

Rotary Club of Visalia



January 15, 2025
 Francie's View
 with Diane's and Nevin's Pictures

January



Congratulations, John Crowe, a member of our club for 52 years!

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		

Poker Day!

Congratulations **Nathan Ortiz** who took the pot with 4 Kings!

Program

COS Update

Brent "Tiny" Calvin
 Jessica Morris
 Stephanie Perch-Wainright



The national accreditors are coming and Brent presented a video of the COS self-evaluation. COS is on a ten-year roll: 16,000 students, enrollment is up, achievements are up, and construction is on the rise. COS is a single college with three locations. Visalia has the health programs, Hanford has the first responder programs, and Tulare has the ag education programs. COS participates in inter-collegiate programs like sports, music, choir, and dance. Go Giants! COS is teaming up with four-year colleges to bring four-year college access locally in hopes of keeping graduates in our area. ... stop the brain drain!

Speakers

January 22, 2025

[Captain Shawn O'Connor, Executive Officer of Naval Air Station Lemoore](#)

January 29, 2025

[Tim Holzem regarding Lake Kaweah Terminus Dam Water levels, snow pack data, etc.](#)

February 05, 2025

[Gary Herbst, CEO of Kaweah Health](#)
 Update on Kaweah Health

February 12, 2025

[Belinda Daguo](#)
 Rotary District 5230 Polio Chair

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



[Peter M. Cowper](#)
 Club Service Chair



[Nevin House](#)
 Club Director



[Judy L. Gibson](#)
 Membership Chair



[Greg Hagopian](#)
 iPast President



[Mary Jane Jennings](#)
 Secretary

[Wayne Yada](#)
 Treasurer

The Giant Marketplace is a resource for students to acquire food (even fresh produce) and hygiene products. Cash donations help the marketplace fill in the blanks for items the students need that are not donated in kind, but cash donations do not go towards salaries, administration, overhead, etc. The marketplace is also a place to help students with tech, transportation, child care and connect to community services. They serve all students.

Giant Threads is a shop for students to choose business attire for interviews. Giant Threads began in a trailer, but the trailer has been outgrown, and now they have a storefront. Some students have never had professional clothes, like slacks and a dress shirt. The store has videos to teach how to tie a tie. The students work with career services, go through a workshop, and practice interviews. (Stan says his wife could stock the store!)

Thanks to our club for supporting COS with donations and scholarships!



Cameron Bledsoe
Rotary Foundation Chair



Dennis R. Forester
Sergeant-at-Arms



Ron Hellstern
Sergeant-at-Arms



Birthdays

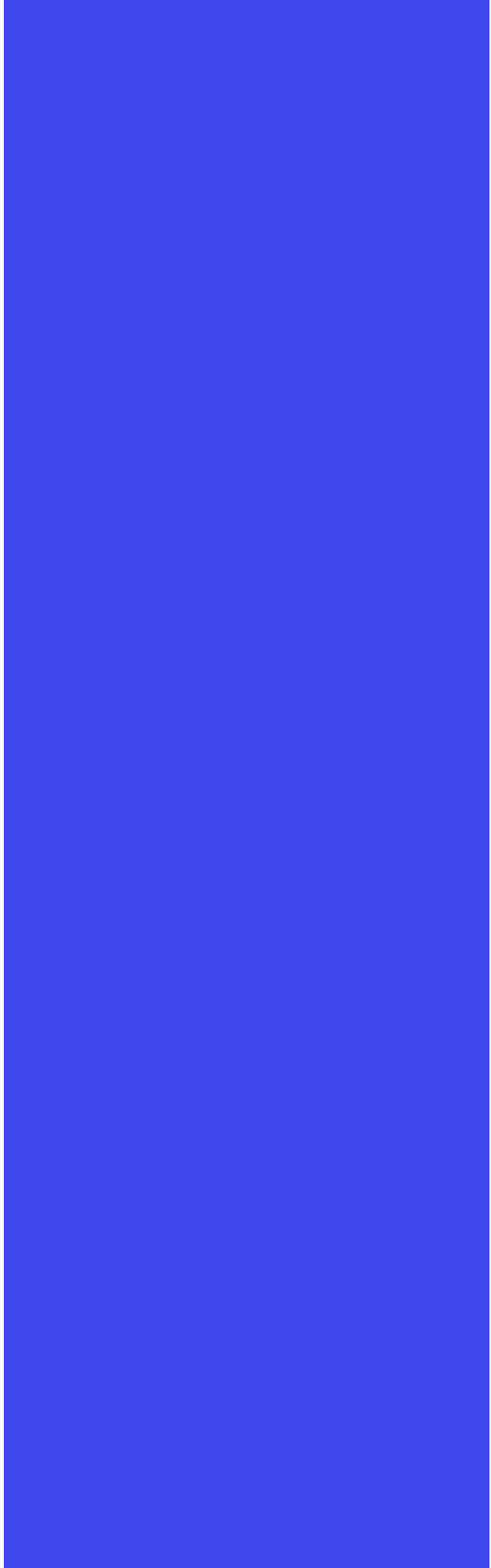
- Byron W. Riegel
January 19th
- Michael D Damron
January 23rd
- Rene F Luna
January 26th
- Peter M. Cowper
January 28th
- Rosemary S Caso
January 30th
- Lisa Colburn
February 6th
- Jason Hutton
February 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

- Mary Jane Jennings
January 17th
- Fred LoBue
January 24th
- Nevin House
January 25th
- Stanley Shea Simpson
January 28th
- Robert Link
February 1st
- Eric Shannon
February 14th



Announcements!



January 24, 2025 - Visalia Players Present "A Night of Comedy" with Tony Le, Amy Shuklian, and Colton Irvine, to benefit the Ice House Theater, 410 E. Race Ave., Visalia, CA; 7 pm cocktail hour, 8 pm show, Tickets are \$40, complementary dessert included. <http://www.visaliaicehouse.com>

February 9, 2025 - 13th Annual Super Bowl Sprint; 8 am near arbor #3 at Mooney Grove Park; \$30 entry fee; sponsorships available; for more information: [The Creative Center Foundation](#)

March 1, 2025 - ProYouth Color Run. 5krun/walk & 2 mile color run. Mooney Grove Park, 9 am, proceeds benefit local after school programs. <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Visalia/ProYouth5kand2mileColorRun>

March 28, 2025 - Our Club Fundraiser - save the date!

Rotary Merchandise: SHOW YOUR CLUB SPIRIT! Go to our club website and click on "Merchandise." You can now order quality Rotary Merchandise; our club receives a portion of the proceeds from these sales.

PLEASE BUY SOME STUFF! Go to <https://stores.inksoft.com/rotary/shop/home>