

# Rotary



# Club of Visalia

## October 2, 2019 General Meeting

### [Announcements](#)

Judge **Gary Paden** was working the sign-in desk collecting signatures for the petition to qualify him for the ballot for reelection as Tulare County Superior Court Judge. Gary reported that he had nearly collected all the 50 signatures necessary and hopes to run unopposed. Good luck, judge!

The **Sunshine Committee** report included these items:

**Francie Langley** wanted to let the club know that she has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing treatment for several months. However, Francie told President **Paul Hurley** that her cancer is very treatable and, coupled with the fact that it was caught early and that she is in good health otherwise, she expects full recovery. "Please emphasize with folks that I am clear and healthy." We pray for Francie's full recovery and hope she will be back with us soon and taking notes.

**Randy Smith** reported this week that his wife, **Maggie**, had a successful surgery last week to correct a cardiac condition. Randy (and his fellow club members) was thrilled with his wife's condition, saying she is up and functioning like new. Congratulations to Maggie.

**Rotarian of the Month:** The September citation went to **Randy Smith**. President Hurley cited Randy's terrific organizing of meetings each week, his willingness to go the extra distance, and his service on initiatives such as strategic planning.



Quarterly presentation: **Family Services of Tulare County** has been the beneficiary of speakers/programs for the first quarter of 2019-20. President Hurley presented Family Services director **Caity Meader** with a check for \$750. Caity explained to the club some of her agency's mission and values. Two takeaways: Family Services serves about 5,000 families a year with various services, but especially relief for families afflicted with domestic violence. Also, it was noted that domestic violence is the second-most frequent crime that is cited in the county court system (after DUI). Judge Paden confirmed that. Caity noted, however, that since her agency helped form with the domestic violence task force in 2017 with **Sheriff Mike Boudreaux** and **District Attorney Tim Ward** (both club members), incidents of this crime have decreased. President Hurley said the

### Speakers

**October 09, 2019**

Mark Larsen  
Water Management in the  
Kaweah River Watershed

**October 16, 2019**

Laura Whitehouse  
An update on Fresno State  
Visalia

**October 23, 2019**

Soapy Mulholland  
We will not be at the  
Marriott! We will be at the  
Kaweah Oaks Preserve Wear  
shoes for an outdoor walk

**October 30, 2019**

Nick Vargas  
The Source LGBT+ Center

**November 06, 2019**

Steve Nelsen  
Steve will present an update  
on downtown Visalia,  
including events and  
activities, business mix, and  
work being done to  
upgrade/repair downtown  
buildings, including buildings  
damaged by a recent fire.

### Birthdays

Jody G Grove  
October 8th

Doyle Pope  
October 10th

Douglas Arnold  
October 18th

Don R. Estes  
October 20th

Ronald D. Burris  
October 20th

David H. Nash  
October 21st

Erica Tootle  
October 25th

David E. Miller  
October 27th

Randolf R Smith  
November 1st

Charles D. Sanford  
November 1st

Bill W. Whitlatch  
November 2nd

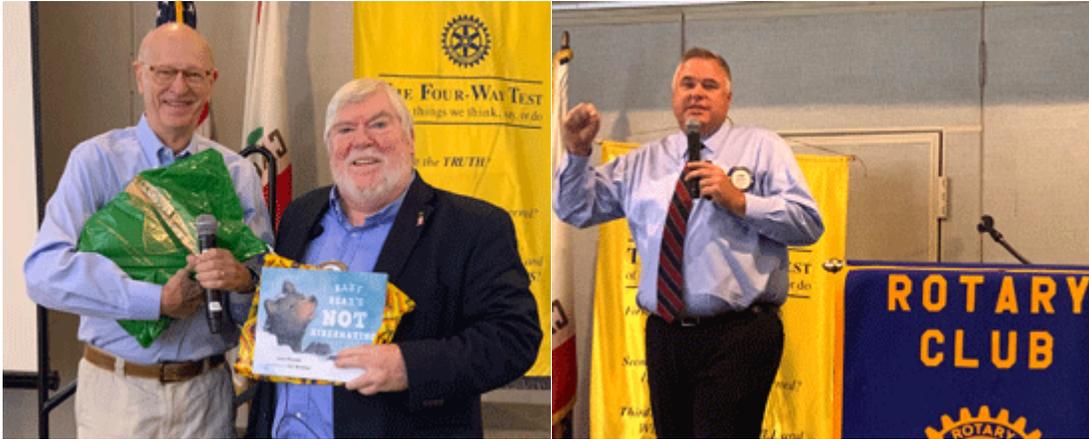
Fred LoBue  
November 4th

Gilbert A Noriega  
November 6th

club should be proud of its contributions to helping halt this scourge in our community.

**President's Club:** **David Nash** joined the club this week, and although he did not want to boast about anything, other club members noted that Dave had had a fall several months ago that required surgery to his brain. To relieve pressure, he had several holes drilled in his skull. "How many holes do you have in your head, Dave?" shouted Tony Benevento. Uh, a couple fewer than you have Tony, replied Hurley.

**Traveling:** **Byron Riegel** reported on his recent trip to **Yellowstone** National Park, where both bears and huckleberries proliferate. So Byron presented President Paul with both a bear-themed children's book, and with a breakfast kit filled with huckleberry stuff: waffle mix, syrup, coffee and tea, all made with huckleberries. Byron also joined the President's Club. Thanks, Byron.



**Program:** Member **Adam Peck**, director of the county **Workforce Investment Board**, was the program presenter. With a concise PowerPoint, Adam made the point that the county's educational attainment rate and employment opportunities were not as dismal as national statistics suggest. When the measurements concentrate on Visalia, the picture is much better for education and employment opportunity. Adam also revealed that businesses who seek to locate in our area are looking for a skilled workforce and easy access to transportation and communication, all of which are improving.

## Club Meeting

### Visalia

Meets at Marriott Hotel -  
Downtown

300 South Court  
Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at 12:00  
PM