



Monthly News

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



Blair Looney's last meeting as 2022-23 Rotary president

New Member Spotlight



Johnny Ramirez
Chaplain, Loma Linda University



Eric Bower
President and CEO,
BMY Construction Group

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Aug. 5
Mayor Jerry Dyer's
Citywide Cleanup Day
Downtown Hub
We're looking for volunteers!

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

Letter from the President



Creating hope in a new year

Welcome to a new Rotary year! It seems like yesterday I was in Australia, watching the handoff from Jen Johnson to Gordon McNally at the Rotary International Convention. The turnover included transitioning the Rotary annual theme from "Imagine" to "Let's Create Hope in the World." From imagining to creating.

So, as we transition our club between Rotary years, I want to thank Blair for his leadership and his year of re-engaging the club. The club has the most engagement by club members since the pandemic. This year, I hope that we build on that success and continue to provide opportunities for Rotarians to network, serve, and have fun together.

This year, we will continue to engage members of the club by providing committees and projects that provide the opportunity for participation and networking.

We are going to bring back the COGS committee so new members will meet other new members and build relationships in the club.

We are also going to celebrate our club's 5,000th meeting this year. What an accomplishment for our Rotary club! We are planning a celebration to honor the history and membership accomplishments of our Rotary club.

This is just the beginning of what I hope is a fun year for our Rotary club with the goal of serving our club members, serving Fresno and providing our members with a chance to Create Hope in the World.

Mike Falge,

Rotary Club of Fresno President, 2023-24



This Month in Rotary



Independence Day Holiday
No Meeting
Happy Fourth of July



Mike Falge
Fresno Rotary President, 2023-24
Kicking off a great Rotary year



Rear Admiral Richard Brophy
U.S. Navy,
Chief of Naval Air Training



Rob Simpson
Owner, The Range
School violence and what to pay attention to



Steve Miller
CEO, FFB (Formerly Fresno First Bank)
Community Banking



Share your photos of Rotary meetings on social media and tag @RotaryClubofFresno

Updates from the Board

Board Meeting

June 14, 2023

Avenues of Service

Membership

- As of May 31:
 - 239 active members
 - 38 honorary

Community Service

- Project Committee has 21 grant applications to review for 2023-24 funding.

Youth Service

- 16 scholarships were awarded in 2022-23 for a total of \$21,000.

Get involved!

• **Mayor Jerry Dyer's Citywide Clean UP Day:** Saturday, Aug. 5. Downtown Hub - We're looking for volunteers!

• **It's committee season:** We're actively looking for members to join our committees for President-Elect Mike Falge's year. If you're interested, email Jason Hannold at jason@fresnorotary.org and he will connect you directly with the committee chairs and co-chairs

- **Committees in need of members:** Membership Development; Social Media; Rotary After Hours; Raffle; Guest & Visiting Rotarians Introductions; Community Projects & Grants; Rotarians in Action; Rotary Retention.

• **Raffle prizes and gift cards are NEEDED:** We need your help! As most of you are aware, our raffle is one of the best ways we build the Community Projects (Grants) each year! 100 percent of any raffle item donated goes directly to Community Projects and Grants.

4 Strategic Priorities





- Claude Laval - **5 Rings** - For being awarded an honorary doctorate at Fresno State



- Bob Oliver - **1 Ring** - In honor of residency program at UCSF



- Adam Borchard - **1 Ring** - Celebrating Rotary International Convention trip

- Mike Falge - **2 Rings** - Celebrating Rotary International Convention trip

- Doug Armey - **2 Rings** - In honor of Rotary experience and friendship with outgoing Fresno Rotary President Blair Looney

- Christy Nottingham - **1 Ring** - In memory of music teacher who passed

- Domenico Johnston (for member Molly Fagundes-Johnston) - **1 Ring** - For upcoming birth of third child

- Liz Looney - **1 Ring** - In recognition of pendants made by Shirley Grace

- Sue Hendrickson-Castro - **3 Rings** - Celebrating a recent trip to Europe, overcoming flying fear and celebrating outgoing Rotary President Blair Looney's leadership

- Kathy Huebert - **4 Rings** - Celebrating grandson's birthday; celebrating anniversary of son and daughter-in-law; recognizing changes at work; for friendship with outgoing Rotary President Blair Looney; and proud to be a Rotarian

- Jyoti Arora - **1 Ring** - For joining committees

- Paul Salazar - **1 Ring** - For being a new member and for outgoing President Blair Looney

- Blair Looney - **1 Ring** - For a mixup with Dick Herrington's name

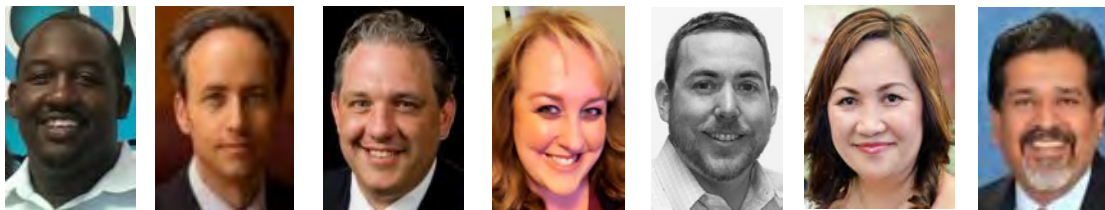
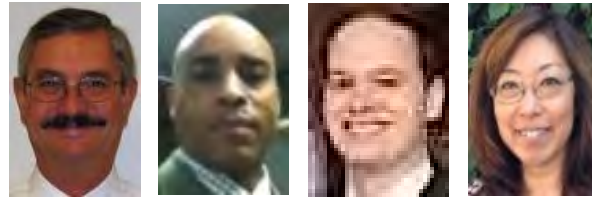
- Mona Cummings - **2 Rings** - Recognizing new board members and support of the community for Tree Fresno

- James Wilson - **2 Rings** - One ring for each new grandchild, a boy and a girl.



Time to celebrate!

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



Rick Olsson - 29; Don Eskes - 27; Larry Pickens - 12; Steve Royster - 11; Tony Smith - 10; Nik Redmond - 9; Sharon Ashida - 8; Corey Jackson - 5; Robert Mangano - 5; Scott Miller - 2; Cher Arambel - 1; Tim Hancock - 1; Misty Her - 1; and Paul Salazar - 1.

July Birthdays - Wishing you the best!



Jyoti Arora - 3rd; Tim Hancock - 4th; Sukhjot Brar - 5th; Taisto Smith - 5th; Jeffie Hickman - 6th; David Kuszmar - 9th; Mark Salazar - 9th; Randy Dhindsa - 11th; Jason Hannold - 11th; Michael Der Manouel Jr. - 12th; Jared Martin - 16th; Blair Looney - 17th; Shellie Hanes - 22nd; Jeffrey Nkansah - 23rd; Debra Rush - 25th; Guy Lamb - 27th; Terry Stone - 27th; Ethel Groger - 28th; Tom Licouris - 28th; Susan Anderson - 29th; Sheila Frowsing - 29th; John Zanoni - 29th; and Brad Hill - 30th.

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