

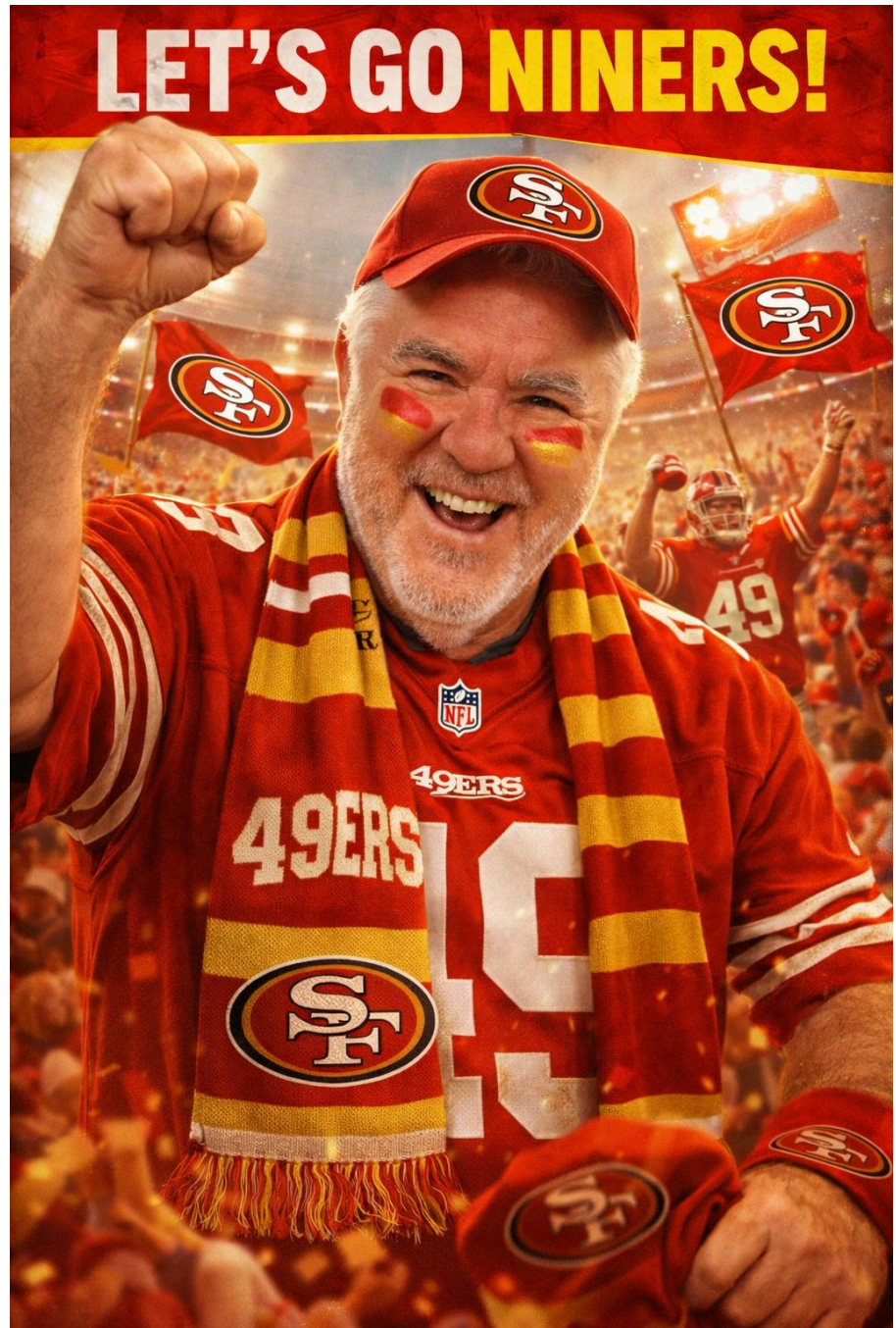
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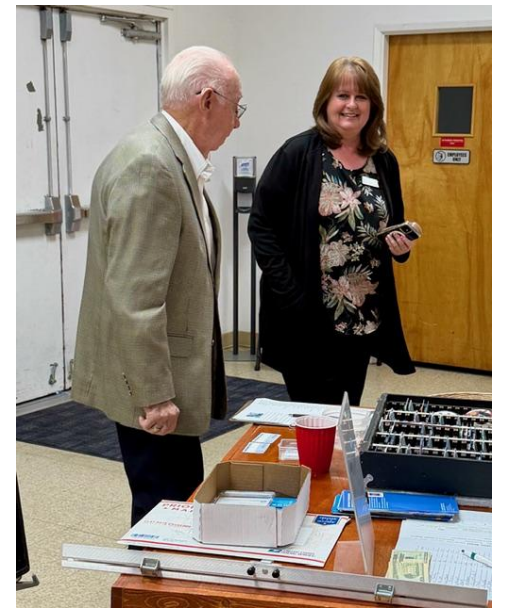
- Jill Caviezel is a Hanford-based nonprofit and community-relations professional who serves as Development Coordinator for Valley Center for the Blind.
- Role with Valley Center for the Blind
- She works in development, focusing on outreach, fundraising, special events, and relationship-building for Valley Center for the Blind.
- Her position is tied to the Central Valley service area, and she is listed as living in Hanford, California, which aligns with VCB's work in Kings County.
- Professional background
- Public profiles describe her experience in community relations, nonprofit fundraising, and special events, with prior roles in similar outreach and public-facing positions.
- She has experience with organizations serving people who are blind or visually impaired, including volunteer work with camps and community programs for blind youth and young adults.
- Community presence around Hanford
- Social and professional listings connect her regularly to Hanford-area activities, fitness and community groups, and local events, reinforcing that she is an active local resident.

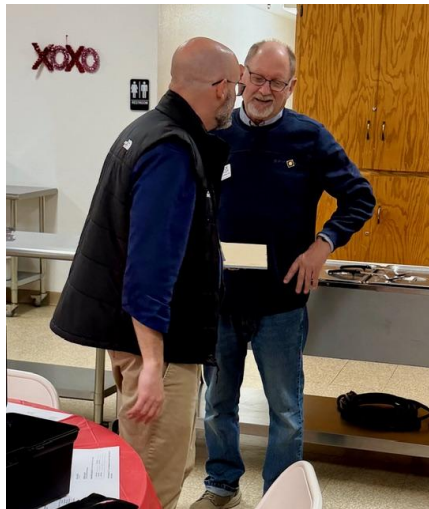




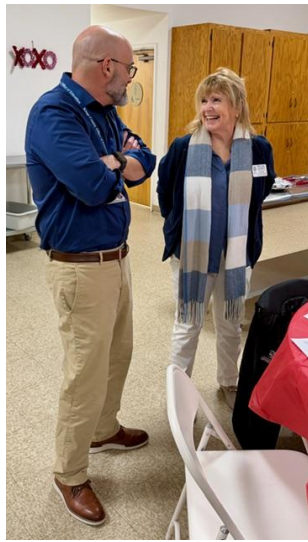
Valley Center for the Blind Jill Caviezel

- Valley Center for the Blind (VCB) is a nonprofit organization that serves people who are blind or have low vision throughout the Central Valley, including Kings County.
- What they do
- They support people with all levels of visual impairment and legal blindness to live more independently and confidently.
- Services focus on training for daily living skills, use of assistive technology, emotional support, and help with education and employment goals.
- Programs are customized to each person's goals, abilities, and preferences, rather than a one-size-fits-all class list.
- Example: someone losing vision from glaucoma might get mobility training, help learning screen readers on phone/computer, and counseling to adjust to vision loss.
- Service area and locations
- VCB explicitly serves Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties, which includes Hanford and surrounding communities.
- Main offices are in Fresno, Visalia, and Bakersfield; Hanford-area residents typically connect through these regional sites, especially Visalia and Fresno.
- If you're in Hanford, you can call their main number and ask which office or program best serves Kings County clients.
- Mission and approach
- Mission: to support, train, and employ people who are blind or low vision so they can lead more independent, opportunity-filled lives.
- They emphasize diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and work only with people who are blind or visually impaired, which gives staff specialized expertise.
- They also partner with local businesses to create accessible work experiences and reduce community barriers (for example, more accessible websites and services).
- How to get connected
- You do not need a doctor referral; individuals or family members can contact them directly.
- They list a main phone line and email (info@myvcb.org) that covers all their Central Valley locations, including services for Kings County residents.











Peter on vacation AGAIN!





My doctor said eat more fruits and vegetables. An extra strawberry in my daiquiri and olive in my martini should do the trick..



*Ticket
Steve
Badge
Roger*

Fines!



Bob paid \$13 for his cataract surgery.

Nicky paid \$70 for not attending meetings.

Cheaper flights , fewer regrets!



Thinking about a summer getaway? Whether you're dreaming of golden beaches or a family battle royale at Disney, it's officially "stop refreshing and actually book your flight" season.

News you can use!

Digging through menus on your phone? Stop that already. On iPhone, swipe down from the middle of the Home Screen to open Spotlight Search and type what you're looking for. You can find settings, apps, web results or photos using natural language. Newer Androids have this, too. Tap the search bar on the Home Screen. Bravo.

Airline prices fluctuate faster than ever, and waiting too long means you'll likely be hit with high demand and fewer seats. Then again, you might be able to score a last-minute deal if you don't mind the last seat near the toilet.

Use tools like [Google Flights](#), [Hopper](#) or [Skyscanner](#) to set fare alerts. Just plug in your destination and dates, and you'll get notified when prices drop below a threshold you set. It's like having a personal flight hacker in your pocket.

Info from the Kim Komando newsletter.

Let's break it down.

For international trips

If you've got your sights set on Europe, Asia or anywhere outside the U.S., the **sweet spot is two to six months in advance**, depending on the destination. Not seven anymore.

For U.S. travel

The best time to book a **domestic flight is 28 to 35 days before takeoff**. Yep, just about a month ahead. Booking too early, say 90+ days out, can actually cost you more. I know, it sounds backward, but data backs it up.

- **Book on a Sunday:** You can save around **15%** compared to buying midweek.

- **Fly on a Wednesday:** It's consistently the cheapest day to travel, especially for round trips.
- **Skip Fridays and Sundays** unless you love crowds and overpriced tickets.
- **Shop one-way tickets:** For example, Phoenix to New York City round trip was \$523. But booking a one-way ticket from Phoenix to NYC and then booking a separate ticket from NYC to Phoenix was \$413.

Insider secrets

Always book the earliest flight your cranky self can tolerate. Flights after 3 p.m.? Up to **50% more prone to cancellations**. Delays pile up throughout the day, and those afternoon and evening flights get hit the hardest.

TL;DR

- Start tracking international fares two to six months out.
- Book U.S. flights four to five weeks ahead.

- **Book on Sundays, fly on Wednesdays.**
- **Take the early morning flight, always.**

Recipe Corner Make it! *Cheesy Mashed Potato Puffs*

Reels **Cheesy Mashed Potato Puffs**



Mix 3 cups chilled mashed potatoes with 1 large egg, 1 cup shredded cheddar, chopped chives, flour, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Shape into 1-inch balls, coat with Parmesan, and bake at 400°F for 15-20 minutes.



Bake in a muffin tin.

For flour use 2 tablespoons flour or cornstarch.





February 7 Crab Feed
February 12 Warriors of the wind Dallas Moore



It's easy to make a monthly donation to H.R.C.F. Just ask Bruce to bill you!



Rest in Peace Linda!

- <https://www.chapelofthelight.com/obituaries/linda-mackey/#!/Obituary>



President Steve said “all hands-on deck” for the crab feed. It’s a lot of work so all members need to be there to help set up and tear down.

Announcements!

Sign up and get your squares for Superbowl. \$10 a square.

A poster for the Annual Shred Event. The background is light gray. At the top, the text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in a bold, black, serif font. Below this, there is a photograph of a stack of papers and a pile of shredded paper. A green horizontal bar is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Annual Shred Event" in a bold, black, serif font, and "Monday, March 9, 2026" in a smaller, black, serif font below it. At the bottom left, the logo for "ATHENA Financial Group" is displayed, featuring the word "ATHENA" in a large, serif font with a laurel wreath above it, and "Financial Group" and "Innovative Financial Design" in smaller fonts below. At the bottom right, the text "More details to follow." is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "Questions? Give us a call (559) 583-1617." in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

For more info see Susan!

February 5 , 2025

RUMBLER

Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

February Birthdays

Kristi Lee 2/1

Wayne Kuhn 2/17

Jason Fry 2/19

Joan Darling 2/20

Tom Davis 2/28

February Club Anniversaries

Wayne Kuhn 2/8

Susan Tackett 2/14

Alex Perez 2/27

Happy
Birthday!



Maritza Lemus/Luis 2/14

Henry Ordonez/Alicia 2/23

After hearing a sermon about lies and deceit, a man wrote the IRS: "I have been unable to sleep, knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. I have reviewed my taxable income and have enclosed a check for \$900. If I still can't sleep, I will send the rest."



Welcome!



Jill Caviezel



Gil Cardon



Jesus Garcia LRC



The District Governor's PAUL HARRIS MATCHING CHALLENGE

December 15, 2025 — March 1, 2026

Now is your chance to shine as a Paul Harris Fellow. And double your impact!

Every donation up to \$500 to The Rotary Foundation will be matched with recognition points.

This offer is available to first-time and multiple Paul Harris Fellows in District 5230.

The District Governor will recognize donations of \$100 or more at the District Conference in May 2026.

If you join the Paul Harris Society during this challenge — pledging to donate \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation — you will receive special recognition at the conference.

Two easy ways to donate:

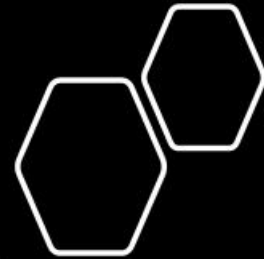
- Visit MyRotary.org or scan the QR code and email a copy of your receipt to:

District Foundation Chair — Bruce Mackey, savvycyclist@gmail.com

- Deliver a check to your Club Foundation Chair



"Service Above Self"

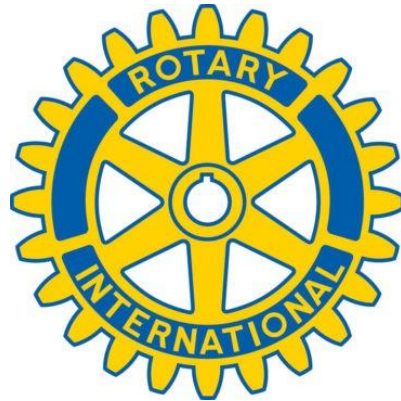




MEMBERSHIP

When you invite a guest please introduce the person as your guest, not as a potential member. After your guest attends a few meetings and we think they are a good fit for the club, then you as the member will fill out a short form proposing membership. It then goes to the board for approval. After the board approves, it will go to the membership for approval or disapproval. If approved, then you can approach your guest to see if they would like to join the club. We are an invite club. We need to get back to the structured way of proposing people for membership. If you have questions, ask Kathy or Lori!

***If you Remember the truth, you
don't have to remember
anything!***



Monthly Board Meetings: All members are welcome to attend board meetings which occur the second Thursday of the month right after the noon meeting. Board President Steve Stout, President-Elect, Patrick Nelson, Vice President, Gaby Curtis, Kristi Lee, Immediate Past President, Joan Darling, Secretary, Bruce Bentley, Treasurer, Member at large Judy Holwell, Joe Casey Member at large, Joan Darling, Sergeant at Arms, Club Administration, Gaby Curtis, Kathy Andes, Membership Director, and Lori Bentley Public Image Director, Director PP Victor Rosa, New Generations Director, PDG Bruce Mackey, Rotary Foundation Director, PP, Robert Butts, International Director.

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