



CENTENNIAL
Visalia Rotary Club



January 20, 2021 General Meeting Francie's View



While we waited for our program to start we enjoyed a sharing session. I was going to say a "Show 'n' Tell" session, but it was really "Telling!" I missed most of it because I couldn't find the codes to login to the meeting. [sad face] I made the mistake of printing the email with the codes and putting it in a "safe" place(!)

Sherri Smith shared some of our upcoming programs: Mike Young, Amazon Hub, World Wide Sires, NASA, Ed Evans, Update on the ER Department (which I understood to be the Emergency Room Department. See how names evolve: it used to be ER, then it was ED, which is accompanied with giggles, and now it's back to ER ... much safer that way!)

Nevin House received his first COVID-19 vaccination installment and had no side effects but his wife hurt. His business is doing fine and his family is healthy.

Paul Hurley had a sore shoulder for a day and is waiting for in-person club meetings again.

Fun List

What college students entering college this year know:

(Beloit College, Wisconsin)

- Like Pearl Harbor for their grandparents, and the Kennedy assassination for their parents, 9/11 is an historical event
- The primary use of a phone has always been to take pictures.
- The nation's mantra has always been: ♦If you see something, say something.♦
- Oklahoma City has always had a national memorial at its center.
- Because of Richard Reid's explosive footwear at 30,000 feet, passengers have always had to take off their shoes to slide through security on the ground.
- They are as non-judgmental about sexual orientation as their parents were about smoking pot.
- The Mars Odyssey has always been checking out the water supply for their future visits to Mars.
- They may well not have a younger sibling, as the birth rate in the U.S. has been dropping since they were in grammar school.
- PayPal has always been an online option for purchasers.
- There has always been an American Taliban.
- Apple iPods have always been nostalgic.
- Face recognition technology has always been used at public events
- They have always been concerned about catching the West Nile virus.

Speakers

January 27, 2021

[Deanna L. Blaise - Paycheck Protection Program](#)
Paycheck Protection Program

February 03, 2021

[Mark Keppler](#)
Mark Keppler - Public Policy and participation

February 10, 2021

[Liz Wynn - The Newlywed Game](#)
Our members!

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

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[Elizabeth Wynn](#)
President-Elect

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[Scott K. Jacobsen](#)
President-Nominee
Club Service Chair

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[Mary Jane Jennings](#)
Secretary

?



[Wayne Yada](#)
Treasurer

?



[Greg Hagopian](#)
Public Image Chair

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[Diane Aden Hayes](#)
Public Relations

- They have grown up with a Patriot Act that has dramatically increased state surveillance to prevent terrorism.
- Defibrillators have always been so simple to use that they can be installed at home.

Internet Survey

All members will be receiving an internet survey. Please complete and submit the survey! Thank you!



Program

(This is pretty special ... to be able to visit with the Rotary International President ... It's a first for me, anyway!)

Holger Knaack seemed pleased to speak with a small group. It was after 9:00 pm at his home during our meeting. He is on Zoom meetings eight hours a day. (Ug!) A Rotary International president is usually only home 20 days during his/her reign. He is gaining weight by eating at home; he is eating better than he would on the road where a person gets tired of chicken all the time; chicken is the meal of choice because it fits with any religion and culture and it's inexpensive(!) He is asking for all clubs to continue Zoom Meetings. He chose his motto, "Rotary Opens Opportunities," before COVID-19, but it is very appropriate given Zoom meetings. You can travel the world through Zoom! He believes in the independency of each Rotary club. It is important to know what value you bring to your members. What makes your club unique? It is important to be among friends. Pick members that are a good fit for your club because you spend much time together each week and while doing projects. Be honest what your club is about so you can deliver on expectations to new members. A decrease in membership is everywhere in North America, South America, England, Australia ... but in India it increasing. There are many differences between clubs within a country and between countries. For example, in the United States clubs emphasize service, while other clubs are more into friendship or diversity. He complimented us for including so many women in our club; he says Germany is behind in that respect. As different as clubs may be, we all use the same Four-Way Test. The Four-Way Test is for self-reflection; am I being honest?; am I doing the right thing? Whenever you find discrimination, you need to speak. We are blessed to be safe to speak (I hope it's true we are safe to speak.)

What's next after Polio? It takes three or four years to declare an area polio free. Africa was polio free last year. It will take time to come up with the next project. Water or peace are not projects because a project needs a start and a finish. The Gates Foundation is in for the long haul until polio is gone and they are also investing in Corona Virus vaccinations; the "infrastructure" is already in place, so to speak, because of polio vaccinations. Some Rotary clubs are organizing distributions and others are driving those who cannot drive to get their vaccinations.

His work day is done now and he's treating himself to a glass of wine!

Announcements

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



Chair

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[Ron Hellstern](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

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[Karen A Lovik-Barron](#)
Membership Chair
Past President

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[Rick Wehmueller](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair

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[Mike Anthony Paim](#)
Community Service
Chair
Lead Fundraiser

?



[Sherri K Smith](#)
Club Programs
Chair

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[Debra Callahan](#)
International
Service Chair

?



[Marc Mertz](#)
Youth Services
Chair

?



[Paul Hurley](#)
iPast President

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Birthdays

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

George Allen
February 15th

Jeffery W. Moyer
February 20th

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

