

The Joshua Tree

January 4, 2022

A FAREWELL TO STEVE ORR

In a surprise twist, the first Rotary meeting of 2022 was also the last for Rotarian **Steve Orr**. Steve, along with his wife **Patty Orr** are retiring to their home in Arizona. **Ryan McEachron** acting as host, allowed Rotarians time to share their thoughts, praise, and a little bit of roasting to send Steve and Patty off in style!



as President during the height of the Covid pandemic.

Arsalee Morales thanked Steve for giving her the confidence to be a leader, and how she views him as a father figure. She does wonder who is she gonna talk crap with now that he is gone.

Ryan began by roasting Steve for wearing an L.A. Rams hoodie right before he moves to Arizona, where he will end up becoming a Cardinals fan. Ryan will miss not being able to steal cigars from him at area golf tournaments anymore or his backyard cooler of beer, free for any golfing friend, at his old home on the Spring Valley Lake Golf Course.

Mike Page visited on video wishing Steve the very best on the new chapter of his life and praised Steve for serving a two-year stint

Margaret Cooker gave praise of Steve's generosity to the Club, and his dedication to everyone. She also thanked him for being able to obtain a lot of donations from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and throughout the community.

Don Lager also praised Steve's dedication, serving for two years as President, as well as serving on many Boards and Committees for many years in the community.

Bill Edwards was up next and told everyone that he got roped in to be Board Chair only because Steve chose to announce Bill was taking the position (without mentioning it to him) at his Rotary Demotion party. Bill also thanked Steve for his support of the Rescue Mission. Bill then directed his comments to Patty, wondering how is she now going to be at the Rescue Mission Thrift Store every Tuesday for the 'Ten for 10' sales! He closed with a Biblical blessing for both of them, Jeremiah 17: 7-8, "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,, whose confidence is in him. They

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards
Flag Salute: Don Lager
4-Way Test: Steve Orr
Fine Master: Ryan McEachron

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HOVE'S HELLO'S



We began our new year by saying goodbye to one of our cherished Rotarians. Steve and Patty Orr are now off to their retired life in Arizona

and we will miss them both. Steve's impact on the Club will be felt for many years, and we wish nothing for the best for them.



We are still looking for a Vocational Chair for our Club. Please reach out to me if you have an interest in volunteering for this important position.

Ryan McEachron shared that RYLA is planned to return this year as well as our annual 4-Way Speech Contest, although we may just host high school students due to ongoing covid issues.

Please join us next week as we will conclude our video series on the Everleigh Sisters and how genealogy solved the mystery.

Jon Hove



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Steve Orr

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will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream."

Donna Wells told everyone that she first met Steve on the St. Mary Foundation Board, but soon began to see him everywhere, which has always made her wonder when did he actually work?

President **Jon Hove** told Steve that knowing him and working with him within the Club has been great, especially how he navigated the Club through the Covid pandemic.

It was then time for **Steve Orr** to stand up and say some final words. Steve took time to say personal and emotional thanks to all in the room including those of deep friendships and great memories. Steve has been part of the High Desert community since 1989, and truly enjoyed his time in Rotary, as it got him out of the office every Tuesday. He said the experiences he received while in the Club, will stay with him for a very long time.



The meeting was concluded with some gifts. **Linda Hove** bought Steve his own Covid, so he cannot deny its existence anymore and the Club presented him with a box of Romeo & Juliet Cigars and a large bottle of Johnny Walker Blue Scotch.

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Don Lager had the chance this week to pick the Blue Dice, but picked White and saved the money for another member next week. We continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice from the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week the spouses attended! We welcomed **Patty Orr** and **Linda Hove**, who attended with **Steve Orr** and **Jon Hove**. Our only stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Raffle

John Kroencke was not the big winner this week, but the only winner! John took home maybe the final \$15 Apple gift card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$11.38

Polio Pig: \$6.38 + Don Lager (Dice): \$5.00= \$11.38

Collected to Date: \$18,523.58

Total equals: 98,161 Doses!

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

January Birthdays

Jim Murray

January 10

Ryan McEachron

January 31

January Anniversaries

Jim Murray

45 Years

Ben Tafoya

45 Years

Jon Hove

38 Years

Kevin Porter

36 Years

Ron Wilson

31 Years

Robert Lovingood

30 Years

Kirk Riding

28 Years

Keith Metzler

3 Years

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron kept with tradition of being the first Fine Master each year, and gave out \$22 fines in honor of the new year. Those getting penalties included **Steve Orr** for wearing a Rams hoodie before moving to Arizona, **Dr. Ron Williams** for not shutting down area schools, at least for today, and Ryan even gave himself a fine for being a Broncos fan, even with their record this year.

Bill Edwards was fined for sharing a beautiful verse during the Roast, President **Jon Hove** for having a spam call come in during the meeting, **Donna Wells** for the start of tax season, plus **John Kroencke** and **Esther Mears** were fined for just attending this week.

The final fine of the meeting went to **Don Lager**, who shared stories of his recent trip to Costa Rica which included the kind people, the Cartel, excellent fishing and a 20ft crocodile!



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VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2021-2022	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Steve Orr
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Stephen Quintero
Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Michael Krause
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large: David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Need Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Need Volunteer
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Spring Valley Lake Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

MONDAY:	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
TUESDAY:	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
WEDNESDAY:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 13165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, ZOOM Meetings, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

Jan 10: Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm Meeting
ARMAC Insurance Board Room
Rear Building on Yuma

Upcoming Programs

Jan 11: The Everleigh Sisters **Topic: "2 Ladies with NO History - a Detective Story from the Rotarian Fellowship of Genealogists" PART 2** (Cooker)

Jan 18: Michael Krause

Jan 25: OPEN

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