

Rotary



Club of Visalia

September 25, 2019 General Meeting

Announcements & Introductions:

Visalia Rotarians entering the Marriott today were greeted by several long tables of Rotary Club Flags from all over the world. The flags were collected by fellow Rotarian **Greg Meis** (who hasn't missed a Rotary meeting in 30 years). Greg brings the flags once a year in honor of a visit from the District Governor. This year's **District Governor Rod Coburn** is today's speaker. Rod is from the Fig Garden Rotary in Fresno.

Announcements: Coming up ♦ 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 for Polio ♦, October 24th at Pita Kabob - \$30 for two beers and dinner, 5-8pm, Visalia Club Foundation ♦ Murder Mystery Showcase ♦, November 23rd \$100 each with all members being charged for two tickets and VIP tickets will be available at \$150 each with special perks. ♦ Roast for Bob Link ♦, Saturday February 15, 2020.

Introductions: Nick Vargas; representing The Source LGBT+Center; invited all members to join in the organizations fundraiser ♦ Over the Edge ♦ on November 9th at the Visalia Marriott. The event involves repelling over the edge of the Marriott/Convention Center and already includes people from throughout the Central Valley including several Rotarians from Visalia Clubs. Nick will be the speaker for our October 30th meeting.

Travelers: **Eric Shannon** recently returned from London where he attended a friend's wedding. He brought **President Paul** a children's book and chocolates along with joining the President's Club.

Presentation of Paul Harris Awards: ♦ **Rick Wehmuller**, **President Paul** and DG Rod Coburn presented: **Tony Benevento** was recipient of a Paul Harris and told the group that he would like to accept the award in the name of Efrain Atondo; one of his Servicemaster by Benevento longtime employees. Tony's business recently received The Family Service Award from Craig School of Business which covers Visalia, Fresno, Tulare and Kings County recognizing family owned businesses. He said the Servicemaster by Benevento is up to 60 employees this year. Also receiving Paul Harris awards were: **Marybeth Higuera** and her husband, Tammy Kelly and Chuck Barnes who accepted the award in the name of his late father Dick who had been a member of Visalia Rotary since 1961 and **Gene Yunt** with a plus 4 accepting in his father's name.

President Paul and DG Rod Coburn presented **Marilynn Mitchell** with the ♦ Service Above Self ♦ award.

District Governor Rod Coburn ♦ is the governor of District 5230; which covers Kings, Tulare and Fresno counties. He has had a dental practice while teaching at the UCSF School of Dentistry. Over the years the Governor and his family participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange; having students from Scotland, Mexico, Spain, South Africa and Australia. He told the members about a Rotary project providing sewing machines to women enabling them to leave the sex trade with a way to make a living. He also thanked our own **Wayne Yada** for helping the District Leadership Conference learn to use DACdb. DG Rod also thanked **Greg Meis** for the display of flags. He said that Edinburgh Scotland gives out bottles of scotch for make-ups. He pointed out several Rotarians that he had played golf with across the country calling Rotary a Fellowship of Golf. The Governor also pointed out the various community projects that both Visalia and Hanford have done; saying that they are amazing and adding ♦ What would Visalia look like without this club? ♦ He talked about how the ♦ rules ♦ had changed over the years; recalling when members were required to show up for every meeting but adding that the relaxation of those rules are helpful. He said Rotary makes a difference in our community, networking and fellowship. DG Rod reviewed some of the upcoming

Speakers

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

October 30, 2019

[Nick Vargas](#)

The Source LGBT+ Center

Birthdays

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

David H. Nash

October 21st

Erica Tootle

October 25th

David E. Miller

October 27th

Club Meeting

Visalia

Meets at Marriott Hotel -
Downtown

300 South Court
Visalia, CA

Time: Wednesday at 12:00
PM

conferences which can all be found on the website. He closed by saying that there is
◆ Maturity in Rotary and a higher priority ◆ adding that he and wife are ◆ having a
blast ◆. He thanked everyone and said this is a really great club!

