

Monthly News

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



Rotary After Hours at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

New Member Spotlight



Matt Flores
COO,
Aspen Public
Schools



Roy Massey
Owner, Roy
Massey Insurance
Services



William Oliver
President & CEO,
Fresno Economic
Development
Corp.

Upcoming Events



Save the Date 5,000th Club Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 5th, 2023
Time: 5:30pm to 8pm
Cocktail Hour: No Host Bar 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Location: the grand 1401 ballroom
Address: 1401 Fulton St. Fresno, CA 93721



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

Letter from the President



Fresno Rotary Club meeting a milestone ... literally

Well, what do ya know? The last meeting of September was number 4,999 for the Rotary Club of Fresno. That means the next meeting on Oct. 5 will be our club's 5,000th meeting.

I hope all the members of our club will be able to attend our milestone meeting to kick off October. It will be a fun meeting looking back over the years, the accomplishments of our club, and highlighting other aspects of a community organization that has been meeting regularly for over a century.

The program committee for our club has been doing a great job. We had great programs in September with speakers discussing topics ranging from a firsthand account of September 11, 2001, the Fentanyl crisis and the national pastime, baseball. If you missed a meeting, don't worry - we have more great programs scheduled for October with topics including artificial intelligence, water, and downtown Fresno.

Check the calendar for dates of the COGS meeting, membership committee and Rotary After Hours events. This month's Rotary After Hours event will be Oktoberfest-themed at Sequoia Brewing located at Champlain and Perrin avenues. Looking forward to seeing you there!

We only have a quarter of this Rotary year behind us, which means there is still plenty of time left to reach our goals 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



5,000th Meeting!

Thursday, Oct. 5

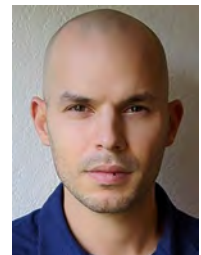
5:30-8 p.m. at The Grand
1401 Ballroom, 1401
Fulton St., Fresno.



Athanasios "Thanos" Panagopoulos

Assistant Professor, Fresno State,

Artificial intelligence and computer learning



Allison Feebo

Westlands Water District,

She is the new CEO of the largest agricultural water district in the U.S.



Elliott Balch

CEO, Downtown Fresno Partnerships

Reporting on downtown Fresno and Fulton Street



Dawn Golick

Regional Director, Small Business Administration

We'll hear an overview of the SBA and how it relates to the Central Valley



Updates from the Board

Board Meeting: Sept. 13, 2023

Avenues of Service

Membership

- As of Sept. 30:
 - 237 active members
 - 38 honorary

Community Service

- \$24,452.08 in grant funding was approved by the Community Projects Committee

International Service

- A special committee of the board will review an \$11,350 grant request for consideration and endorsement as a long-term international project with possible future involvement by the club.

Get involved!



- **Rotary After Hours at Sequoia Brewing Company:** Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5-8 p.m.
- **COGS meetings** are every second Monday of the month starting at 11 a.m. (before regular Rotary meetings). The next COGS meeting is Oct. 9.
- **Membership Development Committee** meetings will be every third Monday of the month following our regular Rotary meetings. The next committee meeting is Oct. 16.



- Ethel Groger - **1 Ring** - Promoting an upcoming golf tournament fundraiser
- Maureen Lewis - **2 Rings** - Celebrating a trip to St Andrews Links and her daughter and son-in-law moving back to Fresno
- Jeff Nkansah - **3 Rings** - Recognizing CalViva scholarships to Fresno State, Fresno City and Clovis Community College students; celebrating family trip to Oregon; and appreciating life
- Jeffie Hickman - **1 Ring** - Celebrating U.S. News & World Report ranking University High School in national rankings and for golf tournament
- Mike Falge - **1 Ring** - Celebrating the birth of his granddaughter
- Luke Ross - **1 Ring** - Celebrating Fresno State football win and ranking in the AP's Top 25
- Nik Redmond - **2 Rings** - Recognizing his daughter performing in December's Nutcracker Ballet and celebrating the Fresno State Bulldogs win
- Bob Oliver - **2 Rings** - Celebrating GAR Bennett helping the Central California Food Bank to raise more than \$600,000.



Rotarians support Rotarians: On Sept. 8, Rotarians came out to CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties' 24th annual Crab Feed to volunteer and celebrate the nonprofit.



Time to celebrate!

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



Lawrence Preston: 29 years; Kathy Wage: 28 years; Bud Dickerson: 24 years; Michele Cantwell-Copher: 17 years; Isabel Good: 15 years; Todd Suntrapak: 8 years; Sara Mirhadi: 4 years; Debra Rush: 4 years; Coreen Campos: 2 years; Kathy Huebert: 2 years; Wendy McCulley: 2 years; Jim VanDeVelde: 2 years; Edward Gonzalez: 1 year; Cynthia Harris: 1 year; Michelle Williams: 1 year.

October Birthdays - Wishing you the best!



Martha Elizabeth Hernandez: Oct. 4; Kym Dildine: Oct. 5; Lisa Oliveira: Oct. 5; Bill Lucido: Oct. 8; Robert Keller: Oct. 12; Jeff Aiello: Oct. 16; Adam Borchard: Oct. 17; Al Smith: Oct. 18; David Ingerson: Oct. 20; Lisa Smittcamp: Oct. 20; Jerry Lyles: Oct. 21; Doug Armey: Oct. 23; David Allumbaugh: Oct. 24; Saul Jimenez-Sandoval: Oct. 28; Terry Tumey: Oct. 29; Dave Hadden: Oct. 31.

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Nov. 6

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Nov. 13

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Nov. 20

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Nov. 27

Wilma Hashimoto
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