

January 8, 2025, General Meeting Francie's View with Diane's and Nevin's Pictures





Paul Harris Fellows



Pete Cowper received his Plus One Award; he had polio as a child and appreciates the work the Rotary Foundation does to stamp out polio! Receiving their first Paul Harris awards: Brooke Carmen, Brittni Ellis, Alicia Lopez, Nathan Ortis, and Judy Gibson.

> Congratulations! and Thank you!

FYI: Our District will match our donations up to \$500 until February.

As a reminder: The Rotary Foundation awards a Paul Harris Fellow for every \$1,000 that is donated. The Visalia Rotary Community Foundation awards a Karl Weiss Fellow for every \$2,500 that is donated.



Poker

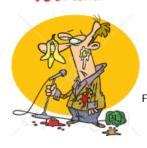
Bring your playing cards next week to play Beet the President's Poker Hand!



The Creative Center Foundation

February 9, 2025 Super Bowl Sprint 8 am near Arbor #3 in Mooney Grove Park

http://www.thecreativecenterfoundaiton.org



The Visalia Players Present

"A Night of Comedy" A fundraiser to benefit the historic Ice House Theater Friday, January 24, 2025, 7 pm cocktail hour, 8 pm show (PG-13)

Help the Theater and enjoy the comedy of Amy Shuklian, Tony Le, and Colton Irvine

She's B-a-a-a-k! Welcome back Jennifer Welch-

Speakers

January 15, 2025

College of the Seguoias- Giant Threads and Giant Marketplace

January 22, 2025

Captain Shawn O'Connor, Executive Officer of Naval Air Station

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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

Club Meeting

Visalia Meets at Marriott

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



Nicolson!!

Jennifer received a kidney from her brother. She stayed near the hospital for 30 days to overcome some unexpected challenges. Her brother's kidney had three arteries instead of the usual 2, and it "went to sleep" for a couple of days. Jennifer and her brother's kidney overcame the challenges, and she is happy to be back! Her brother is doing great! Jennifer, Our prayers have been answered!



Program

Michael Rabara District Governor



Our District Governor, Michael Rabara, traveled a unique path to reach his position in Rotary. He attended Camp Royal in 1996 and the members of the Fresno Rotary Club went daily with a nurse to care for his grandparents. Rotarians brought his grandparents to his high school graduation. During the summer, he worked in a funeral home. He was interested in studying medicine, but found working in the embalming room was like being a doctor but no mal practice! He never contemplated joining Rotary until he was invited to a Rotary lunch. His fellow Rotary members were instrumental in helping him and his spouse adopt their foster son. He was a COVID president, and it was hard to keep his club together. Michael has an energetic way about him. He is all about Rotary. Join him for The District Million Dollar Masquerade is May 17th at one of the casinos (I missed which one! [sad face]). June 8 to 13 is Camp Royal and all Rotarians are invited to help clean up the camp during the previous week. The District Conference this year is a Royal Caribbean cruise with service projects in Mexico scheduled. Thank you, Michael! It was a treat to have you at our meeting!







<u>Cameron Bledsoe</u> Rotary Foundation Chair



<u>Dennis R. Forester</u> Sergeant-at-A<u>rms</u>



Ron Hellstern Sergeant-at-Arms

Birthdays

Bryce Harris
January 16th
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

Wedding Anniversaries

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



Announcements!

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 13, 2025 - Visalia Rotary Community Foundation Blarney Bash, save the date!

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.

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