

The Orange Peel

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

Next Meeting Friday, May 15, 2026

- Speaker** - Nicole Zamora - Eskaton Foundation
- Greeters** - Bill Wagner
- Invocation** - Bill Wagner
- Vocation** - Eileen Hernandez
- 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?

Roberts Family Development Center

Speaker-chair **Brad Squires** said that the Big Day of Giving was a success; over \$15 million was raised. He left phone messages for over 5,000 people reminding them to donate to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Fund and many did.



Today Brad introduced two guests from the **Roberts Family Development Center (RFDC)**, **Tichia Lindsay**, the Director of Operations & Philanthropy and **Lisa Howard**, the Chair of the Board of Directors.



To start off the talk, Tichia showed a ten minute video about RFDC. From their website, this is their history. “The Roberts Family Development Center (RFDC) was developed in the memory of Edmond St Cyr Jr. and Ronie Howard, the deceased grandfather and grandmother of the Co-Founders, who were true believers in the principles of family.” Today the Chief Operations Officer, Tina Roberts is the granddaughter of the founders. She is also a Rotarian and a member of the Rotary Club of Sacramento.

“The mission of RFDC is to provide service to the Greater Sacramento area that meet the individual needs of each family member. Our services provide a holistic approach focusing on PreK-12th grade academic

Recap of the Meeting May 01, 2026

Guests

Tichia Lindsay and **Lisa Howard** - Roberts Family Development Center
Colette Palmer - wife of Rotarian Sean Palmer

Visiting Rotarians

Megan Ellinghouse - DG
Dave Veden - DGE
Brent Hasty - PDG
Mary Jo Edmondson - AG

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"**

support and enrichment, parent education and engagement, and community involvement and advocacy."

"RFDC began providing academic enrichment services in 2001, serving 13 students in North Sacramento. Since then, we have grown to provide academic wrap-around services for over 500 students their families, and their communities. Our programs are primarily held at 7 sites in high risk neighborhoods throughout the Greater Sacramento area."

"Our services are focused on serving low-income families who struggle to secure quality care and academic support for their children. Students in these economically challenged families often struggle to keep up academically during the school year, leading to the achievement gap. This achievement gap is compounded by summer learning loss, putting them farther and farther behind with each passing year. Without support, children in these families often become trapped in a multigenerational cycle of poor life outcomes including poverty, lack of education, involvement with law enforcement, chronic health conditions, prolonged stress, etc."

"Through our services and partnerships, RFDC is working to deconstruct the "school to prison pipeline" many of these students see in their neighborhoods every day and instead create a "cradle to career pipeline" for the students we serve. Our services and partnerships provide programs that begin serving children before they are born and continue until they reach adulthood."



"RFDC provides integrated family support as the North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights Community Incubator Lead for Sacramento Counties Reduction of African American Child Death Initiative. We provide the licensed College Bound Babies Preschool in the Twin Rivers Housing Complex. RFDC's After-School Program and CDF Freedom Schools provide year-round academic support and enrichment."

“Our Youth Development Initiative provides education, enrichment, and gang prevention/intervention through Teen Internships, Teen Scene, Pacers Moving Forward College Prep at Grant Union High School, and Night Life Turned Right. We provide community engagement and gang intervention/prevention through the North Sacramento Community Coalition which brings together over 30 North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights agencies to support community growth and positive change.”

Tichia described some of the services. The intensive case management helps at risk families that may be experiencing being un-housed and food insecurity. Engagement with the parents is important so the wrap around services support the family and are holistic. Special activities for the youth include going on hikes, attending Kings games and taking college tours. All youth should thrive and grow into leaders.

Lisa Howard spoke next and she has been on the board since 2022. The center in Del Paso is a inspirational space for children with beautiful art on the walls. It is super-organized so the children are in safe supportive environment.

Lisa acknowledges that she comes from the “comfort class” and is able to pour all of her love and attention into her own child. She recognizes that this is the kind of care that RFDC is providing for the children. They respect and set expectations for the parents.

A new building is planned and it will be a technology center. It will house a computer cafe which will expose the children to new technology. People in the community will be invited to use the space as well.

The RFDC helps out in the schools in the Washington, Twin Rivers and Folsom Cordova school districts. The Roberts staff are onsite and the services provided by RFDC takes the heat off the schools and the parents. Parent participation is mandatory with once a month meetings. What parents learn from RDFC helps them as well. For example a mother learned financial literacy and was able to get a house loan.

Tichia and Lisa wrapped up the talk by invited the Rotarian to take a tour of the Roberts center. To learn more, visit **RobertsFDC.org**. President Deanna thanked the women for their talk about RFDC. Deanna presented them with a handcrafted pen made by member Bob Kurtz.



Announcements and Committee Reports

President Deanna Maddock started off the meeting by introducing the District 5180 visiting Rotarians: District Governor **Megan Ellinghouse**, District governor Elect **Dave Veden**, Past District Governor **Brent Hasty**, and Assistant Governor **Mary Jo Edmondson**. Deanna turned the meeting over to Bill Wagner, our Rotary Foundation chairperson. For information about the Paul Harris Fellow presentation, read the newsletter “Vol 68 - Issue 39 - Special Edition”.

President Deanna reminded everyone that Saturday, May 16 is **The Big Day of Service**. Be sure to sign up to work at the Kick Off in the Orangevale Rotary and Fair Oaks Rotary booth; arrive at 6:45am to hand out “Unite For Good” wrist bands. Sign-ups are open at app.BigDayofService.us

Deanna said the **Tracy of Mode Brewing** had her procedure and now her platelets are rising up to halfway to a safe level. If the progress continues, she can get out of the hospital on Monday. Keep her in your thoughts.

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 **President Deanna** to the presentation.

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 Womack** will need people to decorate the float and to participate in the parade at Steve Blair’s home.

Steve Blair was the sole Rotary member to attend the District Conference at Tahoe. He said that there were great speakers and good food served at the conference. Next year’s District Conference will be held at Margaritaville in South Lake Tahoe at Halloween time.



At the award ceremony, our club won the “**Adapt Award Certificate**” in the Medium Club Category. To receive this award, our club had to achieve tasks such as Partner with at least one other Rotary Club or local community service organization on a service project, Collaborate with a local organization, have an engaging Greeter to the meetings where members feel welcomed and guests are introduced to multiple club members, etc. Steve told Deanna that this certificate belongs to her. She graciously received the certificate but stated that the certificate belonged to the entire club.

Janet Cahill, Community Chair said that next weekend is the Big Day of Service. Our project is the beatification of the Orangevale History Center starting at 9:30am. If you haven’t signed up to work, let Janet know and she will sign you up.

Don Russell, Club chair, said that today is World Donkey Day. Don asked “What key can’t open a door? It’s a donkey.” Don talked about the word “Perspective”. He recently talked to a 93 year old in old Fair Oaks about his life and having a passion. Don’s passion is giving a pint of blood every 60 days. That’s his personal Big Day of Service.

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.

The Orange Ball Raffle

This week there were eight golf balls and \$74. **District Governor Elect Dave Venden** had the winning ticket. He failed to pull the orange golf ball out of the basket. Dave won’t be able to attend the next Rotary meeting to sell raffle tickets so Bill Wagner volunteered to sell tickets - again!!



Recipients of The Rotary Foundation awards and the people who presented them.

