

# The Orange Peel

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

## Next Meeting Friday, Sept 19, 2025

**Speaker** - Danielle McGarrity and Heidi Sandborn from the Children’s Receiving Home

**Greeters** - Jeff Valtman

**Invocation** - Jim Buntin

**Vocation** - President Deanna

**Prospector** - Bob Kurtz

**Raffle tickets** - TBD

## 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?

## District Governor Megan

Mary Jo Edmondson of the Roseville Rotary Club introduced Rotary 5180 District Governor Megan

Ellinghouse. Megan is from Loomis, where she first entered the insurance industry at a local agency at age 15 to earn money to pay for car expenses. Megan stayed in the insurance industry for her entire career, having held positions Customer Service up to Management, and writing insurance at with Albano Insurance in Orangevale.



Megan moved to Folsom, to raise her two children where she was a frequent volunteer in the classroom. She was introduced to Rotary in 2015 and became the Club President of the Folsom Lake Rotary Club in 2016-2017. After moving to Sacramento in 2017, Megan joined the Rotary Passport One Club. There she has held several positions including Club President in 2021-2022.

## Recap of the Meeting Sept 12, 2025

### Guests

**Derek Maldonado** - President  
Deanna's partner

**Demetrius Jacob** - new  
manager of Orangevale Copy

### Visiting Rotarians

Rotary 5180 **District**

**Governor Megan**

**Ellinghouse** and her husband

**Leroy** (current president of  
the **Passport One Club**)

Assistant Governor **Mary Jo**

**Edmondson, Roseville**

**Rotary Club**

Folsom Rotary Club - **Scott**

**Bailey**

Historic Rotary Club - Leslie  
Michaylo, Mike McAtee, Gary  
and Susan Mandarich, Mary  
Asay, Randy Boxell

### 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"**

Megan has also been very active in the District where she has been an Assistant Governor, District Insurance Representative, District Crisis Management Team, District Conference Chair, Rotary PRLS Graduate/Facilitator. Megan also attended the 2022 Zone Institute as the District's Emerging Rotary Leader before jumping into the District Governor line in 2023.

Megan and her husband Leroy live in Sacramento. They have 4 adult children between them and both love to travel and explore new areas of the world and experience different cultures. **Mary Jo** asked everyone to welcome to the podium Rotary District 5180's District Governor **Megan Ellinghouse!**



Assistant Governor Mary Jo  
Edmondson

DG Megan started by saying that Orangevale Rotary was almost her Rotary Club. When she was working for Brent Albano, he was a member of this Rotary Club and he invited her to join. During that time in her life, she was busy in the morning taking her children to school in the morning. She joined a Rotary club that met at lunchtime instead.

Megan spoke about Rotary International president succession line. Every year we have a new head of Rotary International. Two weeks before the new president was to take up his position, he resigned. The President-Elect had two weeks to prepare for his year as president!!! **Francesco Arezzo** is now the **2025-26 President of Rotary International**. He is the

only RI president that has such a short preparation time. Usually the incoming president has a year to plan. Megan gave him Kudos for jumping into the role! Francesco has been a Rotarian for 30 years and he is from Ragusa, Italy where he has worked as an orthodontist. He credits Rotary with helping him overcome his stutter.



DG Megan's vision is to expand Rotary. She wants to expand the visibility of Rotary. If no one knows us, then they don't know all the good work we perform. She wants to get the Rotary logo and our name out in public.

DG Megan gave several examples of Rotary's visibility in area. There is a Rotary Grove in the Elk Grove Park. It has picnic tables and barbecue cook areas. There is a monument in the grove which talks about Rotary.

Megan wants to saturate the public with the Rotary logo, not just the wheel but the wheel and the name "Rotary". People will start to ask - what is this Rotary thing?

Look at the Rotary House near UC Davis Hospital. It has the Rotary Wheel hanging in the highest peak of the house. It says, we're here to help.

Think about creating a permanent thing in our community that shows that Rotary is here. At Mather Regional Park there is a Rotary Picnic area.

Visually get our name out there. Wear our Rotary gear. She likes that we wear our orange Rotary shirts to the Food Bank. Put up a Rotary banner when you are working on a project. Make sure that the name Rotary is in front of the wheel. This branding helps people know that we are Rotary. By the way on the Rotary International web site there is a Rotary brand center; check it out. You don't have to reinvent the brand.

Think how the your club can become visible.

Visit other Rotary Clubs

Invite someone to a Rotary meeting

Share Rotary on Social Media

Unite and collaborate with other clubs

Invite others to join us and our projects will be bigger!

The **Rotary Foundation dinner** is coming up on **November 8** at the Citrus Heights Community Center. She expects 280 to 350 people to attend. Buy a table of eight and sit up front!

The **Rotary District Conference** is on **May 1 to May 3, 2026** at Caesar Republic Lake Tahoe Hotel & Casino. There will be lots of speakers and fun events. For example there will be a “Plunge for Polio” fundraiser that will involve the club presidents!!!

District Governor Megan asked three Rotarians to come up to the front so she could recognize them - **Licia Green**, **Joni Cyr** and **Audrey Smith-Wiberg**. Audrey was not in attendance so **Phyllis Macdonald** filled in for her.



The Paul Harris Fellow is Rotary’s highest recognition. giving to the Foundation represents the commitment to a better world. When a person donates \$1000 to the Foundation, they receive a Paul Harris Fellow pin. When they give multiple times they are recognized with a Paul Harris pin with small gem stones showing the additional \$1000s they have given.

**Licia** received her first Paul Harris pin. **Joni** received a Paul Harris pin with two sapphires (representing \$3,000 in donations). **Audrey** received a Paul Harris plus eight.

DG Megan asked the following people to stand up - **Jim Buntin**, **Mairy Droese**, **Lorie** and **Russ Rheams**, **Steve Blair**, **Bryan Daniels** (Absent), **Dennis Metzler** (absent) and **Bill Wagner**. These people are Major Donors having given at least \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Let us Unite For Good and Serve with Purpose!



President Deanna Maddock thanked DG Megan and presented her with a wooden pen crafted by Rotarian Bob Kurtz.

## **Announcements and Committee Reports**

The “Roaming Rotarians” were visiting from the Folsom Historic Club. They are checking out other clubs for ideas to take back to their club. Their names are **Randy Boxell, Lesiie Michaylo, Mike McAtee, Gary and Susan Mandarich and Mary Asay**. They are checking out other clubs for ideas to take back to their club.

**Leslie Michaylo**, the spokesperson invited us to come to their fundraiser. It a Beatles Tribute evening with The Sun Kings, on Saturday, September 20 at the Zittel Family Amphitheater. She handed out post card with more details.



Another visiting Rotarian was **Scott Bailey** from the evening Folsom Rotary Club. He was visiting to promote their club’s fundraiser, an Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 26 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. at the Folsom Community Center. He handed out post cards with more information.

President Deanna Maddock said that the recent board meeting was great. She encouraged “new” **Mary Shear** to go to the next board meeting on the second Monday in October (13).

The Orangevale Grange has restarted their Sunday Breakfast which is held on the second Sunday from 8:00am to 10:30am. The last Summer Concert at the Grange will be held on Friday evening, September 19. Next Wednesday, **Steve Blair** will host the Crab Fundraiser planning meeting at his home at 6:30pm.

Dave Shepard is not here today so he will get to keep Rotisserie for another week.

**Dennis Sarkisian** gave a report on the recent Food Bank Friday. He said we accomplished a considerable amount of prep work, bagging, boxing and carting groceries for the recipients, as well as prepping for future distribution. Our club was joined by our Fair Oaks Rotary friends. We got to work, managing client flow and loading vehicles with groceries for **80 families in need**. There was a marked uptick in large family distributions. We ended up providing groceries for **a total of 212 children and adults**. Additionally, we processed a few new applicants.

Your volunteer service certainly makes a difference to many in our less fortunate community members. Thanks again for dedicating time to serving others. The next Food Bank Friday is October 3rd.

**Jim Buntin**, International Chairperson, said that we will be supporting a Global Grant Project to address Human Trafficking in Vietnam. This is a multiple Rotary District project. President Deanna played a short video on the problem of human trafficking in Vietnam. Jim said that we are waiting for the project to be approved before sending our contribution.

**Mike McKibbin**, Youth Chair, said that he is getting ready for the first Interact Club meeting of the new school year. He said that it looks like it will be a big group of students this year.

**Bill Wagner**, Rotary Foundation, said that he will bring a list of the people who made a commitment of donating \$100 to Polio Plus as long as polio is in the world. Nineteen members signed up and others can still sign up.

Bill showed a short video about where your Rotary Foundation dollars are going - to fight polio, food insecurity, clean water and strengthening economics in rural communities. Last year, The Rotary Foundation raised \$417 million for positive change in the world. It helped to fund 485 Global Grants.

**Janet Cahill**, Community Chair, thanked the seventeen volunteers who came out for the American River Clean up. Everyone agreed that 8:30am was a better time to start than 9:00am.

Janet talked with **Jim Cassio**, the President and General Manager of **Friends of Lake Folsom & Natoma**. He told Janet that the mile we clean up includes the rocks under the bridge which Jim said we share the stewardship of these sacred rocks with a local Nisenan indigenous group. Jim offered our club a tour of the Black Miners Bar native plant facility which is located just off our section of the American River Parkway. The tour would be on Friday, December 6 at 8:30am.

**Don Russell**, Club Chair, said it was National Milk Shake Day. He asked how you make a milk shake? - give it a scare! The recent Dine-Around was held at the Pitch & Fiddle restaurant and there was a great turnout.

The next social will be a Halloween party in Don's front yard. It's his annual bonfire and pumpkin roast. It will be held Friday, October 31.

Don gave his 135th pint of blood this week. He told a story of a young woman who collapsed and was taken to the ER. To save her life, she needed 12 pints of blood. This story is one of the reasons he gives blood. Don reminded everyone to find Joy in their lives. He ended report with a joke - Did you hear the butter rumor? - well he's not going to spread it!

**Phyllis Macdonald**, Club Secretary, is still collecting 14.5 ounce metal cans for the Pedal Connection which turns them into vases filled with flowers to hand out to local hospice patients and seniors. She is leaving at the end of September for a five weeks vacation with her husband to visit his home in Scotland. She asked everyone to continue to bring their cans to the meeting but she needs someone to collect them for her.

## Prospector

**Bob Kurtz**, the Prospector, said that Mairy Droese writes a great newsletter so she is fine free today but he knew that she would have a happy fine. He asked everyone to check their neighbor for his badge and pin, if missing, the fine is \$1.

It's Mike and Celeste McKibbin's wedding anniversary. Mike donated \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. It's Lorie Rheams (1997) and Phyllis Macdonald's (2007) Rotary Anniversary.

If you went to the American River clean up but didn't bring your dog to play with Bob's dog, pay \$2. If you didn't help with the cleanup, please pay \$1. If you didn't help at the Food Bank, pay \$1.

**Happy Fines** - The **District Governor Megan and her husband Leroy** are celebrating their wedding anniversary and paid \$20. They have known each other for 14 years and have been married 5 years. **Mairy Droese** was happy that she could get her Flu and Covid Vaccine, and the first of her two Hepatitis B vaccines. **Jeff Valtman** was happy to go with his family over the Labor Day weekend to Calistoga for a sprint car race. He camped on the ground with his grandchildren.

**Catrina Womack** is happy with the work **Rob Auernig** performed on her vehicle. Bill Wagner was also happy with the work that Rob performed. While Bill was recovering from hip surgery, his wife Eriko was his designated driver. She had a little problem with mixing up the break and the accelerator when then were out and about. **Bert Smith** was happy the **Sean Palmer's** support for the Rollingwood Garage Sale. He set up a tent with coffee and muffins.

**Russ Rheams** said that member Michelle Famestad has sold Orangevale Copy to Crisp Printing. Russ was happy to introduced the new manager of Orangevale Copy **Demetrius Jacob**.

## The Orange Ball Raffle

There were 9 balls and \$58. Visitor **Mary Asay** pulled the orange ball out of the basket and won \$58 which she donated back to the raffle. Thank you Mary.