

# Rotary



# Club of Reedley

Monday, December 5, 2022

## Club Meeting

Reedley  
Meets at Reedley Community  
Center  
100 N. East Avenue  
Reedley, CA 93654  
Time: Thursday at 12:10 PM

## Events

December 8th

[Reedley Weekly Club Meeting - Jerry Linscheid](#)

December 15th

[Reedley Weekly Meeting - New Owners Reedley Newspaper](#)

December 22nd

**DARK**

December 29th

**DARK**

January 5th

[Reedley Weekly Club Meeting Adele](#)

January 12th

[Reedley Weekly Club Meeting - Steve Olfert](#)

January 19th

[Reedley Weekly Club Meeting- Pete Penner](#)

January 26th

[Reedley Weekly Club Meeting - Kristi Pullen](#)

## Club Leaders



[Adele Nikkel](#)  
President



[Jeremy Linscheid](#)  
President - Elect



[Mike Franks](#)  
Secretary

## A Tale of Two Worlds Unfolds at Rotary



Erik, Mark may not approve of the new aftershave. . . ↓



A festive kick off to the lunchtime Rotary meeting on December 1st included Christmas melodies played by Reedley High School students. There's significant talent among these trombone players, and toes were tappin', smiles were bright, and moods were lifted walking in to the room.

The guest speaker for the day, Vince Balakian, spoke about Naomi's House and Freedom Textiles, two organizations in Thailand making a huge difference in an impoverished country.



Robert Huebert  
Treasurer



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Chair  
Club Director



Danny R. Jimenez  
Club Director and  
Photographer



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Club Director



Denny Mason  
Club Director and  
Photographer



Kristi Pullen  
Club Director



Nicole R. Zieba  
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Club Director



Rodney Harms  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Erik W. Valencia  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Susan Elizabeth  
Buckley  
iPast President



Harold M. Phillips  
District Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

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## Club Member Anniversaries

Doreen J Montoya  
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Several years ago, Reedley Rotary donated funds to help Vince buy sewing machines in Thailand. With these machines, he and a group of good-hearted sewing pros taught young girls how to sew. These girls were imprisoned because of crimes like prostitution and theft, crimes necessary for these unskilled and impoverished women to do just to eat and survive. With a skill such as sewing, Balakian stated, these girls could earn an honest living and get out of horrible lifestyles that are so common in Thailand, where poverty is the norm. Vince hopes to have Rotary donate once again so that he can buy new machines for more girls to learn a skill, and more products can be made for sale, with proceeds helping places like Naomi's House which houses young orphans who have HIV.

Vince's story of such a tragic existence in poverty for these young girls was in stark contrast to the festive, joyous Christmas mood set by the trombone players. For us, gifts under the tree, a table with more food than we can eat, time with family in a warm house. . . .for the girls in Thailand, a cold prison cell with little hope for a future, a life of prostitution and drugs just to eat, an existence that is cold and devoid of joy. A tale of two worlds, a study in contrasts. Reedley Rotary has generously supported people like Vince who are striving to provide a future for these girls, and others in poverty and despair. Let us make sure to remember those in poverty around the world this Christmas season, and that the season is about the ultimate gift we received. Make it a point to be a Vince this season.

## Pres. Adele's Nikkel\$\$ and News

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The "uncomfortable giggles" prize of the day went to Rod Harms who eloquently (or not) recommended that "doing immigration the right way" might be quicker.

### Mark your calendars

**December 15th** - Reedley Rotary Christmas party in the evening at Phyllis' house.

**December 15th, 22nd, 29th – LUNCHTIME DARK**

### Nikkel Making Nickels. . .

Joe Garza confessed to having a birthday - \$50. But then he also confessed to liking a losing team . . . \$50. (Go Trojans!!)

Denny rang the bell in honor of her granddaughter who got her US Citizenship.

Pres. Adele rang the bell for her birthday. And there was actually a bell to ring. Amazing.

## Arch Klump Society Induction Invitation

As the holiday approaches and we all focus on the generous deeds we do for our community and the world, it is important that we recognize the good deeds that are committed by Rotarians within our district. On December 15, 2022, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International will recognize and induct a member into the prestigious Arch Klumph Society. This prestigious membership is named after the sixth president of Rotary and is The Rotary Foundation's highest tier of donors — those who have contributed \$250,000 or more during their lifetime. We are truly honored to have one of a selected few be recognized within our own district.

We would like to invite you to attend this special ceremony where we will have Rotary International dignitaries and our District 5230 Governor's line present to assist in bestowing this memorable recognition. This is an invitation only event and an **RSVP is required to attend**.

**When: Thursday, December 15, 2022**

**Where: PARDINI'S BANQUET AND CATERING 2257 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710**

**Time: 11:45 a.m. Wine social 12:15 p.m. lunch will be served**

**Cost: \$40 per person**

We would like to invite all Foundation Chairs, Major Donors, Paul Harris Fellows and Rotarians to make every effort to attend this once in a lifetime presentation. This is a time to "Jingle and Mingle" with other Rotarians from our amazing district!

To **RSVP** for this occasion, please [Click Here to RSVP](#) and have your seat and meal for this

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event. You may also send an email to [MichaelRabara5230@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelRabara5230@gmail.com) to secure your seat at this event. As part of our holiday tradition at the Rotary Club of North Fresno, we also invite you to bring any new jacket, pair of socks, shoes or clothing item that will be donated to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Clothing Closet.

Let us all come together to celebrate! Tis the season to be jolly and we are thankful for the amazing opportunity that Rotary affords us and even more thankful for each and every Rotarian that gives from their heart to make our world a more peaceful place!

Yours in Rotary Service,



Michael J. Rabara

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