

The Orange Peel

2026-2027 | President Steve Blair | Rotary Creates a Lasting Impact!

Next Meeting Friday, Sept 11, 2026

Speaker - To Be Determined
Greeters - Mike McKibbin
Invocation - Patty Wolff
Vocation - Derick
Maldonado
Raffle tickets - 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?

The Orangevale Times

Speaker-chair Licia Green introduced **Lisa Montes** who is the publisher and editor of the **Orangevale Times** and owner of All Events Management Group, Inc. She has been an honorary mayor, a member of the chamber of commerce and is serving on the Orangevale Recreation and Park District. Lisa works at the Department of Corrections.

As a passionate Orangevale community advocate, Lisa is dedicated to supporting local businesses, nonprofits, schools, and community organizations through local journalism, advertising, and events. She believes strongly in the power of community connection and is committed to telling the positive stories that make Orangevale a special place to live, work, and serve.



Lisa admitted that she was very nervous and hadn't spoken in front of a group since her time at the Chamber of Commerce. Working at the Times is a passion of hers since she stated working there with **Brad Tatum** 25 years ago. We lost Brad on February 4, 2026. He was the long-time publisher of the times and he was looking forward to retiring when he passed.

Lisa took over the role of publisher and she only wants to publish happy news. She wants to make connections through the stories. Publishing the Times puts those stories in people's hands.

Recap of the Meeting Aug 28, 2026

Guests

Lisa Montes - Orangevale Times

Visiting Rotarians None

District 5180 Governor
Dave Veden
2026-2027

Rotary International
President 2025-2026
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

The 2025-2026 Rotary International presidential theme is "Create Lasting Impact"

Lisa talked about the business of running the newspaper. It is published every two weeks at the Gold Mountain California News Media which is commercial printer in Auburn.

The circulation is 14,000 papers to all homes and businesses in Orangevale. It is also distributed to 75 high-traffic locations in Orangevale, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights and Folsom. There are a thousand people who read the paper on-line, many of them live out of the area but want to stay in touch with the Orangevale Community.

Advertising - discounts are available for non-profits and community organizations. Classified ad costs \$15 doe three lines, which is approximately 20-25 words. Each additional line is \$5. Inserts can be printed and they cost \$500 per 14,000 inserts.

2026 Rates & Common Ad Size	ONE RUN Color	6+Ads Color	ONE RUN Bl/Wt.	6+Ads Bl/Wt.
Business Card (3.75 in wide x 1.75 in tall)	\$65	\$55	\$55	\$45
6" (3.75 in wide x 2.75 in tall)	\$85	\$75	\$75	\$65
1/8 page (3.75 in wide x 3.75 in tall)	\$115	\$105	\$95	\$85
1/4 page (4.93 in wide x 5.3 in tall)	\$175	\$160	\$150	\$145
Half page Vertical (4.93 in wide x 11 in tall) Horizontal (10 in wide x 5.3 in tall)	\$350	\$320	\$310	\$300
Full page (10 in wide x 11 in tall)	\$700	\$640	N/A	N/A

Running an ad for your business over and over has benefits. You are recognized as an expert. The readers tell the advertisers that they've seen a businesses advertisement for years in the newspaper. And when they need help, they know who to go to.

One advertiser stopped running their ad after many years. The calls to the business dropped off dramatically and when they restarted the advertising, the calls came back.

Articles are printed for free and they are printed as sent. Editorials are not accepted. If a photo is sent with the article, make sure that everyone in the photo is identified.

Deanna Maddock submits article about the Rotary Club. Lisa said that the articles are good and they highlight this hidden gem in our community.

Lisa told a story of how unique this newspaper is. Lisa received a call from 93 year old Doris who said she wanted to have her daughter's obituary in the Orangevale Times. She sent the obituary to Lisa and in was a two-and-a-half page letter. It was written in a beautiful cursive script. Lisa likes to keep an article or in this case an obituary organic and in the author's words.

Lisa asked if she could come by Doris's home with her laptop and type up the obituary as Doris read it out loud. When Lisa arrived, she sat around the coffee table and on the table were two copies of the Orangevale Times. Doris said that one issue contained the obituary of her husband and the other issue contained the obituary of her son. Doris said that the newspapers are reminders of her loved ones that she can hold everyday.

Lisa said that the Times is community driven, it pays for itself and it's a gift to our community. The paper prints the special moments, the milestones. Every little leaguer wants to see their photo in the paper.

Lisa wrapped up her talk by saying that the Orangevale Times contributes to our community and keeps us connected. President Steve thanked Lisa for her talk and presented her with a handcrafted pen made by member Bob Kurtz.



Announcements and Committee Reports

President Steve Blair reminded the board members that the next board meeting would be on September 15 at Steve's home.

The **District Conference** is on Halloween weekend. Register now through the District Website. October 30 through November 1, 2026. It will be held at Margaritaville at South Lake Tahoe. Events will include a beach party, a Polio Plus walk, the Rotary Foundation brunch, and hauntingly engaging programming! It will be a Spooktacular Rotary District 5180 Fall Conference!

Bill Wagner passed around a clipboard with the **Joe Surra Football Pool**. Sign up with your team's name, and what you will pay for each win or loss. It is not required to participate but it is highly encouraged!

Jim Buntin, International chair, said that the club donated \$1000 to the Shelter Box program.

Don Russell, Club chair, said that today is "National Cherry Turnover Day". Don asked "Why did the jelly roll? He saw the cherry turn over!" and he asked "What do you get when you put a candle in a suit of armor? A knight light."

The next **Dine Around (DAR)** is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 9, 5:30pm**. He has received two suggestions - Fair Oaks Brew Pub and Divided Sky Tavern. Let Don know if you have any others suggestion.

There will be a **Backyard BBQ** at **Don Glover's** home on **Saturday, September 19th**. The location is 7701 Green Ridge Way, Fair Oaks. Don will have three hot-coal Webber grills ready for your grilling pleasure. You will have to bring the protein to sizzle. Please sign up to bring something to share - appetizer, side dish, or dessert. The club bar will be fully stocked and manned by the fabulous-four: Bob Kurtz, Jim Buntin, Bryan Daniel & Mike McKibbin. Good times guaranteed!

Don has made six blood donations in a year. Did you know that there is Vitalant next to Miller's ACE Hardware in Fair Oaks. That's where Don gives a pint of blood every eight weeks. Right now, if you give blood, Vitalant will give you a \$10 gift certificate. Please give.

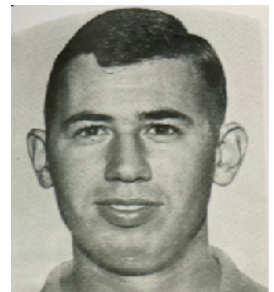
Dennis Sarkisian gave this report on the September 4th service at the OVFO Food Bank.

The weather was ideal for us serving at the Orangevale - Fair Oaks Food Bank with our Fair Oaks Rotary friends today. We got off to good start this morning, bagging and boxing groceries for future distribution. Our volunteers had the privilege of serving 79 families, amounting to 223 people in need. Among those we assisted and served were 7 new applicants. One applicant mentioned to he was recently laid off from his job and greatly appreciated receiving some groceries to feed his family. We also served several walk-up clients today. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to serving people needing food assistance.

Vocational Talk

Mike McKibbin talked about the six months that changed his life. It started in June 1965 when he was 22 years old. He had just graduated with a degree from Perdue University and he had been accepted in the Peace Corps. Mike was full of himself having won a lot of awards.

Before he could start his time in the Peace Corps and go to India, he had to have molars pulled because the dental care where he would be assigned had very poor dental care.



Before he left Indiana for training at St John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, he had to go to the Draft Board to get permission to go. The woman behind the counter accuse him joining the Peace Corps to avoid the draft!

When Mike arrived at St. John's for training, he joined a team made up of other Liberal Arts majors from around the country. They joined up with another team made up of Agricultural majors from UC Davis. The total group numbered 97 people. - the oldest was 63 years old and the youngest was 21 years old. They were taught how to raise chickens and that's when Mike found out that he was not as hot as the thought he was.

To begin with, they were broken up into small teams and taken to an overlook near the river. There they found a pile of wood and construction tools. They were instructed to build chicken

coops from the materials. Mike's team didn't know anything about chickens and they didn't know anything about construction. After 13 wks of training, they got the hang of it.

At the same time of Mike's training, India and Pakistan had a war and the Peace Corps could not send the trainees. Instead they were sent to Israel to work in a kibbutz. When things settled down in India, they were sent to rural villages to teach the locals how to raise chickens for eggs, a good source of protein. They were pretty successful and Mike went back to Elkhart, Indiana a different person because of the experience.

Happy Fines

Don Morris gave a shout out to Rob Auernig for fixing his door handle.

Bill Wagner was happy to be watching the Girls Little league Softball World Series. The upcoming game will match the Japanese with an American team.

Lisa Montes said that her granddaughter Kayleighann (KK) McCormick plays on the Firecrackers Jr little league team. When Lisa's daughter played, she served as president of the Orangevale Girls Softball League

Deanna Maddock is going to Sand Point, Idaho to visit friends.

Bob Kurtz said that he visited the ER for a few hours but he didn't die. And today is his birthday so the club "sang" Happy Birthday to him.

Patty Wolff was happy because the song ended.

Joni Cyr is happy that her birthday is on Wednesday.

Horacio Oropeza is happy that he got all the parts to finish rebuilding his 1965 Imperial.

Mike McKibbin is happy to attend his 65 year high school reunion but he said it will be full of old people. He is also happy that the Casa Roble football season is starting.

Bryan Daniel is happy that for six days Bob is older than him.

Jim Buntin will miss Bob's birthday party because he will be playing at the Sweet Song Music Studio.

Jeff Valtman is happy because on August 24, he celebrated his 42 year wedding anniversary and he says that they are still on their honeymoon.

The Orange Ball Raffle

There were nine balls and \$68. **Audrey Smith-Wiberg** had the winning ticket and she pulled the white golf ball out of the basket! Too bad, so sad. That means that Audrey will be selling raffle tickets at the next meeting.

Thought for the day

"In a world of global news, the local newspaper remains the only place where you can find out what happens down the street."