

The Orange Peel

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

Next Meeting Friday, Sept 26, 2025

Speaker - Nick Nealon -
Crafting the Rotary Pitch

Greeters - Rob Auernig
for Deanna Maddock

**Invocation - Audrey
Smith-Wiberg** for Phyllis
Macdonald

Vocation - Mairy Droese
for Sean Palmer

Prospector - Bob Kurtz

**Raffle tickets - Jeff
Valdman**

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?



Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento

Children's Receiving Home

Bob Kurtz introduced our speakers from the Children's Receiving Home - **Danielle McGarrity** and **Heidi Sandborn**. **Heidi** talked about meeting **Brad Squires** at the AFL, the American Leadership Forum. She is on the board of the Children's Receiving Home and the SMUD board. Today she wanted to talk about children who have been traumatized that come to the Receiving Home for Trauma-Informed Care.



Heidi Sandborn (left) and Danielle McGarrity (Right)

The Receiving Home takes in children that are on the edge of homelessness, mostly foster children, many of whom are teenagers. For most of them, it's the first

Recap of the Meeting Sept 20, 2025

Guests

Danielle McGarrity and
Heidi Sandborn from the
Children's Receiving Home

Derek Maladonado -
partner of President
Deanna

Visiting Rotarians

None

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"

time that they have felt safe.

The Children's Receiving Home has been in business for 80 years and it will **close in two years** because of the lack of funds. The state cut the budget for homes like this and it costs \$350/day to house a child. The Home is quickly using up their reserves. In 2018, they were housing 25 to 30 children. State legislation reduced the number of children they could help on campus and today eight children live on campus.

The Receiving Home has brought in legislature members to see the impact the home has on children. She shows them how we are changing their lives. Money is being put into the homeless problem but if there aren't programs like this, the kids are going to end up homeless and on the street too.

Danielle McGarrity spoke about the beginning of this 80 year old institution. It was started in 1944 by the Rotary Club of Sacramento and the Junior League. The six-acre campus has six building and the children who are housed there are in protective custody and are given care 24-hours a day. Many of the children are very angry. The youngest are in trauma-informed pre-school. The others receive intensive therapy five days a week for the abuse and neglect they have suffered. The staff sometimes has to treat children who dwell on the idolization of suicide.

This is a place for children in transition; children who can't stay in their foster homes because they are acting out. Here at the Receiving Home, expert staff works with the children so they can be ready to go back to foster homes. While children are at the Receiving Home, they go to their school of origin to keep up with their curriculum. Workers at the Receiving Home drive them to and from school.

Danielle gets asked what is the difference between the Sacramento Children's Home and the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. The Children's Home has a crisis nursery which helps parents by giving them

a safe place to leave their baby when they need a break. The Children's Home also offers pre-teen care. Both organizations work together but they are two independent non-profit organizations.

Alumni from the Receiving Home have gone on to be successful. Many say that they came out fine because they got the help they needed when they needed it. The alumni are helping to communicate the dire financial needs of the Receiving Home.

Some funding comes from Kaiser Medical and two other organizations. SMUD help by installing solar panels on the roofs which reduced the electrical bill by 40%. There are 30-year old air-conditioning units on the campus. SMUD program of sustaining communities provided six new units.



Heidi and Danielle are trying to get the word out about how important the mission of the Receiving Home and the need to have state and local funding restored.

President Deanna thanked the ladies for their urgent and informative talk and presented them with a hand crafted pen made by member **Bob Kurtz**.

Announcements and Committee Reports

President Deanna Maddock thanked everyone who attended the Black and White party at the Orangevale History center last Saturday evening. The last Summer Concert at the Grange is Friday, September 19. The Historic Folsom Rotary Club's Beatle Mania fundraiser is Saturday, September 20. The **Rotary Foundation dinner** is coming up on **November 8** at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

Dave Shepard still has **Rotisserie**, the chicken. He's not back from his trip yet but we are hoping to see a lot of adventure pictures with Rotisserie.

Steve Blair talked about the Crab Feed planning meeting at his home last Tuesday evening. It was a productive meeting with 10 attendees. Steve emphasized that everyone needs to participate in the Crab Feed. He passed around a sheet of committees and tasks that need assignments. Please look at the pages on the clipboard and sign up for one or several tasks.

At the meeting, **Tommy Peno** presented his analysis of the cost to put on our fundraiser. He evaluated the catering and food costs, the rent, the bar costs, the purchase of cakes, etc. We make a a lot of money on the auctions, both silent and live, and the cake dash. But we lot money on the tickets. We lost \$17,000 on the ticket income. There is a \$47 per ticket loss. It was decided that the ticket cost will have to be raised from \$85 to \$110.

Tickets will go on sale starting October 1. Last year we sold 500 tickets and the event was way too crowded. Six tables will be removed and the number of tickets will be reduced to 450 tickets. Fewer tables will make it easier for the servers to move between the tables. R+Thge bar and catering costs will go down with fewer tickets sold.

Steve reminded everyone that the auction is a huge money maker and that donations to the auction should be new. Collectables like sports memorabilia need to be in good shape. Donations that are “guy stuff” would be appreciated. **The next Crab Meeting will be November 5th at 6:30pm at Steve’s home.**

Janet Cahill, Community chair, said that she will send an invitation to the members to volunteer at **Food Bank** on Friday, October 3. Please reply to the invitation when you receive it.

Don Russell, Club chair, said today is “Talk Like a Pirate” day. What kind of socks do pirates wear. Arrgh-gyle. Don will be hosting his annual **Halloween Bonfire** night in his front yard. Dress up, bring a snack and a chair. **Friday, October 31.**

Vocational Talk

President Deanna Maddock gave a talk about how she adopt her dog. When she was a child, her family had three cats, two dogs, and one bird. She loves animals.

In March 2020, the Covid pandemic shut the world down. In January of that year, she lost the last of her three dogs. (All three of her dogs died over that past year.)

Deanna adopted a pitbull-mix from the Front Street Shelter. Right from the start, at the rescue, **Jaden** jumped into her car. At her home, he jumped up on the couch and on her bed. (Jaden came with a name form the shelter.) He knew he had found his forever home.

Jaden lived with dogs but not cats. Deanna has a cat and poor Jaden was terrified of the cat! He would cringe when the cat came up to him. He used to cry if the cat was in a doorway he wanted to go through but he has finally gotten used to the cat.

Deanna has taken Jaden on lots of adventures like hiking, going to Lake Tahoe beaches, and going to ski resorts.

Jaden is a sensitive dog and the first time he met Derek's family was when Derek's father had had a loss in his family. Jaden went right up to the father and sat with him because he needed comfort.



Deanna showed lots of pictures of Jaden - dressed in outfits, looking bored on the couch, showing off his cute head tilt and running and playing around. What a wonder best friend!

Prospector

Prospector Bob Kurtz commented on the fact that a lot of members were missing - they are probably on vacation. He wanted to talk to Don Glover about his birthday but he scooted. Bob's career was spent in the field of photography so he decided to ask questions about the subject. He asked groups of people at each table around the room.

When was photography invented and by whom? 1826 by Nicéphore Niépce

Where is that photograph today? It is in the University of Texas at Austin

Who was the first person to be able to reproduce the photograph process and when? It was Louis Daguerre in 1839 in Paris.

What is the name of the founder of Kodak? George Eastman of Rochester, NY, in 1884.

What year was Photo Shop invented? 1989

When a National Geographic photographer was asked how he got such great photos, what did he say? "f8 and be there"

When was Ansel Adams born? 1902

Happy Fines

Phyllis Macdonald is happy to be going with her husband Donnie to Scotland at the end of the month. They will arrive on their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Steve Blair went camping at Graeagle with his daughter and grandchildren. Just as they got to a bridge for a day of fishing, a man pulled up in a truck and released 120 trout off the bridge. Everyone caught a trout!

Audrey Smith-Wiberg was happy to attend a wedding at Pebble Beach.

Horacio Oropeza took his wife out to a restaurant for her birthday - no cooking, no clean up!

Bert Smith was happy that her daughter turned 15 years old.

The Orange Ball Raffle

Jeff Valdman had the matching raffle ticket but when up at bat, he struck out - white ball loser. Jeff will be selling tickets next week.

The Thought of the Day

Like the Children’s Receiving Home, Rotary reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness can change a life.

