



CENTENNIAL  
Visalia Rotary Club



# January 6, 2021 General Meeting

HELLO, 2021



Good Riddance 2020!



It's the first meeting of the new year! Welcome! It sounds like we'll be "Zooming" for awhile. Today's speaker couldn't make it, so everyone in attendance told us some "happies!"

**President Doug:** Southwest Airlines is coming to Fresno (Yay!) The DVD of last years' roast should be available soon. Our multi-club grant for Salt and Light was accepted by the District. Camp Royal will be online with two other districts.

**Francie Langley:** Thanksgiving and Christmas were fun and safe. Both kids were home along with my son's girlfriend. I like her; she reminds me of me! LOL! My daughter tested negative for COVID but positive for COVID antibodies. Would that we could all weather the plague so easily!

**Paul Hurley:** Survived the holiday season and RFAR discussions have been great. All are welcome to RFAR!

**Greg Hagopian:** Greg has avoided the plague and the office is open but socially distanced. His parents moved to Visalia and are sheltering in their new home.

**Liz Wynn:** The county has started vaccinations. Text messages should go out in the next week or so for those 75 or more years of age to register for a vaccination appointment.

**General John Crow:** He and his wife celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary (Congratulations!)

**Randy Smith:** Christmas is now in the attic. It's much easier to put up Christmas and take it down now that he's retired. This year was the first Christmas they didn't have the whole family together, but everyone is healthy.

**Diane Hayes:** Morale is good at the hospital and the staff really appreciates the thoughtfulness of the community.

**Mary Jane Jennings:** It was a good holiday season. Distributions included distributions to 100 seniors, 85 bikes, 500 families received food and although they got out of the toy business several years ago, they were also able to give coats and toys to families.

## Speakers

### 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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Chair



Diane Aden Hayes  
Public Relations  
Chair



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Sergeant-at-  
Arms



Karen A Lovik-Barron  
Membership  
Chair  
Past President

Rick Wehmüller  
Rotary

**Wayne Yada:** He's living the dream. He can't imagine the burden the plague is on small business. He and his wife went to Costco for a TV. The 65" was on sale; now he can watch TV without his glasses! (Yes, but do you get a crick in your neck?)

**Mark Ferguson:** Grapes don't care about COVID. Grapes still need to be harvested, wine made, and barrels filled - gravity still works and the wine is high quality! (Cheers!)

**Mary Beth Higuera:** She's happy to attend Rotary virtually. She's been roughing it for nine months in Palm Desert. (Aaaaaw!)

**Marie Pinto:** ProYouth has about 400 kids in the program. The kids are health screen first thing in the morning and are assisted with their distance learning. She and Joe lost Joe's mom to COVID eight days shy of her 101st birthday. (Our hearts and prayers go out to you!)

**Pete Cowper:** Pete just returned from three weeks in Washington state at his sister's home. Their COVID rates are half of ours. He took the train first class in a private sleeper and meals in his cabin. Now he's home going through three weeks worth of mail. ('Tis the good with bad!)

**George and Carol Allen:** The holidays were quiet. Carol received her first vaccine with the 2nd part scheduled for the 19th. Carol experienced no side effects from the shot. (Yay!)



## Sunshine Unshine News

Sabrina Jimenez has COVID,  
and she is recovering.  
Get better soon, Sabrina!

## The Al Fisher, Greg Meis, Andy Balerud Joke Time!

Thanks to Randy Smith, Surprised  
Comedian

(It's just not the same in a Zoom meeting when you  
can't hear the laughter response!)

## Congratulations to our

## Board of Directors 2021 - 2022

**Liz Wynn**, President  
**Scott Jacobsen**, President Elect  
**Greg Hagopian**, President Nominee  
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**Marc Mertz**, Board  
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Thank you for all you do!



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Chair



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iPast President

### Birthdays

Basil Perch  
January 16th

Bryce Harris  
January 16th

Byron W. Riegel  
January 19th

# GRANTS



Salvation Army granted \$750 from personal board donations plus \$250 from the club.

## **Harry Tow Memorial Interchange** at the Industrial Park.

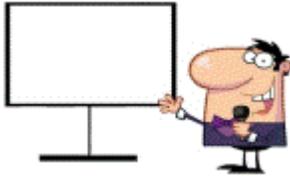
Signs cost \$10,000. \$5,500 has already been raised.

Charitable donations may be made through our Rotary Club of Visalia Foundation

## Program Speaker Ideas

All ideas for future programs are welcome.

Remember, with Zoom the speaker doesn't have to be in town!



## Announcements

January 16 - 5:00 to 6:00 pm: COGS online meeting. If you didn't receive the link click on Randy's picture and request one

January 20 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm: New member orientation

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

February 10 - 5:00 to 6:00 pm: COGS online meeting. If you didn't receive the link click on Randy's picture and request one

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