

Monthly News

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



Rotary Members taking care of business on Biz Day

New Member Spotlight



Jesus Garcia
CEO, High Performance Academy

Upcoming Events



Join the committee: Spring is here and that can only mean it's time for a scholarship committee to convene! Contact Michelle Williams at 2016michellewilliams@gmail.com to join.

Letter from the President



Get ready for some impactful March meetings and more at Rotary of Fresno

We are turning the last corner of our Rotary year and we have some powerhouse meetings on the calendar.



March meetings include our Public Safety Heroes, Victor Davis Hansen and our own Ryan Jacobsen. These are all going to be well attended meetings, so be sure to register when the time comes.

Rotary after hours was a STRIKE! We had several members join us at Bowlero for bowling, food and fun. Keep your eyes and ears open for Paul Salazar's plan for March.

President-elect Valerie Vuicich will be attending PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in March. And here is a reminder on how we can keep the momentum from this year into next: Please reach to our Avenue of Service directors to join a committee.

The Avenue of Service directors are: Darrick Duerksen, Club Service; Courtney Shapiro, Community Service; Diane Carbray, International Service; Rick Wolf, Vocational Service; and Wilma Hashimoto, Youth Service. They are happy to talk to you and see where your passion meets the Rotary Club of Fresno. It's never too late to get involved and start making a difference.

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 2023-2024



This Month in Rotary



Paul Blackmon

Executive director of 99 Farmers will visit to tell our club more about the nonprofit.



Public Safety Heroes

We will be honoring heroes in the Valley. This is a very popular event you don't want to miss!



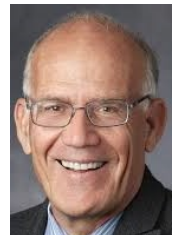
Ryan Jacobsen

Fellow Rotarian and CEO of the Fresno County Farm Bureau will discuss agricultural issues in the Valley.



Victor Davis Hanson

The professor and military historian will be on hand to discuss politics and the state of the world.



Updates from the Board

Board Meeting: Feb. 14, 2024

Avenues of Service

Membership

- As of Jan. 31, 2024:
 - 232 active members
 - 40 honorary

Club Service

- The next blood drive is tentative for April 15, 2024.

Vocational Service

- Biz Day was an overwhelming success with 88 club members and 6 guests participating.

Youth Service

- It was noted that Wilma Hashimoto and Ann Abajian have not been able to connect yet on Camp Royal. A motion was made and passed to connect with Edison High School to see if they would like to send students to Camp Royal.
- The Scholarship Committee is looking for members to participate and help evaluate applications.

Get involved!



- **Scholarship Committee members wanted:** We are gearing up for our annual scholarship applicant reviews and are in need of club members to join the committee. This is a great way to get involved and review and grade applicants on your own time. Interested in learning more? Contact Michelle Williams, who is our Scholarship Committee chair, at 2016michellewilliams@gmail.com.
- **Member Survey 2024:** Make sure to check your email and share your thoughts on how our club moves forward by filling out the Member Survey!
- **Get your Rotary fit at the online store:** Order Rotary of Fresno shirts so you're ready for our next service day (Kids Day, Beautify Fresno, etc.)! If enough orders are made, we'll add additional items (polos, dress shirts, etc.). Visit www.weprintyourstuff.com/fresnorotary



- Dale Mendoza - **3 Rings** - Celebrating Valley Crime Stoppers
- Kathy Huebert - **6 Rings** - Recognizing her Community Impact Award from New York Life
- Wendy McCulley - **2 Rings** - For Fresno Unified School District Foundation and high tea event
- Molly Fagundes-Johnston - **1 Ring** - To encourage members to vote in the upcoming election
- Christy Nottingham - **1 Ring** - For being recognized as the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Tillie Tuschhoff Award for Excellence and Outstanding Service
- Richard Verducci - **2 Rings** - Looking for a good home for a stray cat he found at Fresno State. Reach out to Richard if you would like to help him and his new four-legged friend, Oliver



Rotarians were busy in February. Members helped deliver mattresses to Wings Advocacy of Fresno, above. And then they rolled at Bowlero for Rotary After Hours! Share your photos of Rotary meetings and more on social media and tag @RotaryClubofFresno



Time to celebrate!

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



Jim Winton: 51 years; Jerry Lyles: 50 years; Bob Williams: 45 years; Ron Sidoli: 44 years; Anthony Andrade: 42 years; Al Smith: 35 years; Sterling Swartout: 33 years; Shirley Grace: 23 years; Jeff Rickels: 18 years; Tom Licouris: 17 years; John Salmonson: 17 years; Scott Rurik: 15 years; Paul Dictos: 12 years; Darrick Duerksen: 12 years; Bob Nelson 7 years; Tim Ritchey: 5 years; Jon Dohlin: 3 years; and Lisa Graham: 2 years.

March Birthdays - Wishing you the best!



Vi Chuck: March 1; Deryl Shilling: March 1; Mike Hamzy: March 4; Misty Her: March 5; Jazzmine Young: March 7; Kathy Wage: March 8; Dale Mendoza: March 9; Courtney Shapiro: March 10; Karl DeKlotz: March 14; Dave Gilmore: March 14; John Richers: March 15; Wendi Hammond: March 18; Jerry Peloian: March 18; Anna Pine: March 20; Debbie Hunsaker-Priaulx: March 23; Jeremy Ward: March 26; and Eric Klimes: March 29.

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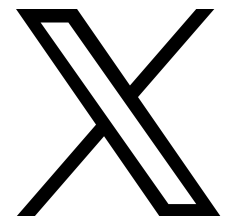


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