

# The Joshua Tree

January 11, 2022

## THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVERLEIGH SISTERS

And the Story continues...

**Margaret Cooker** shared the remaining part of the tale of the Everleigh Sisters with the Club this week. As you may remember we left off with genealogist **Karen Stanbary**, searching for the death notifications of Minnie and Ada Everleigh, to make the two ends meet to solve this mystery.



According to the 1948 obituaries, there were still discrepancies, In Minna's obituary it claimed she died at age 70 on September 16, 1948 which would make her birth year as either 1877 or 1878. The obit also showed that Ada was born in 1865, which would make her twelve years older than her sister.

Each sister went through four or more aliases during their lifetime. After an exhaustive search of their family history, passport records and more census records, we come to a timeline of each sister.

Aida was born in February 1864 and Minna was born in 1866. In 1870 they lived in Virginia and in 1880 they landed in New Orleans

with two other sisters, Lulu and Flora, where they were a popular performance group called the "Simms Sisters". Lulu passed away, and the two sisters went off on their own.

Ten years later they landed in Omaha City and in 1890 made their mark in Chicago. In 1909 they applied for passports and traveled to Europe and returned to their famous Chicago Club in 1910. One year later the Mayor closed down the "house of ill repute" and four years later their father died in Mexico City.

The sisters next stop was in 1920 on 71st Street in New York, under the last name of Lester. Minna did pass away in 1948, while Ada died many years later in 1960.

Finding a letter from their great niece **Evelyn Diment** finally solved the mystery. The "Simms" girls, the "Lester" ladies were in fact the Everleigh Sisters faked their whole background to protect their real family from embarrassment of running the Everleigh Club, Chicago's house of pleasure.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Mike Page**
- Flag Salute: **John Kroencke**
- 4-Way Test: **Esther Mears**
- Fine Master: **Ryan McEachron**

# HOVE'S HELLO'S

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Thank you to Margaret Cooker for giving us the final details on the story of the Everleigh Sisters. It is a great story and shows to the strengths of the International Rotary

*Fellowship of Genealogists!*

Our Board met with is week and as a result, luncheon meals are increasing from \$19 to \$23 and we will have to have a minimum of 20 people at every meeting, so please make sure you attend every Tuesday.

Ryan McEachron shared some information about Youth Services. The 4 Way Speech Contest is on this year for high school seniors. We will be also sending 6 students to RYLA at the end of March. Sophomores will get to attend with the Juniors as advisors.

We are remaining active in 2022! Upcoming events include a Past Presidents Meeting on January 24th, A Super Bowl party at the home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham on February 13th and a Valentine's Dinner at Chateau Chang on February 17th. Cost is \$50 single or \$95 per couple.

*Jon Hove*



# Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



## Big Blue Dice



*Ryan McEachron had the chance this week to pick the Blue Dice, but picked White and saved the money for another next week.*

*We continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice from the bag.*

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Kris Reilly** who attended with **Dr. Ron Williams** and **Linda Hove**, who attended with **Jon Hove**. Our only stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Kris Reilly**, PIO for Victorville Union High School District spoke this week and spoke a bit about current enrollment. The enrollment number is at 11,600 right now and they are seeing some previous Charter School children coming back to traditional school. He was pleased to announce the Golden Bell Award had been given to SIMS and both Cobalt and University Prep earned a CA Distinguished School Award!

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$14.00**

*Polio Pig: \$9 + Ryan McEachron (Dice): \$5.00 = \$14.00*

**Collected to Date: \$18,537.67**

**Total equals: 98,189 Doses!**

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

## Fine Session

**Ryan McEachron** was the Fine Master again and fined both **Arsalee Morales** and **Esther Mears** \$22 each for not attending the monthly Board meeting this week.

**Mike Page** gave an update on the Covid situation at Providence St. Mary. He stated they are experiencing a double whammy with Covid and high flu numbers this year. Currently the hospital has 109 covid cases, as of Monday. He is not seeing as many deaths however many who are really sick are un-vaccinated. His updated garnered him a \$22 fine.

## Raffle

**Dwight Johnson** was very generous this week as he donated a autographed copy of "25 Men of Integrity" that will be read by **Ryan McEachron**. Ryan also took home a Regan Ranch Calendar from Dwight. Dwight also gave away a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by president **Jon Hove**.

The final prize of the day was another bottle of wine and a calendar from the orphanage we support in Ensenada, that will be enjoyed by **Dr. Ron Williams**.

## Proposed Returning Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. Jan 24th to President Jon Hove.*

**Michael Johnson**  
**Senior Branch Manager**  
**Desert Community Bank**

**Classification: Services Banking**

**Sponsor: Esther Mears**

*Former Member of Our Club and the Barstow Club*





## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2021-2022 .....	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023 .....	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
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 .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
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 .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Programs .....	Mike Page
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Chris Ackerman
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	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
- Jan 24: Past Presidents Meeting**  
5:30pm • Location TBA
- Feb 13: Super Bowl Party & Fireside**  
2:00 pm • Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham
- Feb 17: Rotary Valentine's Dinner**  
5:00 pm at Chateau Chang  
15425 Anacapa Road, Victorville  
\$50 single or \$95 per couple

## Upcoming Programs

- Jan 18:** Dr. Kennon Mitchell, Ph.D. **Topic: "AESD: State of the District"** (Krause)
- Jan 25: OPEN**
- Feb 1:** Kris Reilly, Pubic Engagement Information Manager, VVUHSD **Topic: "The Media: Then and Now"** (Page)
- Feb 8:** Bahaa Moukadam, Business Consultant **Topic: "Why is it so Hard to get Everyone on the Same Page"** (Page)

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