone.

If you have new or young drivers in your life, have them add this to their phone so they will be ready. Be safe on the highway and if you are in an accident, stay in your car with your seat belt on.

Dont let you r insurance company impound your car because once they have your car, they will take advantage of you. Call Rob first.

The Orange Ball Raffle

Joni Cyr’s raffle ticket was drawn. There were eight golf balls and \$55. Joni pulled the orange ball out of the basket and was a WINNER!!! She’ll be selling raffle tickets at the next meeting.



Cleaning our Mile on the American River Trail

