

Rotary



Club of Visalia

September 18, 2019 General Meeting

Announcements: Several events are taking place in the next few months! The Creative Center Foundation Golf Tournament is October 4th at Ridge Creek Golf Course in Dinuba 8 am registration; \$125 per player or \$500 per team. ♦ Pints against Polio ♦ on October 24th at Pita Kabob; \$30 for two beers and dinner, 5 to 8:30 pm. Visalia Rotary Club Foundation ♦ Murder Mystery Showcase ♦ is November 23rd; with tickets at \$100 each and all members will be charged for two tickets. VIP tickets are \$150. The Bob Link Roast will also be coming up. **Tony Benevento** told the members that the ♦ Brews, Blues and Barbecues ♦ being put on by he and **Alex Peltzer** will be postponed until spring. **Greg Meis** said the Visalia Gadabouts will be going to Southern Cal; among the things they ♦ visit is the Queen Mary. Cost is \$294 per couple.

Sunshine Notes: **Randy Smith** ♦'s wife Maggie postponed her heart surgery last week so that she could make her movie debut on September 28 ♦ when her surgeon will be filming the procedure to be shown to 10,000 doctors around the world. In addition, Maggie will be having cancer surgery in time to be able to be part of Randy ♦'s retirement party. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

President Paul told those present that the Board of Directors has approved a grant for the Blind Babies. RFAR will be held at the Depot on Monday, September 30 ♦ dinner will be \$20 with **Daljit Singh** and Anees Akhund speaking on India, Pakistan and Kashmir. The speaker for next week ♦'s meeting will be District Governor Rod Colburn. The 3 Year Strategic Planning Meeting for the club was held this Thursday, September 19 at Kaweah Delta Campus.

President ♦'s Club: **Don Hutton** joined the President ♦'s Club in honor of his son Jason showing up for the meeting, getting to set next to **Gary Paden** and because of speaker Diana Dooley and her daughter being at the meeting.

Program: Diana Dooley ♦ The Governor ♦'s Inner Circle. **Gene Yunt** introduced Diana; who had been a member of Visalia Rotary before she moved to Sacramento. Diana said she joined Visalia Rotary in 1989 and was the 3rd woman to come into the club ♦ she said some men didn't stay in the club because the women had started to join. Gene told the group that Diana had gone to work for Jerry Brown during his first term as governor 1975-1983. He said the Capital Weekly rated the top 100 people who had not been elected and in 2018 Diana was rated #2. Diana said her first years in Sacramento were an extraordinary opportunity. When she returned to the valley she had her wonderful friendships and did lots of different things; from City Planning, Communications, Public Relations, Valley Children ♦'s General Council and VP and back to Sacramento in 2006 as head of California Children ♦'s Hospital Association. With Jerry Brown ♦'s return to the Governor ♦'s office in 2011 Diana was tapped for Secretary of Health and Human Services and chair of Covered California implementing the Affordable Care Act ♦ she said that area had no partisan fight like other areas of the government. Five million in California had insurance due to the changes. Diana said she hopes that they continue to recognize the importance of adequate health care. When Brown ♦'s Chief of Staff Nancy McFadden passed in March of 2018 Diana helped Jerry set up the frame work for his office where he continues to be very engaged. He is living on his family ♦'s ranch south of Calusa and west of Williams that they ♦'ve owned since 1862. With his commitment to climate change he has built a house with solar,

Speakers

September 25, 2019

[Rauden Howell Coburn III](#)
DG Official Visit

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Every year District Governors travel to each club in the district for a meet-n-greet. Join us in welcoming this years new district governor.

September 30, 2019

[Diljit Singh & Anees Akhund](#)
India, Pakistan... Kashmir

October 02, 2019

[Adam Peck](#)
The mission and programs of the Workforce Investment Board

October 09, 2019

[Mark Larsen](#)
Water Management in the Kaweah River Watershed

October 16, 2019

[Laura Whitehouse](#)
An update on Fresno State Visalia

Birthdays

Michael P. Chrisman
September 24th

B.J. Perch
September 24th

Ralph Bookout
September 26th

Russell R. McKinney
September 26th

Terry L. Culotta
September 30th

Rodney Jones
October 4th

Matthew David Graham
October 6th

Scott K. Jacobsen
October 7th

Jody G Grove
October 8th

Doyle Pope
October 10th

Douglas Arnold
October 18th

Don R. Estes
October 20th

Ronald D. Burris
October 20th

water tanks, etc. ♦ Diana said he cares deeply for California. Diana said she is ♦ sometimes troubled by where we are; but knows we have a strong foundation. ♦

For those of us who were members of Visalia Rotary during Diana ♦s years in the club; it was especially enjoyable to hear how she ♦s served the valley and the state over the past years and hope to hear her again.



David H. Nash
October 21st

Club Meeting

Visalia
Meets at Marriott Hotel -
Downtown

300 South Court
Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at 12:00
PM