

# Rotary Club of Visalia



September 13, 2023, General Meeting  
Francie's View



September 13  
Scoopy Doo Created



Sept 20 - National Pepperoni Pizza Day



Sept 20 - National Punch Day

## Speakers

September 20, 2023

[Amy King](#)  
Tulare County Museum

September 27, 2023

[Jennifer Nicholson](#) Executive Director Riata Ranch Int'l

October 04, 2023

[Lois Henry](#) CEO of San Joaquin Valley Water  
SJV Water is an independent, nonprofit news site dedicated to covering water in the San Joaquin Valley. To learn more visit

October 11, 2023

[Gary Herbst](#), CEO of Kaweah Health

October 18, 2023

[District Governor Debbie Hale](#)

## Club Meeting

Visalia Meets at Marriott Hotel - Downtown



300 South Court  
Visalia, CA

Time:  
Wednesday  
at 12:00  
PM

## Club Leaders



[Greg Hagopian](#)  
President



[Marc Mertz](#)  
President - Elect



[Mary Jane Jennings](#)  
Secretary



[Wayne Yada](#)  
Treasurer



[Michael B. Brown](#)  
Club Director



[Peter M. Cowper](#)  
Club Director



[Michael D. Damron](#)  
Club Director



[Nevin House](#)  
Club Director



[Dennis R. Forester](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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

[Scott Kevin Jacobsen](#)



Sept 20 - National Fried Rice Day



Sept 20 - National Care for Kids Day



**Congratulations!**  
**David & Agnes Haney**  
**Married 53 years!**



**Happy \$10 Dollar Announcements!**

**Sherri Smith** was awarded a free trip to Monterey as Top Selling Rooky for her new job at Bankers' Life. Plus, on the 26th she leaves for Italy (not part of the award!) to celebrate her 60th birthday! (She doesn't look a day over 30!)

**Stan Simpson** complemented **Brent Calvin** and the COS administration for honoring Al Branco, a great coach, by naming a field after him.



**Program**

**Stephanie Heiser**  
Visalia Love and TedXTalks



Stephanie was introduced to Visalia in 2010 when she applied for a teaching position. She fell in love with the city, the people, the activities, the seasons, ... you name it! She left Visalia for a time and switched from education to real estate, but she eventually returned. She developed a community guidebook and has a goal for 2023 to obtain sponsors to raise \$1,500 to help produce it. She is especially motivated to help small business owners feel connected to the city, the Chamber of Commerce, and to join groups like Rotary. She started VisaliaLove with ornaments and distributing post cards and stickers around town. She applied for a license to locally organize a TedXTalks event in Visalia. A variety of speakers and entertainers are scheduled to participate. Each presentation is limited to a maximum of 20 minutes and there are several 15 minute intermissions during the event to allow attendees to stand, walk around, and have some refreshments. She is limited to 100 tickets, but she is planning on upgrading her license to allow for many more tickets next year. Ticket sales this year go to help pay for reserving the Fox Theatre for the 2024 event. She hopes to attract sponsors to provide approximately \$2,500 for videography of the event (it's very expensive.) Stephanie and the participants are all volunteers. (If you are interested in being sucked into a new obsession, go online to TedTalks and see the plethora of talks and subjects available! ... and I thought FaceBook was habit forming!) Stephanie is promoting Visalia as a volunteer. She is amazing! This is the first ever TedTalks in the Central Valley.



iPast President



Jon Pree  
District Assistant Governor

**Birthdays**

- Paul Hurley  
September 22nd
- B.J. Perch  
September 24th
- Ralph Bookout  
September 26th
- Russell R. McKinney  
September 26th
- Terry L. Culotta  
September 30th
- Rodney Jones  
October 4th
- Scott Kevin Jacobsen  
October 7th
- Jody G Grove  
October 8th
- Doyle Pope  
October 10th

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- Brian G. Hyde  
September 22nd
- Jennifer Welch-Nicholson  
September 24th
- Susan Winey  
September 27th
- Justin Gary Mosley  
October 1st
- Derek Wisheart  
October 3rd
- Jason Hutton  
October 7th
- Marie Pinto  
October 8th
- Joe Pinto  
October 8th
- Michael D Damron  
October 9th
- Carrie Groover  
October 13th



to be held at the Icehouse Theater  
for tickets go to  
[tedxvisalia.com](http://tedxvisalia.com)



**October 28th**  
**Speak-Easy Casino Night**

7 pm  
at The Hyde  
fka the Lampliter

**October, Friday the 13th**  
**6th Annual**  
**Creative Center Foundation**  
**Golf Tournament**

[thefoundationvisalia@gmail.com](mailto:thefoundationvisalia@gmail.com)



**October 30th**  
**Riatta Ranch**

Show, Dinner, and Auction

## Announcements!

October 8 - TedxTalks, 1:30 pm, Ice House Theater, limited number of tickets remaining, get your tickets at:  
[www.tedxvisalia.com](http://www.tedxvisalia.com)

October 13 - Creative Center Foundation Golf Tournament

October 28 - Speakeasy-Casino Night

October 30 - Riatta Ranch Show, Dinner, and Auction

Rotary Merchandise: SHOW YOUR CLUB SPIRIT! Go to our club website and click on "Merchandise." You can now order quality Rotary Merchandise; our club receives a portion of the proceeds from these sales.

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