

The Joshua Tree

January 5, 2021

THE FUTURE OF THE JOSHUA TREE

Starting off 2021 right, the Club heard from our own **Robert Lovinggood**, President of ICR Staffing in Victorville and former 1st District Supervisor. Robert took some time to explain some incredible new law changes for Covid employees and the future of Joshua Trees in the High Desert.

Taken from the National Law Review: On September 22, 2020, the California Fish and Game Commission (CFGC) accepted the Center for Biological Diversity's petition to list the Western Joshua Tree (WJT) as a candidate threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). While offering at least interim protection to this iconic plant, this action will likely further complicate the entitlement process for development projects and may affect other landowner activities within the WJT's habitat (which includes millions of acres in Southern California).

What this issue does is affect any county, city and person who want to move a Joshua Tree from any development area, including



your home. What once costed around \$400 will now cost someone around \$60,000! This impacts all industries, with the exception of Renewable Energy, which a proponent for it is on the CFGC Board.

More locally, Robert shared that the demand from employers is at an all time high, which is great for ICR Staffing. Robert also asked Rotarians to practice common sense and practice proper guidelines, knowing firsthand that Covid is real!

Asked what the next chapter of Robert Lovinggood will be are now that he has served his last few years as 1st District Supervisor. Robert shared that he will continue to grow ICR Staffing and focus on mentoring others and continuing his non-profit work.

To find out more about ICR Staffing, please visit icrjobs.com.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Bill Edwards**

Flag Salute: **Brad Poiriez**

4-Way Test: **Don Lager**

ORR'S ROARS



As we begin a new year, I want to thank all Rotarians for entrusting me to lead our Club for my final 6 months as your President. As far as the workings of our Club, we are keeping a close eye on the Covid Pandemic and

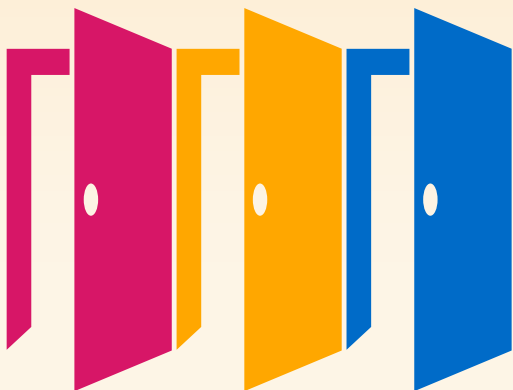
hope to be back to regular meetings and events in the near future. We began this process by allowing in person participants in the El Pescador Bar, while most of you joined us on Zoom. We are hoping to continue in this format and grow from there.



Thank you to Robert Lovingood for coming in and sharing some insight of new regulations for San Bernardino County and beyond. I'm sure Melanie is thrilled to have more of your time.

Let me wish you all a safe and happy new year, and I look forward to more memories with you in 2021.

Steve



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ROTARY NEWS

Nominations open for Distinguished Service Award

If you know anyone who has demonstrated exemplary service to the Rotary Foundation and has received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years ago, you can nominate them for the Distinguished Service Award – one of Rotary International's highest distinctions in service – using an online nomination form at my.rotary.org. The nomination period is open during January through February.

Foundation raises more than \$811,000 on Giving Tuesday

The Rotary Foundation raised more than US\$811,000 in support of Giving Tuesday 2020. Thank you to everyone who gave in support of this global day of giving so that together we can keep Doing Good in the World.

The Foundation would like to recognize the following clubs for their engagement on Giving Tuesday:

Top fundraising clubs

- Rotary Club of Taichung Shan Hai Tun, Taiwan
- Rotary Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands
- Rotary Club of Tainan Central, Taiwan

Top donor participation clubs

- Rotary Club of Highlands, North Carolina, USA
- Rotary Club of Dindigul Mid-Town, India
- Rotary Club of Grand Cayman-Sunrise, Cayman Islands

Top online giving participating clubs

- Rotary Club of Norfolk, Virginia, USA
- Rotary Club of Carroll Creek (Frederick), Maryland, USA
- Rotary Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



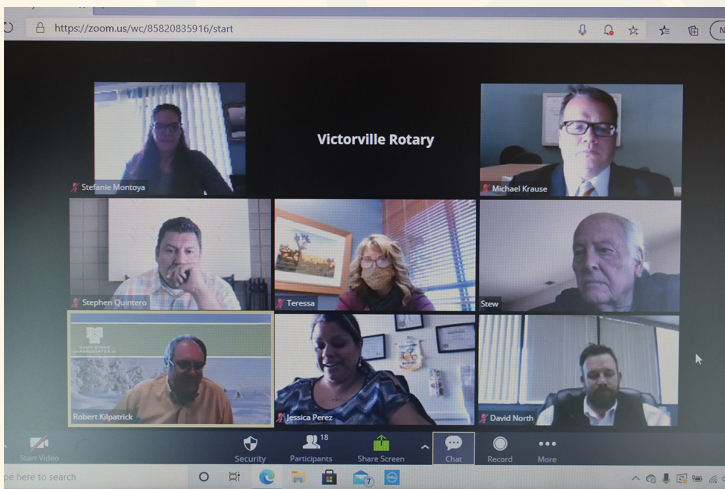
First time back and that is that... Margaret Cooker won the big Money! Margaret drew the Blue Dice and went away with \$425! We will begin once again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle



Margaret Cooker donated some Christmas cheese that will be enjoyed by **Bill Edwards**, while a Mike Trout Angels Cooler from **Kevin Kane** will be used by **Stew Anderson**. As a perfect example when you give you get, Margaret then went away with a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson** and Mr. Kane will do some shopping with the \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card he received from **Don Lager!**

Luncheon Guests



Our Stand-ins this week were **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** and **Kris Riley** for **Dr. Ron Williams**.

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The Polio Pig

Collected this week: **\$13.00**
Collected to Date: **\$17,623.23**
Total equals: **96,360 Doses!**

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

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The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., 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, 14165 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 11: Board of Directors meeting
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Upcoming Programs

Jan 12: Terry Caldwell **Topic: The History of Victorville Part 1 "The Phone Company and the Development of Victorville"** (Page)



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