



CENTENNIAL  
Visalia Rotary Club



1921-2021

## February 3, 2021 General Meeting Francie's View



# GROUNDHOG DAY February 2nd

**Bulletin News:** After my health challenge of the past year, I am not 100% and I am fighting an ongoing battle with debilitating fatigue. I need to cut back on my volunteer work, of which there is quite a bit, in order to complete work assignments and still rest. Since tax season is upon us, our bulletins will be shorter. It's either that or someone else will need to prepare the bulletins.



**Unshine,  
Funshine,  
and  
Sunshine  
News!**

**Carol Allen** is transferring to another club. [sad face]

**Debi Callahan** has been named one of the top AAG performers in the nation! Congratulations!

**Sherri Smith** announced Michael Young will be a program speaker in March

**Byron Riegel** was caught in the snow from Wednesday to Sunday. (Bummer!)



**General John Crowe**  
told the joke of the day  
It was a pretty good one, too!



**Mark Keppler**  
**The Maddy Institute**

Mark reports that California budgeted a 54 billion dollar deficit which turned out actually to be a 15 billion dollar surplus. The reason is California relies heavily on personal income tax, which is progressive, so the wealthy are taxed, and when the stock market does well, the state does well, too. It's a one time anomaly. Mark says there will be deficits for the next several years and it will be difficult

### Speakers

**February 10, 2021**

Liz Wynn - The Newlywed Game

Our members!

**February 24, 2021**

Bailey Burns

Bailey Burns - Development of a Permanently Manned Space Station

**March 03, 2021**

Ed Evans

Ed Evans - The Visalia Housing Market Boom

### Club Meeting

Visalia

Meets at Marriott Hotel -

Downtown

300 South Court

Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Club Leaders



Douglas A. Arnold  
President  
Webmaster



Elizabeth Wynn  
President-Elect



Scott K. Jacobsen  
President-Nominee  
Club Service Chair



Mary Jane Jennings  
Secretary



Wayne Yada  
Treasurer



Greg Hagopian  
Public Image Chair



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Public Relations  
Chair

Ron Hellstern

for the legislature to add new programs. He says some of the surplus will paydown debt.

The Newsom recall is driven by the governor's response to COVID. He set the bar high with outrageous goals. The general rule is to campaign in poetry and deliver in prose. Newsom did it backward. 300,000 vaccines need to be done per week and only 215,000 are being done. Newsom delegated to the counties. There is no standardization. There are 58 counties doing 58 different things. This is not to Newsom's benefit. It's basically Republicans calling for the recall. A recent poll indicates 36% of the voters will support a recall. If the independents jump on board, Newsom will have a problem.

COVID hurts the poor. The highly educated and professionals can Zoom, and Zoom is working well. Grocery and restaurants workers are suffering. Undocumented poor are in worse shape. Two million get no government assistance or minimal assistance. Those getting stimulus checks and unemployment are doing OK.

Consider contributing to the Maddy Institute and use the Maddy Daily Report to keep abreast of political news.

## Announcements!

**Rotary Merchandise:** SHOW YOUR CLUB SPIRIT! Go to our club website and click on "Merchandise" located just above the picture of **Liz Wynn**. You can now order quality Rotary Merchandise; our club receives a portion of the proceeds from these sales.

PLEASE BUY SOME STUFF! Go to <https://stores.inksoft.com/rotary/shop/home>

**February 16th:** Board Meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

**February 22nd:** RFAR: from 5:00 to 7:00 pm; Go to Meeting.

**February 25th:** Program Committee from 5:30 to 6:30

**AmazonSmile:** When you order on Amazon, order through AmazonSmile (it links to your regular Amazon Account) and choose our Visalia Rotary Community Foundation as your charity; .5% of eligible purchases will go to the Foundation. (Don't let me be the only one!)



Sergeant-at-Arms



Karen A Lovik-Barron  
Membership Chair  
Past President



Rick Wehmueller  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Mike Anthony Paim  
Community Service  
Chair  
Lead Fundraiser



Sherri K Smith  
Club Programs  
Chair



Debra Callahan  
International  
Service Chair



Marc Mertz  
Youth Services  
Chair



Paul Hurley  
iPast President

## Birthdays

Jason Ritchie  
February 7th

Jason Hutton  
February 11th

George Allen  
February 15th

Jeffery W. Moyer  
February 20th

Elizabeth Wynn  
February 23rd

Derek Wisehart  
February 25th

Stephan I. Chrisman  
February 25th

Nancy Lockwood  
February 26th

Don Groppetti  
March 3rd

Mark C Ferguson  
March 6th

Ed Kemp  
March 8th