

# Rotary



## Club of Merced

### Club Meeting

Merced  
Meets at Merced Elks Lodge  
1910 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

### Club Leaders



Cyril L. Lawrence  
President



Barbara Ward  
President-Elect



Brenda J. Callahan-Johnson  
Secretary



Jorge Cisneros  
Treasurer



Clark Kellogg  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Susan Coston  
Youth Services Chair



James G. Marshall  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Laura Fong  
Membership Chair



David P. Spangler  
Attendance Secretary



Steve M. Tietjen  
iPast President

## Merced Rotary - Wednesday June 18, 2025 - Dr Steve Tietjen

Merced Rotary is meeting today, Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 12:00 noon at the Merced Elks Lodge.

Today is President Cyril Lawrence's final meeting, so come as you are. Brush up on your early American history, or any "This Day in History" notes. Last week the club had all the answers, so prepare for some tough grilling as Cyril exits.

NEXT WEEK: The **Kick Out for Cyril** is **Friday, June 27, 2025**. No meeting on Wednesday, June 25th.

Our speaker today is our fellow Rotarian and IPP, Dr. Steve M. Tietjen. Steve serves as the 29<sup>th</sup> Merced County Superintendent of Schools. An educator of more than 40 years, Dr. Tietjen was appointed as County Superintendent in 2017 and won the elections to serve four-year terms in 2018 and 2022. Dr. Tietjen began his career in 1980 as a history teacher in Visalia and served as school superintendent in Woodlake Unified and Los Banos Unified. As County Superintendent, he is the leader of the Merced County Office of Education and its 1,400 employees.

Steve has been in Rotary since 1994 and a member of Merced Rotary since 2016. He is our Immediate Past President. He and his wife Becky have two daughters and two grandchildren.



## Last Week at Merced Rotary - June 11

President Cyril's penultimate meeting of the Merced Rotary Club, "The Finest Club in the Valley", was held on Wednesday June 11, 2025. Visiting from Cedarberry Rotary Club in Colorado was Kristine Beach, she gave us a banner from her club. A request was made to print banners for our Merced Rotary Club. President Cyril will talk with Debra to get this done.

Rotarian Joe Stefani was again recognized, he mentioned the Lions North South Football Game banquet coming up on Friday June 13. Our club has cooked the dinner the last two years. Picture courtesy of Barb Ward.



The trivia questions for the day were related to June events. Ed Spinardi (Lou Gherig's Disease), Vinton Thengvall (DDay), Kathleen Crookham (Magna Carta) and Clark Kellogg (Miranda Rights) all answered questions correctly, and no fines were given.

President Elect Barb Ward announced that our club was recognized at the Rotary District 5220 awards for having

Events

June 27th  
[Merced Rotary Kick Out](#)

Speakers

June 18, 2025  
[Steve Teitjen](#)  
Merced County Office of Education

June 25, 2025  
[No Meeting Today](#)

June 27, 2025  
[President Cyril Lawrence Kick Out Dinner](#)

Birthdays

Thomas J. Wilkins  
June 26th

Wedding Anniversaries

David S. Dunham  
June 22nd

Years of Service

John E. Price CR, UDCP, LEED AP  
06-30-2000  
25 Years  
Jennifer Carter  
07-01-2024  
1 Year

the largest per member donation (\$426 per member) to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to all.

Our speaker was Dr. Steven Jacobs, retired pediatrician from Modesto. Update on Polio Plus. We've had 13 cases of wild polio in the world so far this year, and vaccine created polio, down from last year's number of 90. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the remaining two countries with wild polio cases. Pakistan has had immunizers threatened and killed, and has started sending armed guards. Afghanistan has made progress in bringing the vaccine to housing units by setting up tents, avoiding the stigma of women out in public. The Gates Foundation is continuing to match 2 for 1 on Polio Plus giving.

The ticket was won by Don Bragonier, who put in a plug for the French Open (and was not fined). There was \$131, which stayed safely in the pot.

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