



CENTENNIAL
Visalia Rotary Club



March 31, 2021, General Meeting Francie's View



Congratulations

to
Randy Forester
for
54 Years in Rotary!
(Woo Hoo!)



Blue Marble Tradition

Ed Sullivan is gambling
Randy Smith has been "Vaxed!," get away from the fear of being vaccinated!
Wayne Yada is gambling
Karen Lovik Barren is building a home in Arizona and went through Salt Lake City; President Doug actually received some traveling Rotarian gifts! ... Real salt from Salt Lake and a plush Snoopy with a captain's hat. Thanks!
Karen's ticket was drawn but even though we are down to about 12 marbles the **BLUE** marble is still evading capture!



WINE AUCTION!

We need auction items!

Auctions items are not required to be "wine" or even "wine related"
You can also donate money for the Committee to buy items
Secret easy registration: text 2021RWA to 243725
(texting rate may apply.)



Greg and Barbara Meis

would love to hear from you!
They are isolating at home.
Feel free to give them a call!
Greg recently had a diabetic episode and fell ... he said it was like turning into a puddle!

Program

Sean Smith
Fresno State Mascot
Time Out
for Two and a Half Years

Speakers

April 07, 2021

Casey Creamer
California Citrus Mutual

April 14, 2021

Dan Taylor
How the Hollywood Stars
Changed Baseball

April 21, 2021

Tim Ward
The District Attorney's office
during COVID 19

April 28, 2021

Phil Hornburg
Visalia Rotary Community
Foundation

Club Meeting

Visalia
Meets at Marriott Hotel -
Downtown
300 South Court
Visalia, CA
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



Douglas A. Arnold
President
Webmaster



Elizabeth Wynn
President-Elect



Scott K. Jacobsen
President-Nominee
Club Service Chair



Mary Jane Jennings
Secretary



Wayne Yada
Treasurer



Greg Hagopian
Public Image Chair



Diane Aden Hayes
Public Relations
Chair



Being the mascot for Fresno State sounded like a job without a paycheck. I think you would need to love doing it. Sean was the Mascot for Fresno State, Time Out, for two and a half years. Time Out's identity is a secret and the fans are never to know who is in the suit. Time Out never talks to fans. However his antics, charades, and stunts are the tells of who is inside the outfit. There are usually two student Time Outs every year because there are too many events to go to all the events and still attend classes and do homework. The student Time Outs are required to care for the suit, which includes washing it; the suit is very hot (like wearing a wool sweater in August) and becomes very smelly. The head is a hockey helmet complete with strap to hold it on the wearer. Event staff love Time Out as much as the fans and treat him like a V.I.P. ... radioing his whereabouts and providing protection. Sean's schedule was seasonal and included attending golf events, baseball games, and volleyball games as well as football and basketball games. He might work four to six hours and then have two weeks off. As Time Out, Sean met famous athletes and celebrities. It was fun to meet other mascots. Mock battles were sometimes arranged with rival mascots, but a real fight was grounds for dismal. The Louisiana Tech's mascot, Champ, was misbehaving very badly, flipping the cheerleaders skirts, etc., and the cheerleaders asked Time Out for help. Champ tried to rip off Time Out's helmet. Champ eventually peed on the goal posts. In the end Time Out body slammed Champ and pinned him to the ground, a picture you can still find online. Event staff put Champ in handcuffs and threw him out of the game. The next day the newspaper headlines read, "Fresno State lost, but Time Out won!" Sean wasn't fired for being a fight; he had many witnesses stand up for him! Sean liked basketball games the best because interaction with fans was closer and it was easier to move from one side of the court to the other, unlike football where it could take a half an hour. It was a great time!

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>

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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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Service Chair



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Youth Services
Chair



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iPast President

Birthdays

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
T. A. Akin
May 2nd