

Rotary Club of Visalia

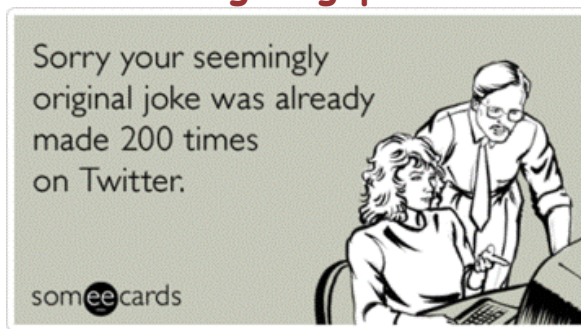


September 20, 2023, General Meeting

Francie's View with Paul's Pictures



**Our Host (aka President!)
Greg Hagopian**



Traveling Rotarians



Susan Winey brought President Greg some Moose Drool and Buffalo Coffee from Wyoming. (Hmmm ... put your imagination on hold!)

Jennifer Welch-Nicholson returned from Cheyenne Frontier Days and Durango, Colorado with two hats, a coffee cup candle, and cowboy soap for President Greg. (Soap: an interesting gift!)

Byron Riegel was hanging out at his cabin in Idaho and brought President Greg a drink (an understated word for "booze!") made from Idaho potatoes and some Idaho huckleberries!

Speakers

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



Congratulations

to **Don Estes**
a member of our club for
31 years!!



Join us! Speakeasy Casino Night!

October 28th at 7:00 pm
for our club fundraiser



Riata Ranch

September 30th
Dinner and Auction



The Creative Center Foundation

Friday the 13th
of October (Listen carefully and you can hear the spooky sounds!)
6th Annual Golf Tournament



Visalia Breakfast Rotary



Impact a Life

September 29th
5:30 pm
Visalia Convention Center

Tulare County Museum

Mooney Grove Park
Tulare County Historical Society
Presents: Forging Ahead
October 7th, 3:30 - 6:00 pm



Ron Hellstern
Sergeant-at-Arms



Scott Kevin Jacobsen
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
Don R. Estes
October 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

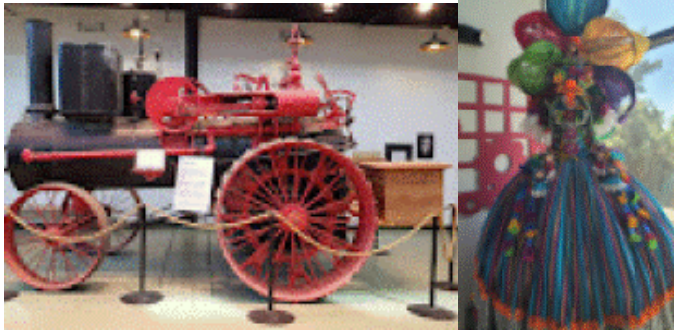
Brian G. Hyde
September 22nd
Jennifer Welch-Nicholson
September 24th
Susan Winey
September 27th
Justin Gary Mosley
October 1st
Derek Wisehart
October 3rd
Jason Hutton
October 7th
Marie Pinto
October 8th
Joe Pinto
October 8th
Michael D Damron
October 9th
Carrie Groover
October 13th



BBQ Fundraiser benefiting the restoration of the Witt Blacksmith Shop

Program

Amy King shared with us all the exciting events and exhibits happening at the Tulare County Museum at Mooney Grove Park. They have 110 baskets in the Native American Gallery. There are displays of military items, saddles (even famous Visalia Saddles!), firearms, a covered wagon, and a restored caboose (the school children love to go through the caboose; who wouldn't?) They have a Pioneer Village with ten different structures and the Westward Settlers Exhibit highlighting pioneers that came to Tulare County (I'm sure Stan Simpson is in there somewhere! ... just teasing, Stan!) The Ag Equipment Restoration Project in the Tulare County Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum is a huge showpiece. The Main Street Exhibit is very popular. The Ag Equipment Barn is opening soon. Several high schools volunteered to restore pieces of equipment for the Barn. The museum partners with other Tulare County organizations and schools for events and restoration projects. Last year, 3,500 children from 52 schools visited the museum. Winter Wonderland is planned for December 8th to the 10th in conjunction with the Tulare County Sheriffs' Department. (I could list more events and exhibits, but I'm running out of ink [smiley face!] Feel free to go to the website!) The museum has come a long way in ten years!! Well done!



Announcements!

- September 30 - Riata Ranch Show, Dinner, and Auction
- October 7 - Tulare County Historical Society, Annual BBQ fundraiser, 3:30 to 6:00, at Tulare County Museum in Mooney Grove Park, \$60 per ticket, purchase at tularecountyhistoricalsociety.org
- October 8 - TedxTalks, 1:30 pm, Ice House Theater, limited number of tickets remaining. Get your tickets at: www.tedxvisalia.com
- October 13 - Creative Center Foundation Golf Tournament
- October 28 - Speakeasy-Casino Night

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