

The Orange Peel

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

Next Meeting Friday, May 01, 2026

Speaker - Joseph Pacheco -
First Step Communities
Greeters - Horacio Oropeza
Invocation - Brad Squires
Vocation - Bryan Daniel
Raffle tickets - Bill Wagner

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?**

The Sacramento Children’s Home

Speaker-chair **Brad Squires** introduced **Micaela Cirimeli**, the Development Director for the **Sacramento Children’s Home** where she contributes to outreach, fundraising, and program support for vulnerable children and families. Last year 17,000 clients were served. (Note: The Sacramento Children’s Home is a different organization than the Children’s Receiving Home of Sacramento.)



The mission of the Children’s Home is “Opening doors to the future by maximizing the potential of children and families.” The Sacramento Children’s Home was founded in 1867 and is one of the oldest active charities still serving Sacramento.

“In the aftermath of the Sacramento Gold Rush, many abandoned children were living on the city’s riverbanks. Concerned citizens, including wealthy women who saw orphans with nowhere to go, began fundraising in the late 1850s. In 1858, they paid a widow to open her home to the children, and over the next nine years they raised funds to establish a formal orphanage.”

“On February 14, 1867, these concerned citizens founded what was to become the Sacramento Children’s Home. Born as an orphanage and later developed as a children’s farm association and home for the abandoned, the Sacramento Children’s Home has been dedicated to the care and support of Sacramento’s most vulnerable children and families for over 158 years.”

Recap of the Meeting April 24, 2026

Guests

Micaela Cirimeli -

Development Coordinator at Sacramento Children's Home

Visiting Rotarians

None

District 5180 Governor

Megan Ellinghouse

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Rotary International

President 2025-2026

Francesco Arezzo

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



Long ago, children were taken away from their families and placed in the home. But now the focus is preventative with the goal of keep children with their families.

There are ten programs designed to help children and parents. The programs are Family Rehousing, Foster Youth Tutoring, Cal-FURS, The Source, eVibe, Wraparound, Therapeutic Behavioral Health Service (TBHS), Counseling Center, Family Resource Center, Residential Center, and the Crisis Nursery.

The ten programs work together to tackle problems by providing early intervention, crisis intervention, and mental health treatment.

Micaela talked about the Crisis Nursery which is open 24 hours 7 days a week. Imagining that you are a new parent and your baby wouldn't stop crying. Who would you call for help? Your mother, your sister, your friend? Not everyone has support they can call.

Some parents don't have anyone they can call in the middle of the night to bring diapers or formula on a short notice. Some women suffer from postpartum depression, anxiety or they are a single mother with no network.

That is why the Children's Home started the Crisis Nursery and it is the only provider of 24-hour-a-day care in the county. The nursery accepts children from ages 0-to-5 years old. Before admission, a needs-based intake assessment is performed.

The nursery is staffed around the clock so there is someone to answer the phone in the middle of the night. Children can be taken in at all hours of the day or night. The staff can take in a mother's baby and give her a moment for herself. "99% of parents report that they can better resolve their crisis because of the care provided." The mother is connected with resources needed for her to build a network and community.

Micaela talked about a young mother named Rayne with a little daughter named Lyric. She was struggling and she talked to her neighbor who recommended the Crisis Nursery. The neighbor told her that she could trust the nursery.

Besides taking in Lyric, she was matched with a case worker who helped her every step of the way. She was set up for a lifetime of strong bonds. She got into a stable housing situation so she could go back to school and work part time. She is set up for a lifetime of strong bonds. Today Lyric is in middle school and Rayne is a strong advocate for the nursery. She says “Without the Crisis Nursery, I wouldn’t be where I am today”.

Last year there were 5042 “ safe stays” at the nursery. That is a 19% increase from last year. The increase is due to an increase in donations. Even with the additional funds, they had to say “No” 500 times last year.

Consider giving to the Sacramento Children’s Home on the Big Day of Giving. Their goal this year is \$750,000. In addition, Micaela passed out cards with information about a fundraiser called the Spring Garden Party and Brunch.

President Deanna thanked Micaela for her talk about the Crisis Nursery. Deanna presented her with a Rotary “4-Way Test” coin.



Announcements and Committee Reports

At today’s meeting **President Deanna Maddock** asked everyone to keep **Tracy** from **Mode Brewing** in your prayers as she just had a bone marrow transplant.

The Casa Roble High School **supply closet** will open in the next two weeks. The same will be set up at the Andrew Carnegie Middle School.

The club is officially registered for the **Red, White and Blue Parade** on Saturday, May 30. The parade is the kick off for the Orangevale Summer Palooza Carnival. This year is the United States 250th birthday so let’s decorate BIG! Catrina will need people to decorate the float and to participate in the parade.

Orangevale Rotary has been selected by the San Juan Unified School District as a recipient of their **MVP (Most Valuable Partner) award**. Steve Blair will accompany her to the presentation.

The **Big Day of Service** is on Saturday, May 16. Sign-ups are open at app.BigDayofService.us The club is officially signed up for a booth at the kickoff and we will be handing our “Unite For Good” bracelets. We will be joined by the Rotary clubs of Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks.

Brad Squires added that May 7 is the Big day of Giving. There are several worthy causes to donate to, several of them are associated with members of our club - the CCHAT Center (Licia

Green), Orangevale - Fair Oaks Food Bank (all of us), SwingMasters Big Band (Jim Buntin) and the Sacramento Children's Home (Micaela Cirimeli, today's speaker).

Audrey Smith-Wiberg received a thank you letter from the Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) for helping with the prom.

*"Dear Audrey and the Orangevale Rotary Club,
On behalf of TRS, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your time and dedication. Your efforts were instrumental to the success of Prom! Your generosity truly made a difference. Thank you for contributing our skills and energy to our mission. We are deeply grateful for your support and hope to work with you again in the future. I know no one went home with their belly empty that night.
With appreciation,
Linda and TRS team
P.S. Thanks for bringing all the tall guys to hang the decorations."*

David Shepard, the club treasurer asked everyone to pay their club expenses. He sent an invoice for \$165 on April 13. David was filling in for **Janet Cahill**, Community Chairperson who is out on travel. Next Friday, it's our turn to serve at the **Orangevale - Fair Oaks Food Bank**. Please respond to her email invitation or let Dennis Sarkisian or David know that you'll be attending.

Bill Wagner, Rotary Foundation said that he asked several members to do something special for the clubbed he wanted to thank them. May 8th is The Rotary Foundation Day. Bill said that the Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament is sold out. He has a Rotary foursome that he needs people to fill. Talk to Bill if you're interested.

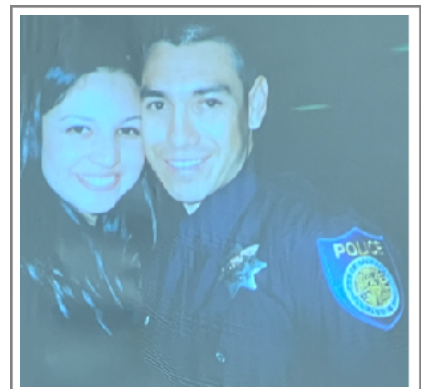
Don Russell, Club chair, said that today is National Skipping Day. Rob Auernig said that he thought about it but he is skipping today. Don asked "Why couldn't the pirate play cards? Because he was sitting on the deck."

The next **Dine Around** is **Wednesday, May 13**, at **Sienna Restaurant** in Roseville. Bill Wagner said that they are a sponsor of the golf tournament and we should support them. The meeting time will be 4:30pm, the starting time of happy hour. The location is 148 Eureka Road, Roseville.

In June, the Dine Around will be held at "R Vida Cantina" on 7040 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights. This suggestion came from **Mary Shear**.

Vocational Talk

Horacio Oropeza gave a his talk today. Recently he was looking through old photos and there was one which brought up a lot of memories for him. He showed the picture of his graduation from the police academy. Horacio attended California State University Sacramento (CSUS) where he graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2004.



After graduation, Horacio applied to get into a law enforcement agency. The California Corrections department and the Sacramento Police department both replied first. He said that he would join the agency that could get his clearance completed first and that turned out to be Sacramento Police.

Horacio was enrolled in the police academy. It was a trial academy year because the Sacramento Police and the Sacramento Sheriffs held a joint academy instead of running separate academies. Horacio was trained during that first joint training year. The two agencies had different ideologies on training so some classes had to be split by agency.

Horacio said the academy was a good experience for him and he passed with a 95% on the academic testing. He learned the academics, how to work with different agencies the physical and emotional training, and how to talk to people in crisis. The training helps set the base for who you are going to be in your job.



The graduation ceremony was very special. He remembers that the Sheriff department flew in a helicopter for the graduation. His family and friends were in attendance and he was so proud when his parents pinned his badge on his uniform.

The training that Horacio received shaped the person he is today. He learned to set goals for himself and to reach them. "If you put your heart and mind into it, you can accomplish it".

The Orange Ball Raffle

Last week **Bill Wagner** won the pot so he had to sell tickets today. This week we start over with ten balls and \$39. **Bill Wagner's** ticket was drawn (again) so tried to pull the orange golf ball out of the basket. This time the ball he picked out was white. Bill will be selling tickets a the next meeting.

