

# The Orange Peel

2024-2025 | President Catrina Womack | "Share Rotary"

## Next Meeting Friday, June 17, 2025

**Speaker** - No speaker -  
Annual Club Photo  
instead

**Greeters** - Donna  
Detmeks, Dennis  
Sarkisian

**Invocation** - Patty Wolff

**Vocation** - No vocational  
talk until the next  
administration

**Prospector** - Keith  
Wright

**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?**

## Sacramento Region Community Foundation

Brad Squires first met **Kelly Siefkin** through the Orangevale Fair Oaks Food Bank. Kelly is the Chief Philanthropy Officer with the **Sacramento Region Community Foundation**. Today she is going to tell us about the good work of the Foundation.



The first Community Foundation was formed in Ohio in 1914 to address local issues. Over eight hundred community foundations exist across the United States. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation was formed in 1983 as the “go-to authority on philanthropic giving in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties”. Today the foundation stewards \$254 million in philanthropic assets for the Sacramento region and has awarded \$275 million in grants and scholarships on behalf of area donors. Over \$24 million was awarded last year.

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation’s

## Recap of the Meeting June 6, 2025

### Guests

**Kelly Siefkin** - Sacramento Region Community Foundation

### Visiting Rotarians

None

### District 5180 Governor

**Steve Turner**

2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Rotary International presidential theme is **"The Magic of Rotary"**

“vision is a thriving and resilient region where generosity and collaboration create equitable opportunity and our mission is to lead, serve, and inspire enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region”. It brings together the philanthropic resources of individuals, families, and businesses to support the greater needs of the community.

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation provides philanthropic solutions for people who want to give back through customized charitable funds. They are in a position to build dynamic partnerships that foster change. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation offers an alternative to opening a private fund. They can accept various assets such as property, stocks, etc. and manage all the giving out of one account. They offer planned giving, anonymity to donors and tax advantages.

Donors can make a tax-deductible gift of cash, securities and/or assets to open the fund. The fund will grow through professionally managed investments. Donors can chose from long-term, intermediate or short term investments that grow tax free. When the time is right, the donor can make grants from their fund to the causes that matter to them. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation sends the grant checks, keeps the records and provides guidance when needed.

On the Sacramento Region Community Foundation website [sacregcf.org](http://sacregcf.org) there is a step-by-step process for called “Create Your Fund”.

In the first step the donor will decide on the giving

timeline - give now (Active giving) or give later through your estate (Legacy giving).

The second step is to set granting goals. Using a Donor Advised Fund, many organizations can be supported from one fund. If you are using Active giving or Legacy giving, you can have one of three types of granting goals - Designated (automatic grants to specified non-profits), Field of Interest (deputize the foundation to support non-profits in an area of interest), or Unrestricted (foundation addresses community needs as they evolve). The last type of granting goal is to assist students pursuing higher education through a Scholarship.

The third step is choosing a Grant Timeline - Grant Any Time or Grant Always. The Grant Any Time choice allows the donor to decide when and how to grant. There is no permanent principal (Expendable). The timeline can be short-term, intermediate term or long term. The Grant Always choice will be permanent (Endowed). Only a portion of the assets will be available to grant each year.

The fourth step is to name the Fund. Visit the website for more information.

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation has supported The Big Day of Giving for thirteen years. The long-standing initiative grows local philanthropy during a 24-hour giving challenge that brings the region together to support the nonprofits that serve our community. In 2025, 855 nonprofits raised over \$13.8 million. Philanthropy is for everyone. Most gifts were \$50 or less showing that small gifts make a big difference.

Kelly said that the Sacramento Region Community Foundation is hosting a Philanthropy Summit hosted on September 16, 2025. It will be a day of knowledge-sharing and collaboration with people passionate about fostering an impactful nonprofit ecosystem in the Sacramento area. Visit the website for more information.

President Catrina thanked Kelly for her talk and presented her with a hand-crafted wooden pen (made by rotarian Bob Kurtz).



## Announcements

**President Catrina** apologized for missing last weeks' meeting. She had to take her daughter to the ER and didn't get home until 3:00AM in the morning. Her daughter is doing fine.

The **Orangevale Summer Palooza** will run June 6-8. On Saturday, the **Red, White and Blue Parade** will be held in Orangevale. For the third year, our club will have a float in the parade and the **decorating party** will be on Friday, June 6 at Catrina's house. Pizza and libations will be served to the helpers.

While the parade is working its way down Greenback Lane, there will be a Celebration of Life for **Past President Chris Lauritzen**. **Don Morris** send an email with the location and time.

On Monday, June 9, 6pm to 8pm, the **Rotary District Awards and Recognition night** will be held at the Safety Center, aka Safety-ville on 3909 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento. Catrina is looking for volunteers to bring an appetizer and to help with the tear down.

On Friday, June 13, there will be a dedication of the **new stage at the Orangevale Grange**. This project will be the last project of Catrina's year as president. On Tuesday Catrina, Steve Blair and David Shepherd will paint the columns, install cables and install the shade structure cloth. (See photos at the end of the newsletter.)

To celebrate the new stage, after Friday's meeting, we will meet at the stage for our annual club photo. There won't be a speaker at the meeting in order to give everyone time to get to the stage for the photo.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new stage will be held Friday evening (June 13) at 6:00pm just before the kick off Summer Concert series.

**Brad Squires** brought in bundles of lavender from his farm that everyone can take home. He also said that the next Food to Fork dinner will be held on October 11.

**Don Russell**, the club chairperson, said that today is National Yo-Yo Day. What toy likes to rap (wrap)? A yo-yo. A dog can't operate an MRI machine, but cats can.

The next Dine Around will be Tuesday, June 10, 5:30pm at Divided Sky.

**Dennis Sarkisian** received this thank you note from the **Casa Roble High School librarian**.

*Hi Dennis (and all Rotary Club members that read this),*

*I wanted to thank you for all the support that the Rotary Club has given Casa Roble's library over the years. The Rotary Club has donated money for books on college and careers, financial literacy, and cookbooks for students. These are subjects that support students' life after high school, and the students really gravitate towards them. And in an era of reduced spending on library books from schools, it really helps to have more of the students' interests supported. All of these have been checked out, some more than others, and it really helps when students ask me for books in these subjects that I can say we have something for them! Students are grateful for the college and career resources, are excited by the financial literacy books (I even had a few students this year say on a survey that they want to learn more about taxes!), and they are beginning to discover the cookbooks. I've had requests but they're just beginning to realize that the library has these so checkouts will increase the more I spread the word about them. We showed them off to the foods class and there was definitely interest! Thank you again for supporting our Casa students!*

*April Nell, MLIS*

*Teacher Librarian*

*Casa Roble Fundamental High School*

**Dennis Sarkisian** said that it is Food Bank Friday. If you are volunteering at the food bank, take a break at 9:30am and attend the dedication of the new greenhouse. The Rotary Club of Fair Oaks donate \$10,000 which was used to buy and install a green house, purchase a golf cart and a ride-on mower.

**Note from the editor:** The dedication was attended by members of the Fair Oaks Rotary Club, members of the Orangevale Rotary Club, OVFO Food bank leaders and volunteers, Brad Squires and a representative for Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez. Young lettuces and herbs were already sprouting under the shade of the structure.

This will be a wonderful addition to the farm. (See photos at the end of the newsletter.)

**Bill Wagner**, The Foundation Chairperson, said that he will give the month of May Baseball wins/losses to treasurer Steve Blair who will send out invoices. The money will go to The Rotary Foundation. The club is behind on its goal for donations to the foundation during Catrina's year.

President Catrina was asked to leave the meeting for a few minutes while Past-President **Don Morris** talked about the **demotion dinner** and proceedings. Please, do not reveal any of the details to Catrina!! The party will be held on **Saturday, June 28, starting at 5:30pm in Steve Blair's back yard.**

## Vocational Talk

**Donna Detmeks** gave her first vocational speech and she shared the story of her journey to California from Pennsylvania. Donna was born in Pittsburg but it never felt like home to her. She went to school and became a nurse. One day in April 2009, after working out at the gym a thought came into her and she decided to move out to the west coast - California, Oregon or Arizona.



Donna had an over-the-phone interview with Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento and was offered a job. She had never been to Northern California and she needed an apartment. Sight unseen, she found an apartment on line.

Two months later, she broke the news to her family that she was moving. Her mother was devastated. In her culture, no one ever moved away from Pittsburg. Donna's daughter was 14 years old and her son was 18 years old.

Donna's ex-husband was paying \$800 per month for child support. She told him that if he would give her \$2000 for the move, he could stop paying child support. He took up the offer and she rented a U-Haul. She got a car dolly attached to the U-Haul so that she could bring her car.

Donna had never driven a U-Haul, especially one that was towing a car. During the four-day trip she only had one event where she needed to ask for help. At a hotel, she thought she could drive around the building to an exit. Instead she hit a dead end. She found a nice man who backed the U-Haul out of the alley and she was back on her way.

The strip was amazing and they arrived on August 17, 2009. She has been happy with her decision ever since!

## Prospector

**Keith Wright** is the prospector but he was still on travel. President Catrina decided to accept Happy Fines for him.

### Happy Fines

**Bill Wagner's** daughter, age 36, bought her first home. He is also happy because his wife who has been in Japan for two months is coming home. He paid \$100 to The Rotary Foundation.

**Lorie Rheams** is proud that her daughter Katarina is moving from Portland to Olympia, Washington to take a job as a firefighting EMT.

**Tommy Peno** is happy with all the trout he caught on his fishing trip. He paid one dollar for each fish he caught.

**Mairy Droese** is happy that she bought her first watermelon of the season. Yum!

**Eileen Hernandez** was glad that she is CPR certified. There was an accident in her backyard pool. Her niece's 4-year old son went into the backyard pool without his life jacket on and he needed to be rescued. He's OK now.

**Phyllis MacDonald** is happy because while she and her husband Donny were on their trip to Scotland, their daughter Fiona got engaged!

**Steve Blair** and Catherine went to the **OVFO Food bank's farm stand** and bought fresh vegetables. The stand is now **open every Saturday from 8am to 11am.**

## The Orange Ball Raffle

There were 9 balls and \$57 in the pot. This week, **Bill Wagner** had the red ticket but he pulled out the white ball. Bill will have the honor of selling raffle tickets at the next meeting.



## The Thought of the Day

Today, we were inspired by Kelly Siefkin from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. She reminded us that giving back isn't just about writing checks - its about writing ourselves into the story of our community.

As we reflect on her message, consider this thought: "Giving back to the community is like putting money in the karma bank." - Unknown. So let's keep making those deposits - because in the bank of good deeds, the interest is always worth it. **Have a great weekend! Don't forget to SHARE ROTARY with your favorite people!**

## Installing the Shade Cloths over the Orangevale Grange Stage.



Hanging the shade cloth at the Orangevale Grange stage.



Steve Blair putting up cables for the shade cover.



The shade cover casts a shadow on the stage.

## OVFO Food Bank Greenhouse Dedication



New Greenhouse at the Food Bank farm.



Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez representative presents certificate to Brad Squire and Fair Oaks Rotary President Keith Walter.



***Decorating the float and the Red, White and Blue Parade .***



