

Rotary

Club of Visalia



April 30, 2025, General Meeting Francie's View with Nevin's Pictures



POKER HAND RANKINGS											
ROYAL FLUSH	10	♥	J	♥	Q	♥	K	♥	A	♥	STRONGEST
STRAIGHT FLUSH	4	♠	5	♠	6	♠	7	♠	8	♠	
FOUR-OF-A-KIND	K	♥	K	♠	K	♣	K	♦	5	♥	
FULL HOUSE	10	♥	10	♦	10	♣	A	♥	A	♠	
FLUSH	9	♠	K	♠	2	♠	6	♠	7	♠	
STRAIGHT	10	♥	J	♥	Q	♥	K	♥	A	♥	
THREE-OF-A-KIND	7	♥	8	♠	9	♦	10	♣	J	♠	
TWO PAIR	A	♠	A	♠	3	♥	3	♦	6	♥	
PAIR	Q	♥	Q	♠	2	♦	8	♠	9	♥	
HIGH CARD	4	♠	6	♥	K	♠	8	♦	3	♥	WEAKEST

Monthly Poker!

Randy Smith won the pot this month with a full house. He graciously donated back the pot. What a guy!



Arts Visalia Orchid Sale

May 7th
\$25 each



We are Dark at Noon

June 25, 2025
because Demotion
is the next day

DEMOTION!!!

June 26, 2025
AT
Scott Jacobsen's House
5 pm



Kaweah River Terminus Dam

Tim Holzem
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers



George Washington established the Army Corp of Engineers in 1775. Tim gave us a

Speakers

May 07, 2025

Lamar Mack, MD
Advances in Vascular Surgery

May 14, 2025

Blake Zante, The Maddy Institute

May 21, 2025

Rob Fox- Craft Talk about his trip to Cuba

May 28, 2025

Jennifer Welch Nicholson, Riata Ranch
Riata Ranch

Club Meeting

Visalia

Meets at
Marriott
Hotel -
Downtown

300 South
Court
Visalia, CA

Time:
Wednesday
at 12:00
PM

Club Leaders



Marc Mertz
President



Michael D. Damron
President-Elect



Michael D. Brown
Youth Services Chair



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Club Service Chair



Nevin House
Club Director



Judy L. Gibson
Membership Chair



Greg Hagopian
iPast President



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Secretary



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Treasurer



very interesting program about the history of flooding in our area leading to the building of the dam for irrigation and flood control. Tim explained the Kaweah Lake watershed is the steepest watershed. The lake is filled with melting snow. The Kaweah River flows from Sequoia Park to Corcoran. I found the fusegates to be especially interesting. (Picture to the left.)

Between 2003 and 2004, six fusegates were installed in the spillway channel, raising the maximum elevation of the reservoir by 21 ft (6.4 m). The fusegates, invented and patented by [Francois Lempérière](#) for Hydroplus, subsidiary of GTM Entrepose, are the largest in the world, and are designed to open automatically by water pressure when Lake Kaweah reaches dangerously high levels. One by one the fusegates will fall over and shatter with the increasing water pressure; they don't all fall at once. Periodically, they must be jacked up just enough to be "flossed" underneath to keep the fusegates from sticking to their concrete base. Tim gave us a huge amount of information and there isn't enough space (and I don't have time) to duplicate the information here, but Wikipedia has an article on the Terminus Dam that is almost word for word what Tim told us. Besides which, Tim talked faster than I could hear! Thank you, Tim!



Announcements!

May 7, 2025 - Arts Visalia Orchid Sale; \$25 each

June 25, 2025 - Dark at Noon because demotion is the next day.

June 26, 2025 - Demotion at Scott Jacobsen's house at 5 pm

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Rotary Foundation Chair



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Sergeant-at-Arms



[Ron Hellstern](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms

Birthdays

Brian G. Hyde
May 6th
Mary Jane Jennings
May 6th
Greg Hagopian
May 9th
Karl Pendegraft
May 10th
Andrew Hall
May 19th
Craig Wheaton
May 27th
Douglas Berg
May 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Philip T. Hornburg
May 10th
Frances Langley
May 12th
Gerald M. Schneider
May 13th
Bruce A. Nicotero
May 14th
B.J. Perch
May 17th
Byron W. Riegel
May 18th
Anil Chagan
May 18th
Gary K. Herbst
May 21st
Aidan P. Lozano
May 27th
Sherri K. Smith
May 31st