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1921-2021

CENTENNIAL Visalia Rotary Club



March 24, 2021, General Meeting Francie's View



Congratulations to Stan and Wendy Simpson on their 54th Wedding Anniversary!

Way to go!



Fisher, Meis, Balrud, & Smith Joke Time!

Randy Smith, President Doug,
and Wayne Yada were our
comedians today!

Thanks, Guys!



Blue Marble Tradition!

- Anil Chagan is gambling
- Randy Smith is gambling

Gene Yunt drew Anil's ticket. Anil did not draw the blue Marble, [sad face] so

Speakers

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



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[Barron](#)

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the blue marble continues to hide and the pot is up to \$247.50! (Almost a two week supply of gasoline, unless you have a Prius, like me, and then it's more like six months worth of gasoline!)



WINE AUCTION!

Save the date!
May 12 from 5 to 8 pm
the garden of
Stan and Wendy Simpson,
1543 W Sierra Ave, Visalia, CA 93291

There will be silent auction items
and
individually packaged meals
Please RSVP to Liz Wynn or the Wine Auction Committee

(I would be there but it's my 42nd wedding anniversary!)

Program Lon Hannah



Lon Hannah
and
San Joaquin Junction



Sons of the San Joaquin
Lon Hannah with his dad and Uncle
Jack

Lon Hannah grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and he begged his dad and his uncle to teach him the cowboy songs they knew. He started to arrange some performances for them. They were invited to Elko, Nevada to sing with some other family groups. Riders in the Sky were there and were so impressed that one of the Riders whispered to the Rider next to him, "We'd better bring out the good stuff!" Michael Martin Murphy was there and they sang one of his songs. Lon was asked to sing a duet with Murphy and his uncle and dad started doing the harmony ... it was almost a religious experience, Murphy later said. Murphy asked them to sing on a record cut and within a year they had a contract with Warner Bros. The Sons of San Joaquin were born! Warner Bros. sent them to sing for the Democratic National Committee, but it was weird because they are all staunch republicans(!) Stephen Ross was CEO of Time Warner and his daughter wanted a cowboy theme for her ninth birthday party. Chevy Chase was there with his daughter; it was a lot of fun. Lon has fallen into some movie spots and has been included in two movies shot during the pandemic which are to be released soon ... but the movie names are still confidential. Movies are a lot of hurry up and wait, but he finds the movie business fascinating. The Sons of the San Joaquin traveled all over the world ... but not to Florida! ... ? ... They have toured in Japan, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Switzerland. They have performed with many country singers including Brooks 'n' Dunn, Clint Black, and



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Chair



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iPast President

Birthdays

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
Leon Mirviss
April 21st
Antonino Benevento
April 22nd
Bruce A. Nicotero
April 22nd
Linda Loflin
April 22nd
James P. Hurlbutt
April 24th
John G. Vartanian
April 24th
Larry Nava
April 25th
Carrie Groover
April 26th

Charlie Daniels. They sang two songs at Austin City Limits and received a standing ovation; it was magical. He has wonderful memories but he was always happy to be back home. His dad and uncle have encouraged him to continue his singing career. Lon is working up to some solo shows. He's not used to performing by himself and he will have to play more guitar than normal. Lon sang two songs for us during our program. Lon's Uncle Jack is 87 and Lon's dad is 89 with dementia, but he can still sing. Lon's dad will be singing "Beyond the Sunset" at his own funeral. Lon has many cousins including those with Hannah Bros. Trucking. The Sons of the San Joaquin were always proud to be from the San Joaquin Valley, Visalia, and Fresno. Lon says Sons of the San Joaquin was the best thing he did with his life. Thanks, Lon, for a fun, entertaining, and informative program!

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 13th: Board Meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 pm; contact Doug

April 17th: County Center Rotary Virtual Auction; info on their website.

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

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

May 12th: Wine Auction from 5:00 to 8:00 pm; in the garden of Stan and Wendy Simpson, 1543 W. Sierra Ave, Visalia CA 93291

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