

Rotary



Club of Visalia

July 17, 2019 General Meeting

Announcements: There are some membership discounts for members under 35 years old and membership is half price for spouses. Visalia Rotary Scholarship Endowment Drive to raise \$100,000 has started; I'm sure we'll hear details over time. RFAR will meet July 29th at the Depot from 6 pm to 8 pm; \$20 per person; this month's topic is Hong Kong (the food is reported to be amazing!) The Visalia Rotary Community Foundation Third Annual Brewfest in conjunction with COS will be August 8th at the COS Porter Fieldhouse at 5:30 pm; parking is available; sponsorships are still welcome; tickets are \$50 each and \$100 for VIP tickets; volunteers are needed from our club to help in one-hour shifts; there will be wine and bourbon tasting in addition to beer tasting; proceeds go to scholarships. Contact **Gerry Schneider** or **Bruce Nicotero** for tickets and to volunteer. Our club received word that **Harry Tow** resigned from our club after being a member for 62 years; we were not told why, but since he's 93 years old ♦ Congratulations Harry; We ♦ all miss you. Next Wednesday we are dark at Noon and will hold our meeting at 5:30 at the Rawhide Hall of Fame Club.



Paul Harris Recognition: Rick Wehmuller presented Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship awards to: **Carolyn Britten**, **Vicki Whitehouse**, and **Paul Hurley**; **Marie Pinto**, Plus 2; and **Nancy Lockwood**, Plus 1. Thank you for your support of the Rotary International Foundation (not to be confused with our Visalia Rotary Community Foundation Karl Weiss Fellowship Awards.)

Traveling Rotarians: **Marie Pinto** returned from sixty days in Europe visiting Paris, Rome, Venice, Milan, London, etc. and brought a book, *The Queen's Birthday*. **Liz Wynn** brought **President Paul** smoked salmon and an Alaskan ball cap from her seven-day Alaskan cruise. **Doug Arnold** visited South Africa for three weeks, took 20,000 pictures of animal butts, brought chocolate from the Elephant Tree for President Paul, and a book, *The Warthog's Tail*. **Russ McKinney** went to Newport, Rhode Island to attend a current strategy forum that ended up canceled; he wasn't able to bring a margarita machine (one, which it is rumored, sat on the desk of the ex-head of the Naval War College,) but he DID bring President Paul some cocktail napkins(!) Thanks to all of you and welcome back!

Speakers

July 24, 2019

[Visalia Rawhide](#)

We will be dark in the afternoon! Rotary Night at the Visalia Rawhide

July 29, 2019

[William Yunt & Sue McCallister](#)

CHINA - Hong Kong

July 31, 2019

[Mike Washam](#)

Movie Production Activity in Tulare County

August 07, 2019

[John Crowe](#)

Update by troop members

August 14, 2019

[Rob Vanderheuvell](#)

California Dairies Inc.: Presentation on Global, National, and Local Trends in the Dairy Industry

August 21, 2019

[Judge Gary Paden](#)

Judicial experiences and insights

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Club Meeting

Visalia

Meets at Marriott Hotel - Downtown

300 South Court
Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM



President's Club: Many thank to new members of the President's club: **Mike Shannon, Fred LoBue, and Russ McKinney.**

Program: Ampelio Mejia Perez, General Manager of the Visalia Arts Consortium. Tulare County is known for poverty and teen pregnancy; it should be known for feeding the world and the creative industries. The Arts Consortium brings together artists, organizations, and art enthusiasts to advocate, promote, and provide opportunities to create and celebrate the arts for all Tulare County residents and visitors. The Arts Consortium (AC) believes that the arts should be universal, affordable, and accessible to everyone regardless of age, capacity, limitations, or language. The arts build community, add to the beauty of our environment, and record our history. They are an economic boon, create opportunities for breaking down barriers, reduce levels of intimidation, and build bridges. The AC is contracted by the City of Visalia to provide services in accordance with their Cultural Plan. The Tulare County Board of Supervisors has designated the AC as the official arts council of Tulare County. The AC is also the official local partner of the California Arts Council. Activities include First Friday, Taste the Arts, and South Valley Art Tour. Artists are assisted with bookkeeping, insurance, and business advice. The AC is trying to get art into the schools again. Olivia Garza, Peer Support Specialist, spoke of her challenges with mental illness and the part the AC takes helping her and others with mental illness in the AC My Voice Media Center. There a variety of art sessions including photography, guitar class, videography, and pastels; people feel safe and welcomed; it gives them a reason to leave the house. The Arts Consortium empowers the community and connects the community with resources.

