

Rotary



Club of Visalia

October 9, 2019 General Meeting

President Hurley was "Hurl on Wheels" at the Oct 9 meeting. Hurley's left ankle is in a cast in anticipation of surgery to correct some problems in his ankle. President Paul noted at the beginning of the meeting the worst part about being in a wheelchair: "My wife talks behind my back, and he pushes me around."

President Paul welcomed back **Dave Miller** to the meeting. Dave was in his annual four-month peregrination around the country, but he was back and taking photos, to the great relief of **Marc Mertz**.



The club is still selling tickets to "**Pints against Polio**" on Oct. 24 at Pita Kabob in Visalia. It is World Polio Day, and the fund-raiser by all the Visalia clubs will benefit the fight against polio. Tickets are \$30 for two glasses of craft beer served in a collectible mug and all the hors d'oeuvres you can eat at Pita Kabob. Members can charge their accounts for the tickets.

Also observing **World Polio Day** will be District 5230 governor-nominee **Bruce Mackey** of Hanford and PDG **Shirley Grace** of Fresno. They are participating in the District 5230 Ride to End Polio (via bicycle) in Tucson and are seeking donations from members. Those donations will be matched dollar for dollar by District 5230 and \$2 for each dollar by the Gates Foundation. Those donations will be credited to members' Paul Harris fellow. More on that next week.

Sunshine: President Paul had good news to convey regarding **Francie Langley**: Exams show no sign of cancer. Hooray! Francie will still be treated with chemo and radiation therapy as a precaution, but that is still good news.



Speakers

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 28, 2019

Doug Berg
The Ukraine

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

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

Mark T Atkins
November 11th

Club Meeting

Travelin' man: Past President **Jon Pree** returned from a visit to Alaska to see family and do some fishing and brought President Paul a nice commemorative Alaska cap. More important, he returned with a Rotary banner from the Anchorage club from Jon's makeup meeting there. Jon also noted that Anchorage is the "Float Plane Capital of the World." Makes sense.

New member: **Jeff Winey's** candidacy as an incoming member was cited for the second time. We hope to induct Jeff next week.



Showcase excitement: This year's Showcase fundraiser is getting closer by the day, and **Doug Arnold** and **Sherri Scott** shared a lot of exciting information about it. Potential suspects **Mike Boudreaux** and **Gary Herbst** were on hand to show off menacing looks. President Paul asked the sheriff if had ever been accused of a crime before: "Well, I have been accused of felonies," Mike said, "but never convicted." Good to know.

President's Club: Speaking of **Sheriff Mike Boudreaux**, he agreed to join the President's Club with a slightly sheepish admission: "You know, I go to everyone else's Rotary meeting but my own." Mike said he has been to 14 Rotary club meetings so far this year. It was good to see him back where he belongs.



Program: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District general manager **Mark Larsen** explained the ups and downs of water supply and delivery in our Valley. The gist of Mark's message was that the state's imminent restrictions on groundwater pumping will force all users to assess their water needs and make adjustments: urban, commercial, homeowner and farmer. Water metering for everyone is probably on the horizon. But the big decisions will be on what to plant, and when. That goes for farms as well as homes.

Visalia
Meets at Marriott Hotel -
Downtown

300 South Court
Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at 12:00
PM