



CENTENNIAL
Visalia Rotary Club



March 17, 2021, General Meeting Francie's View



The Fisher, Meis, Balerud, and Smith Joke Time

Today Randy Smith delivered an Irish joke.
Thanks, Randy!

Congratulations, Liz Wynn!



This week, Assemblyman, Devon Mathis (R-Visalia) named **Elizabeth Wynn** as the 26th District's 2021 Woman of the Year. "Elizabeth Wynn's commitment to bless her community through service is inspiring. She strengthens the valley as she works for everyone's right to access health care, food, shelter, and education,..." We are proud of you, Liz!



Blue Marble Tradition The pot is up to \$231.50

Stan Simpson told a joke.

Rick Wehmueller's daughter got married and the reception will be in August

Scott Jacobson's son is 39 today and his daughter is having baby (Sweet!)

Liz Wynn announced her award (Congratulations, again!)

Ed Lynn drew Rick's ticket... drum roll, please! ... Rick did not pull the blue marble from the bag.

The **Blue** Marble cannot hide forever! (...or can it?)

WINE AUCTION!

Wednesday, May 12th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm
In the garden of Stan & Wendy Simpson
1543 W. Sierra Ave, Visalia, CA 93291

Speakers

March 24, 2021

[Lon Hannah](#)

His movies and the San Joaquin Junction

March 31, 2021

[Sean Smith](#)

Being the Fresno State Mascot

April 07, 2021

[Casey Creamer](#)

California Citrus Mutual

Club Meeting

Visalia

Meets at Marriott Hotel -

Downtown

300 South Court

Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



[Douglas A. Arnold](#)
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[Elizabeth Wynn](#)
President-Elect



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Chair



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



Each club member will be billed for two tickets at \$50 each
 We need helpers and donations
 Goal: \$30,000 to fund scholarships!



CONGRATULATIONS
 to
DAVID AMON
 who received his blue badge today!



PROGRAM
Michael Young
An Exceptional Career in Professional Sports

Michael Young graduated from Mt. Whitney High School, went to UCLA, was drafted by the Rams, then moved to the Broncos; he was in a couple of Rose Bowls and a couple of Super Bowls;... and he is still married to his high school sweetheart, Jill. It's a wonderful life ... one of his favorite movies(!) He credits his success to his time in Visalia in the sixties and seventies. It was an ideal time in Visalia: population of about 30,000, only two high schools, and it was very safe. Visalia produced many talented individuals in theater, dance, sports, etc. They had a culture of mentors. His coaching when he was younger was unparalleled. Mike was recruited by many colleges and at seventeen years of age he experienced his first time on an aircraft, ... a learjet, at that... and his first time out of the state. It was the beginning of a whole new life. Bob Mathias was his hero, but with his asthma Mike couldn't run and he couldn't pole vault so he chose football. His dream was to go to the Rose Bowl, which he did twice; the second time with a touch down and a win. He was drafted by the Rams and then the Broncos... John Elway demanded Mike be on the team. Before his Super Bowl game Bob Mathias called him on the phone and Mike instantly turned into a little kid(!) Mike didn't expect to play ball for more than a couple of years so as a back up plan he studied the business side of sports. As it turned out, he played for ten years and during that time he would go speak as a player, network, and connect with the decision makers. He learned marketing and branding. When the Broncos wanted to build a new stadium he cold called Phil Knight of Nike and crafted a large deal with Nike. Then the Dodgers needed him. He grew up an A's fan but fell in love with the Dodgers Brand. Football is difficult but easy on family. Baseball is much more difficult. With baseball there is travel almost half the year. He loved working with the Dodgers but "drained his tank" every day. After nine years he had to stop before it killed him. Now he is living at home full time, he has his gardening and interior design, and five chickens ... who knew chickens had personality? He has been connected with Friends of Hearst Castle for twenty years. They contacted him with fears they would have to fold. He asked how much they had to pay an executive director and when he heard the figure he told them that wasn't enough to hire even an *assistant* ED(!) ... so now he's ED of the newly named Foundation at Hearst Castle with a fresh mission to preserve the castle. When you get down to it, Hearst Castle is a fine arts museum and basically the only one we have in our area. He aims to bring children from small farming communities to let them experience the ocean ... the



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 Past President

Birthdays

- Eric Shannon
March 24th
- Adam Peck
March 26th
- Michael Toomey
April 1st
- Wei-Tzuoh Chen
April 4th
- Michael Boudreaux
April 8th
- Jennifer Welch-Nicholson
April 10th
- Gary K. Herbst
April 14th
- Jeremy Pierson
April 15th
- Edwin Paulson Sullivan
April 18th

kids were surprised to taste the salt water! ... and teach them about STEAM... Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. You, too, can help children's lives and can join the Foundation at Hearst Castle and for a mere \$59 a month(!) As a member you enjoy perks like swims in the pools, movies in the Castle theater and multi-course meals. Michael gave us one of the best programs ever. It was fun, educational, and spell binding. Although he is a master sales person you can also tell that he is just a good guy. It speaks volumes about his ability to engage in the high level of sports and be the down to earth guy who is still married to his high school sweetheart! Thank you, Mike for coming to speak to us in person. What a treat!

Announcements!

Rotary Merchandise: SHOW YOUR CLUB SPIRIT! Go to our club website and click on "Merchandise" located just above the picture of **Liz Wynn**. 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>

March 29th: RFAR from 5:00 to 7:00 pm; Go to Meeting.

April 21st: New Member Orientation; contact Karen Barron with questions

April 26: RFAR from 5:00 to 7:00 pm; Go to Meeting.

May 12th: Wine Auction! 5:00 to 9:00 pm - In the garden of Stan & Wendy Simpson at 1543 W. Sierra Ave, Visalia, CA 93291; each member will billed for two tickets at \$50 each.

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