



CENTENNIAL  
Visalia Rotary Club



## January 13, 2021 General Meeting

### Francie's View

January



### Funshine Report!

David Amon's baby girl:  
Shiloh Ryan Amon  
January 7, 2021  
5 weeks early but healthy  
Yay!  
Congratulations!



The  
Fischer  
Meis  
Balerud  
Experience



Today's jokesters were **Mark Ferguson** and **Mike Schaufele**

**Craft Talk**  
**Mark Ferguson**  
**Ferguson Family Wines** - Visalia's  
source for luxury red wines.

Mark has over twenty years in the wine industry. He was senior winemaker for such names as Black Box, Woodbridge, Paul Masson, and Cook's Champagne. In 2018 he started his family winery. "Family Winery" is literal, too, because he has

### Speakers

January 20, 2021

[Holger Knaack](#)

A quick update on Rotary International

### Club Meeting

Visalia  
Meets at Marriott Hotel -  
Downtown  
300 South Court  
Visalia, CA  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Club Leaders



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Webmaster



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no employees and his only help is from his wife, daughter (7th grade), and his son (2nd grade.) Being a small winery allows Mark to focus on the unique in wine making. Mark uses only wines from pristine vineyards in premium growing locations throughout California. The warm days and cool nights of the coast and bay areas allow for the diurnal swing that slows down the ripening process and allows for creation of more flavonoids. Mark uses old school processes in his wine making. He keeps the volume low and the quality high. Visit his website at [www.fergusonfamilywinery.com](http://www.fergusonfamilywinery.com). Complimentary door step delivery available.

## Program



### Bruce Nicotero SVIC South Valley Industrial Collaborative Update

**Bruce Nicotero**, has been very instrumental in coordinating the efforts of the South Valley Industrial Collaborative (SVIC) from the start. The SVIC is a partnership for community excellence whose purpose is to provide a platform to build industry-led, industry-driven, and community-supported partnerships which strengthen economies in the South San Joaquin Valley. Many industrial employers and public agencies come together to advance industrial jobs across the region. Members can supply their expertise and learn from each other. Partnering with community colleges to provide classes to advance applicants to a usable skill level, the organization concentrates on talent acquisition, development, and retention to collaboratively grow businesses and prosperity in the region. Anyone in industry is invited to join. Positive change occurs when we appreciate, value, and invest in what is best in our people and community. The SVIC is partially supported by a grant from The James Irvine Foundation, a private, nonprofit grant making foundation dedicated to expanding opportunity for the people of California. Members of the SVIC include Saputo, Electric Motor Shop and Supply Co., JOANN, California Dairies, Nestle, Southern California Edison, Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, Kings EDC/Kings County Job Training Office, West Hills College - Lemoore, COS Career Technical Education, COS Training Resource Center, COS Foundation, Tulare County Office of Education, Tulare Chamber, Central Mother Lode Regional Consortium, American Welding Society, Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Fresno State Community and Economic Development, State of California Employment Training Panel, the Economic Development Corporation Serving Tulare County, the City of Porterville, the City of Tulare, and the City of Visalia.



## Announcements!

**January 19** - 4:00 to 6:00 pm: Board Meeting

**January 25** - 5:00 to 7:00 pm: Rotary Foreign Affairs Roundtable (RFAR); GoToMeeting, online

**February 17** - 5:30 to 7:00 pm: New member orientation

**February 22** - 5:00 to 7:00 pm: Rotary Foreign Affairs Roundtable (RFAR); GoToMeeting, online



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iPast President

### Birthdays

Basil Perch  
January 16th

Bryce Harris  
January 16th

Byron W. Riegel  
January 19th

Michael D Damron  
January 23rd

Peter M. Cowper  
January 28th

Gregory J. Meis  
January 29th

Rosemary S Caso  
January 30th

Lisa Colburn  
February 6th

Jason Ritchie  
February 7th

Jason Hutton  
February 11th