



Monthly News

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Meetings held Mondays at 12:00 p.m.
In person at Cornerstone Church • Online via Zoom

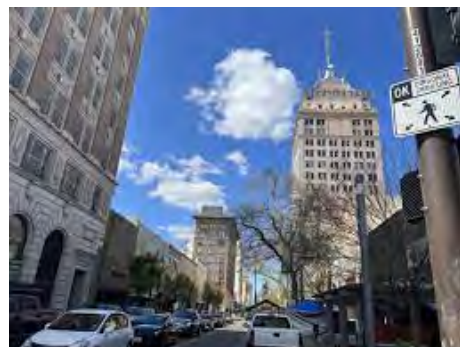


Rotarians in Action: Let's cheer for Valley Children's and Kids Day!

Upcoming Events

Volunteer opportunity:

We are in need of volunteers on Friday, April 19, from 7-10 a.m. (1-hour increments are available). Check your email for weekly reminders to sign up.



State of Downtown tickets:

We have purchased (10) VIP tickets to the annual State of Downtown event on April 19. Reach out to Jason Hannold if you're interested in attending.

Visit fresnorotary.org to register you and your guest for weekly meetings

Letter from the President



Let's spring into April with a great slate of meetings and events planned



Spring has sprung in 2024. Easter is now in the rearview mirror, and I hope you were able to spend time with friends and family during the holiday.

The club had a great March with very popular and well-attended meetings. April will be more of the same.

The club has scheduled local and regional journalists, local sports teams and our own member Elliott Balch coming in to give us an update on the state of downtown Fresno. We are also looking forward to another signature meeting

for our club, Courageous Citizens, on April 22. Remember to register online for these great meetings.

Rotary After Hours was a hit in March! We had over 30 members meet at Crow and Wolf Brewing Co. in Clovis. Keep your eyes and ears open for Paul Salazar's plan for April.

There are only a couple more of these updates from me during my year as president, so be sure to reach out to Valerie Vuicich and her board to see where you can help during the next Rotary year.

I hope that all Rotarians continue to have a successful 2024 and get a chance to "Create Hope in the World."

*Mike Falge,
Rotary Club of Fresno president, 2023-24*



This Month in Rotary



Bill McEwen

The news director at GV Wire will discuss the latest headlines.



Elliott Balch

Rotarian and CEO of Downtown Fresno Partnerships will discuss the upcoming State of Downtown event.



Derek Franks

The Fresno Grizzlies team president will discuss the 2024 minor-league baseball season and return of the Savannah Bananas.



Courageous Citizens

Rotarian and Fresno County District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp will introduce us to our communities heroes.



Dan Walters

The Cal Matters columnist will discuss the recent primary elections and other political topics.



Updates from the Board

Board Meeting: March 13, 2024

Avenues of Service

Membership

- As of Feb. 29, 2024:
 - 233 active members
 - 40 honorary

Club Service

It was noted the next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 29.

International Service

It was approved that \$1,000 for the District grant will be put forth by the East Fresno Rotary Club contingent upon the project being approved by the Rotary Foundation.

Youth Service

It was noted that we have adopted Edison High School for Camp Royal and have paid all District fees for students attending Camp Royal this year.

Get involved!

Next blood drive: It's time to give blood! Monday, April 29, is the tentative date for the next blood drive. Email Rotarian John Richers at johnrichers@att.net or call (559) 709-7929 with your desired time slot. Also check your email for weekly reminders for a sign-up link.

Rotary Club of Fresno Apparel Store: The online store is back open to purchase Rotary items! Here's your chance to order some Rotary Club of Fresno shirts. Visit www.weprintyourstuff.com/fresnorotary. All items will be ready for pickup/dropoff in 1-2 weeks after the store closes. These are great for service days or just to have on hand and wear around town proudly.

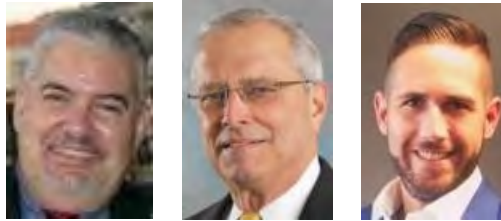
Paul Harris Fellows



The following Rotarians were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows: Bob Comstock; Maureen Lewis; Claude Laval; Edward Fanucci; Bruno Boehi; Isabel Good; Jim Franklin; Zetta Hadden; Lawrence Preston; Joe Denham; Elizabeth Parker; Katy Rigby; John Salmonson; and Nicole Linder.



March Ringers



- Mike Hamzy - **4 Rings** - In honor of police, fire and first responders; celebrating his wedding anniversary; and for 40 years of Harbison International.
- Bob Oliver - **4 Rings** - Recognizing Public Safety heroes
- Clifton Wahlberg - **1 Ring** - Promoting the Central California Psychedelic Summit



No March Madness here: Rotary members had lots of fun helping with Kids Day and unwinding at Rotary After Hours!



Time to celebrate!

April Anniversaries - Thank you for your service to Rotary and our community!



Bob Oliver: 47 years; Dale Mendoza: 36 years; Zetta Hadden: 34 years; Bert Levy: 34 years; Anne Speake: 34 years; Charles Figg: 33 years; Dave Kuszmar: 29 years; Gary Lowe: 27 years; Diane Carbray: 12 years; Joe Denham: 10 years; Soyla Reyna-Griffin: 7 years; Bob Shiralian: 7 years; Adam Borchard: 2 years; John Zanoni: 2 years; Sukhjit Brar: 1 year; Ethel Groger, 1 year

April Birthdays - Wishing you the best!



Nicole Linder: April 7; Robert Mollison: April 9; Mike Falge: April 12; Bert Levy: April 12; Darrick Duerksen: April 14; Michele Cantwell-Copher: April 20; Sieg Fischer: April 20; Cassandra Little: April 20; Diane Carbray: April 21; Rickie Dhillon: April 21; David Hodge: April 21; Amanda Tripp: April 21; Mariah Walton: April 21; Mark Carlson: April 22; Soyla Reyna-Griffin: April 22; Andre Stephens: April 23; Wayne Picard: April 25; Ron Sidoli: April 25; Valerie Vuicich: April 28

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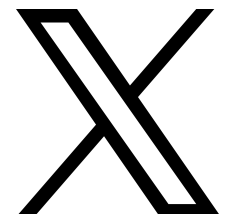
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