

Fresno Rotary



Rotary Monthly News

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Meetings held Mondays via ZOOM Video
Make sure to login before the Program begins at 12:15 p.m.

Aug
2

James Kus — Fresno County Clerk & Registrar of Voters *"The Recall Election"*

Racing for the Recall: What do you need to know about California's September 14th election. James Kus will share how the County is preparing for election day and answer questions.



Aug
9

Jeff Aiello — CEO, Valley PBS *"Creek Fire Documentary"*

The 2020 Creek Fire became the largest single wildfire in California history destroying 856 structures and 379,895 acres. Jeff Aiello is an Emmy Award filmmaker, the Interim CEO of Valley PBS and the CEO of 18 Thirty Entertainment. In his upcoming Creek Fire Documentary for Valley PBS, Jeff shares his intimate firsthand accounts of this raging monumental fire, explores the causes and speaks to the lead fire investigator to find answers on why the fire spread so far so quickly.



Aug
16

Tim Ritchey — President and Publisher, The Fresno Bee *"Today's News"*

Even through an international health crisis and unprecedeted business disruption, today's newspapers provide vital information to communities. Tim Ritchey will share insights in the ever evolving business of news and how McClatchy manages to maneuver these transformational times.



Aug
23

Ryan Woods — Superintendent, Immanuel Schools *"Keeping School Doors Open During a Pandemic"*

On August 13, 2020, Immanuel Schools opened its doors for on campus, in-person education. Through a process of court hearings and ultimately negotiations with the State and Fresno County, Immanuel was able to keep it's doors open and provided 180 days of in-person instruction for 700 students on it's campus in Reedley.



Aug
30

Bruce Mackey — Rotary District 5230 Governor *"What's happening this year in 5230?"*

The Rotary Club of Fresno is part of District 5230 composed of 57 Rotary Clubs located in Fresno, Kings, Monterey and Tulare counties. District Governor Bruce Mackey will share how Rotary has increased impact, grown and diversified, enhanced engagement and streamlined and increased the ability to adapt.



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Rotary in September

Sept
6 DARK —
Labor Day

Sept
13 Todd Cook —
9/11: 20 Years Later

Sept
20 John Shegarian —
ERI

Sept
27 BIZ DAY

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President's Message



August brings the best bounty of the season - peaches, blackberries, tomatoes, melons and Fresno State fans returning to the stands in Bulldog stadium on August 28th!

Speaking of dogs, when I'm not working, you'll find me talking and messaging friends or painting my grandkids fingernails, coloring and learning about dinosaurs or relaxing with Dottee in my lap.

Dottee is not your typical mascot or farm dog. She is an 8-year-old, 4-pound Yorkie.

She is friendly, outgoing and playful: "Throw the ball... throw the ball!" She is the boss in our house and refuses to feed herself or eat alone. She insists on being hand fed - one bite at a time and we are willing participants in her routine twice a day.

Rotary lunch meetings are a lot like eating with Dottee. Socializing is what makes it enjoyable. I rarely finish a meal because the conversation is so lively. (It's not polite to talk with your mouth full!) Chatting about Fresno State sports, golf, grandkids, taxes, cars, gas prices and travel are always fun and interesting when you're sitting with Darrell, Gary, Harv, Dave, Dale, Steve and Dick.

We know a few of you are reluctant to return to our new venue and in person meetings but I want to encourage you to give us a try. I know you'll enjoy meeting your old friends and we have grown since you last visited – and have many new members that are anxious to get to know you.

Please consider joining us at one of our August meetings. Our program committee has organized some great speakers and programs: James Kus, Jeff Aiello, Ryan Woods and Tim Ritchey. Likewise, feel free to offer suggestions and let us know how we can make your visit enjoyable.

And, thank you to Jason! He has already updated our social media activity with regular updates and begun engaging new member prospects. He is anxious to serve our club and our members. Please say "hello," introduce yourself and sign-up to serve on a committee.

Stay cool & hope to see you soon,
Karen



Karen Musson
President 2021-22



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July Ringers



Joanie LeRoux (2) with all of her travels for work, she was excited to be back at a Rotary meeting (her home away from home) and thankful for her sponsor, **Bob Williams**, getting her involved.

Greg Hund (1) was saying goodbye as he moved on to a life at the coast after his recent retirement and rang the bell for his great friends and great club at Rotary.



Mona Cummings (2) is working on a new adventure as a part of the Parks, Recreation & Arts Commission where they will oversee numerous aspects and fiscal accountability before reporting back to the City Council.



Scott Miller (2), the day's guest speaker, added one ring for his work on the Parks, Recreation & Arts Commission and another ring for letting his Rotary membership lapse.



Al Smith (1) has been married for 61 years and rang for the 27 good ones (we're sure he was kidding). Congrats, to you and your wife, Al!



Nik Redmond (1) celebrated his 37th birthday and new appointment as partner with his financial group where they focus on investment and retirement plans for business and individuals.



Jeff Nkansah (3) is fitting into his new role as CEO at CalViva Health and was proud to announce his ninth wedding anniversary.



HONORARY NEW MEMBER:

It was acknowledged that **Greg Musson** was now an Honorary Member per Board policy.



REINSTATED NEW MEMBER:

David Schaaf, owner of PCS Systems, Inc. has asked to be reinstated as a member of the Club.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer **Dick Herrinton** presented and commented on the year end June 30, 2021 financial statements of the Club

- The 2021-22 Avenues of Service budget.
 - Motion Passed
- The 2021-22 Administration budget
 - Motion Passed

Avenues of Service

MEMBERSHIP:

- 223 active members and 38 honorary members as of June 30th

CLUB SERVICE:

- Approve the 2021-2022 calendar of programs and events after deleting Columbus Day as a dark meeting.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- Wheelchair project budget of \$17k (funded by a member ask) was approved upon approval of the Avenues of Service 2021-2022 budget

GRANT APPLICATION:

- Apply on behalf of the Club for a \$1,500 District Grant for WINGS for mattresses

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- Approved \$1,800 Public Safety Heroes Award Luncheon

- \$600 Courageous Citizen & D.A. Recognition

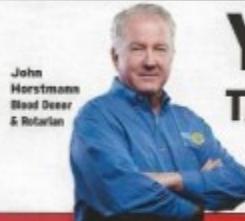
YOUTH SERVICE:

The following projects were approved

- \$1,250 Camp Royal
- \$2,500 Phillip J. Patino School of Entrepreneurship
- \$1,000 Duncan Polytechnical High School Interact
- \$15,000 Scholarships
- \$1,000 University High School Interact

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August Anniversaries– Thank you for your membership!



Pete Pierre, Jr. – 57 years, Ron Peters – 50 years, Blair Looney – 47 years, Ron Stumpf – 39 years,
 Rick Hutchinson – 35 years, Garry Griesser – 34 years, Gus Bonner – 27 years, Bruno Boehi – 18 years,
 Larry Powell – 15 years, Joe Ramos – 14 years, Shelly Lether – 7 years,
 Randy Dhindsa – 4 years, Valerie Vuicich – 4 years, Kym Dildine – 1 year.

August Birthdays



Nancy Hensel – 4th, Dora Westerlund – 5th, Scott Miller – 6th, Cody Dixon – 7th, Anne Speake – 8th, Carolyn Pierce – 10th, Charlie Figg – 12th, Farid Assemi – 13th, Rick Hutchinson – 14th, Shirley Bruegman – 15th, Todd Suntrapak – 15th, Susan Good – 17th, Elizabeth Parker – 17th, Richard Shehadey – 18th, Jim Wilson – 18th, Scott Barton – 18th, Steve Royster – 18th, Jim Ford – 19th, Harv Hartman – 19th, Layla Forstedt – 20th, Don Eskes – 22nd, Mike Karbassi – 25th, Karen Musson – 26th, Sharon Ashida – 28th.

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