

The Orange Peel

2024-2025 | President Catrina Womack | "Have Fun and Share Rotary"

Next Meeting Friday, Sep 6, 2024

Speaker - Terri Dorow

Greeters - Brad Squires
and Bert Smith

Invocation - Bill Wagner

Vocation - Mike
McKibbon

Prospector - Audrey
Smith Wiberg

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?

Congressman Kevin Kiley, California's Third District



Speaker Chair **Brad Squires** introduced our Congressman **Kevin Kiley**. He was elected to the California 3rd District in November 2022. A member of the Republican Party, he represented the 6th district in the California State Assembly from 2016 to 2022.

Recap of the Meeting Aug 23, 2024

Guests

Congressman **Kevin Kiley**,
California's 3rd District

Jack Thompson from
Kevin Kiley's office

Ernie Womack - husband
of Catrina Womack

Don Wiberg - husband of
Audrey

**District 5180 Governor
Steve Turner
2024-2025**

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

The 3rd District runs along the far eastern border of the state from the northern Sierra Nevada and northeastern suburbs of Sacramento down to Death Valley. It encompasses Alpine, Inyo, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, and Sierra counties, as well as parts of El Dorado, Sacramento, and Yuba counties.

Kevin sits of the following committees:

- House Committee on Education and the Workforce
- House Committee on the Judiciary
- House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Kevin to the group that has spoken to the club in the past but this is his first visit as a congressman. And he represents new areas, from Lake Almanor in Plumas County down to Mammoth and Death Valley. He has done a lot of driving and flying to visit all of the district. It covers some of the greatest parts of California.

Kevin said that he loves this Rotary club. It is always so welcoming and he lives to visit Orangevale where he grew up.

Kevin is on his August recess and goes back to Washington in September. He said that it's been a wild last couple of months and that there is a lot at stake in the coming election.

Kevin is on three committees and nine subcommittees. In his role on the Transportation and Infrastructure committee, he has been able to direct funding for transportation and infrastructure needs in the district. For instance, Orangevale

Water will be receiving funding. The Highway 80 and Highway 65 improvements are being funded out of that committee.

On his first term on the Judicial Committee he is looking at issues such as crime, intellectual property and border security. On the Education committee, he is working on work force protection, OSHA, and the department of labor.

The biggest policy that is being worked on is getting the national debt under control. It sits at 36 trillion dollars. The bi-partisan fiscal responsibility act would require government to spend less money this year than last year. And then continue to reduce the spending in a responsible way. The spending includes servicing our debt.

The two most important issues to the state of California are crime and homelessness. Ten years ago, voters approved Proposition 47, which sought to reduce California's prison overcrowding by making some theft and drug crimes into misdemeanors.

Today, a person can steal \$950 worth of goods from a store without any consequences. This will be corrected with an initiative on the ballot called Proposition 36 which would repeal the worse part of Proposition 47 by increasing the consequences by reclassify some misdemeanor theft and drug crimes as felonies.

The measure would also create a new category of crime — a “treatment-mandated felony.” People who don't contest the charges could complete drug treatment instead of going to prison, but if they don't finish treatment, they still face up to three years in prison. The proposition would also make it possible to charge Fentanyl dealers with murder.

The Supreme Court decision overturned a lower court decision. The court decided that cities are allowed to enforce fines and make arrests for public camping and sleeping outdoors, and to threaten jail time for those who repeatedly refuse to move indoors and accept assistance. Communities hands were tied and had no ability to deal with the homeless people. Now they can get people out of the public areas and into help.

Kevin took questions from the rotarians. There was a question about banning non-electric trains in California beginning in 2035. Kevin talked about not having the technology yet and how it will impact the short-line trains systems and national rail. There is a lot of pushback on this ban and it will be fought.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandates all new passenger vehicles sold in the Golden State must have zero tailpipe emissions by 2035. This would impact the rest of the country and the issue has not reached the senate yet.

Jim Buntin lives in Roseville and he is concerned about the congestion on Highway 65. Kevin acknowledged that plans are on the table and there would be federal funding available through a new bill. In the meantime, Placer County is proposing a bond measure to raise funds. There are a lot of changes that need to be implemented for roads, bridges and light rail to help eliminate the congestion.

Kevin talked about fentanyl being the leading cause of death for young people, more than the number killed in auto accidents. Proposition 36 would require courts to warn people that they could be charged with murder if they sell or provide illegal drugs that kill someone. There is bi-partisan support for the proposition.

Lorie Rheams said that Divine Savior Church has a weekly dinner for the homeless and working poor. The church decided to keep Narcan on hand in case there is a guest is overdosing. And now other churches are doing the same. Kevin was glad to hear that the church is being proactive. He said that there are efforts to get Narcan in schools and other places.

After Kevin's talk, President Catrina thanked him for coming and she presented him with a Rotary 4-Way Test coin.



Announcements

President Cartrina Womack spoke about the last week of Rotary club activities. The **Salsa Competition** was warmly attended and everyone had a great time. The **Farmers Market** was another great Orangevale evening with music, food, farm fresh veggies and fellowship. There won't be a club meeting on Friday, August 30th because we don't meeting on the fifth Friday of the month.

Jack Frost, Sue's husband, is promoting the **Battle of the Bands**, an event on **September 14**. He is looking for sponsors. There will be five bands and eight barbecuers.

The proceeds benefit the local veterans and the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS & BBQ'S
A FAMILY AFFAIR
HOSTED BY
AMERICAN LEGION POST 637

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
Local Veterans and the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band

TICKETS:
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM

EVENT HOURS & AGENDA
11AM - 3 PM
10:30AM - Registration
11:15 AM - Ghost Soldier Ceremony Honoring Marine Sgt. Nicole L. Gee

ADMISSION:

12 yrs & Under - Free
Adults - \$30
(includes: BBQ, Beer, & Wine)

LOCATION:
HISTORIC RUSCH HOME & GARDEN - RUSCH PARK
7301 ANTELOPE RD, CITRUS HEIGHTS, 95610

SPONSORS NEEDED
Jack Frost: (916) 616 - 7962

On September 9 will be the Bow-Wow day and the Divine Savior Food Drive will be on October 12.

On Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:00pm, there will be a **Crab Feed meeting**. Anyone can attend. It will be held at the home of Lorie and Russ Rheams. Their address is 9001 Clarissa Drive, Orangevale.

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Catrina followed up with a few comments about her expectations for the Crab Feed. The tickets sell out fast and this is an event for the community, not a party for us. She asked that the members think about not eating crab and not sitting with friends. Let's give our time and talent to use the Crab Feed to raise money for the community.

Don Russell, Club Chairperson, passed around information about giving blood. And he also passed around a flyer about the upcoming **Society For the Blind's 70th Anniversary**. It will be held on October 24th at The Center in Sacramento. The evening will feature appetizers, dinner, the Briggs Award, and a program. See Don about getting tickets.



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Brad Squires was pleased to announce that the **Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank** and it's farm received a \$250,000 grant. On **September 29th**, there will be an **open house from 4pm to 7pm** to show off a new mural and new refrigerator that the purchased.

Brad said that the Orangevale Farm to Fork dinner tickets have gone on sale. The dinner will be held on Saturday, October 5.

Vocational Talk

Bert Smith retired from working in the education of the Deaf and today she shared her experiences teaching. She used visual stimulation and focused on the who, what, when and why. She taught signing exact language. The devices to help the children has changed from only using hearing aids to the cochlear implants.

Bert working at Starr King Elementary in Carmichael taught intensive special training to the deaf and hard-of-hearing students.



During summer school, the students were taken to visually stimulating places such as a fish farm, the zoo and Bidwell farm. They enjoyed the field trips and Bert wrapped a teaching plan around the outings - the future, the present and the past. On Monday she would lead the discussion in what they would see and do. On Wednesday, the students participated in the activity. On Friday the students reviewed what they did and what they learned.

There was an emphasis on learning to structure language with a subject (I), a verb (see) and a noun (a dog). She worked with small groups of 6 to 8 children using games to teach lip reading and listening. She also performed one-on-one speech therapy.

Today, a newborn in a hospital is evaluated for hearing ability. If there is a hearing deficiency, training begins as early as one year old. And even babies can receive a cochlear implant.

Prospector

Janet Cahill, fulfilling her last week as prospector started with Naughty Fines. She fined the people who scooted last week and fined those who have been away on vacation - **Mairy Droese** for her 70 day RV trip, **Audrey Smith-Wiberg** for going to a

car show with her husband, and **Lorie/Russ Rheams** for their trip to Oregon, Victoria and Vancouver. **Jim Buntin** also fessed to attending a jazz camp in Burlington, Vermont, 54 miles from the Canadian border.

Birthday fines for **Bob Kurtz** and **Joni Cyr**. Singing Happy Birthday was not optional. Wedding anniversary fines for **Rob Auernig** married 39 years. Club anniversaries for **Keith Wright** and **Tommy Peno**.

Happy fines:

- **Janice Howarth** - bought a new home in Pottsboro, Texas. She will be leaving California and moving closer to her sister.
 - **Don Russell** switched from a Microsoft device to an Apple MacBook.
- The Prospector Job was auctioned off and it went to **Audrey!** Send her dirt!

The Orange Ball

Mairy Droese has been on the road with her husband Dick. They were away in their RV for 68 days and they visited two Canadian Provinces and 18 states. She comes waltzing back in after all that time away and she has the winning ticket. There were five balls and \$98 up for grabs and sure enough, she grabbed the orange ball! Mairy then told the group that she would **donate the money to The Rotary Foundation**.



The Thought for the Day

“The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life.” - William Morris.

Have Fun and Share Rotary!