



# The Joshua Tree

January 17, 2023

## A VISIT FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Rotary Club of Victorville was honored this week by hosting a visit from the District 5300 Governor **Roger Gutierrez**. Roger took time to share his journey as a Rotarian and some exciting plans for 2023.

Roger joined his first Rotary Club in Irwindale CA, in 1984. He served as a member of the Board of Directors and ultimately Club President in 1989. Roger spearheaded a merge with the Rotary Club of Foothills Sunrise in Glendora CA in 1993. There, he was Club President in 2001-2002. After losing membership, he again orchestrated a merge in 2005 with the Rotary Club of Azusa CA.

Roger served as Assistant Governor from 2010 to 2013, then Executive Assistant Governor for five years. He has been District Membership Chair, Chief of Staff, RLI, P.E.T.S. Facilitator, Master SSA at District Conference and at P.E.T.S. Additionally, Roger has served on a FOCOMETER Project with his wife Sheila who, 20 years ago, started fitting eye glasses on children in Mexico, giving better reading ability to over 1600 children. He is passionate about the service Rotary provides to the local community and globally. Three times he has been named Rotarian of the Year.

A celebratory piece of news that Roger was proud to share is that four Clubs in the District are celebrating 100 years of service this year. Those Clubs are Monrovia, Upland, Ontario and Las Vegas New Club.



Speaking of Las Vegas, Sin City will be the host of the 2023 District Conference. The Conference will be held May 4-7 at the brand new Horseshoe Resort and Casino. In fact, the District Conference will be the hotel's first major event! On May 5th there will be a special project for all attendees to participate in. Many foster children are moved around seven or eight times, and carry their belongings in plastic bags. This year, the District will be making up suitcases full of essentials and given to foster children to keep. All materials have already been supplied, and hands are needed to put them together.

The Peace Conference is coming up with two virtual meetings happening March 1st and on the 9th. On March 18th there will be a live event, taking place from 8am - 12 noon at the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

Finally, Roger and his team will be focusing on mental wellness during his term. They are encouraging each Club to create policies for inclusion that is unique for each region, focus on mental health needs and services for the public to get the help that is desperately needed.



Roger is very personable and concluded his visit with photo ops and taking a photo with fellow former District Governors **Stew Anderson** and **Margaret Cooker**.

Roger is married to **Sheila Gutierrez** (member of Glendora Rotary Club) with three grown children and eight grandchildren. The family loves to travel, celebrate together, and support everyone's endeavors to make a difference now and in the future.

### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman  
**Flag Salute:** Bill Edwards  
**4-Way Test:** Mike Johnson  
**Fine Master:** David North



## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thanks to our District Governor Roger Gutierrez for taking time out of

his busy schedule to visit with us and share exciting news for this year! Congratulations to



our own Margaret Cooker for receiving the Club Champion Award! Well deserved.

We have a lot of activities coming up so mark your calendars! On Tuesday, January 31st we will have our 5th Tuesday meeting at BJ's Brewhouse on Restaurant Row in Victorville. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship at 5:00pm

Love will be in the air on Thursday, February 9th as we hold our annual Valentine's Dinner, once again at Chateau Chang's in Victorville. Fellowship begins at 6:00pm and dinner will be at 7:00pm. The cost for this event is \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. Please sign up today!

Finally, February 12th is Super Bowl Sunday and this year and Steve & Pam Murray have opened their home for this year's event. The party starts at 2:30pm and is located at 15306 Pirinda Court in Apple Valley. This is a great opportunity to bring family and visitors to enjoy Rotary Fellowship. Don't forget to sign-up as a head count is needed so we can decide on whether it will be a pot luck or catered event. You can RSVP by calling 760-946-1346 or 760-954-2893.

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## Margaret Cooker, A Person of Action



District 5300 Governor **Roger Gutierrez** and Club President **Arsalee Morales** presented the "Club Champion" Award to none other than **Margaret Cooker**. This distinction is given to one person, who as the District Governor says is, "A person of action".

Margaret was presented with this award (*and also chosen as December Rotarian of the Month*) as she continually helps not only Arsalee as President but the whole Club in general. She is constantly making sure the Club stays on track and truly makes "Service Above Self" seem so effortless. This is just one of the things Arsalee stated that she loves about Margaret.



Margaret is a Rotary alumni and has held the titles of Past District Governor, Past Rotary President, Rotarian of the Year, a Paul Harris Fellow, Club Director, Executive Secretary, Rotary Foundation Chair and much more including perfect attendance.

Arsalee also shared, "Margaret is a pillar in the Rotary community and we are all grateful to have her as part of our Club".



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## Big Blue Dice



*Brad Poiriez had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and donated his \$5 winnings back to the Polio Pig. We will continue once again next week with 13 Dice and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Raffle

In this week's raffle, two copies of "Call to Perseverance" donated by **Ryan McEachron** will be read by **Bryan Gillespie** and **Brad Poiriez**. Bryan also left the meeting with a Luci Light and **Esther Mears** will use the Bob's Tire tumbler she received from **Steve Murray**. **Dr. Ron Boyd** will use the VVTA water bottle and **Bill Edwards** will relax with the Micro-Link stress bus he won, both courtesy of **Chris Ackerman**.

Bill donated a bevy of planting sets that will bring the green thumbs out for **Craig Garrick**, **Jim Murray** and **Linda Hove**. Linda also won a set of wine glass charms from Bill as well.

## Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed both **Linda Hove** who attended with **Jon Hove**, and **Pam Murray** joined her husband **Steve Murray** for the meeting. Joining our District Governor was Executive Aide **Vicky Abbott** and Chief of Staff **Bob Spence**. From the Apple Valley Club we welcomed **Robert and Veronica Martinez** and Dr. **Cliff Jessen**. Finally, we welcomed **Steve Pricherd**, who attended with **James Rightmire**.

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master this week and just as he went up to the podium, **Ben Tafoya** arrived for the meeting! **Steve Murray** came to Ben's defense and agreed to take part of his fine for being so late, so Ben was penalized \$60 and Steve was charged \$30! **Bill Scott** was hit with a \$20 penalty for being an LA Chargers fan and **Arsalee Morales** received the same for being a Saints fan. **Jon Hove** still has his Christmas lights up, so he was charged \$40.

Celebrating anniversaries, **Jim Murray** was fined \$60 for him and Leslie's 60th wedding anniversary, while **Jon Hove** was hit with another \$39 penalty for his 39th Rotary anniversary.

Finally, since **Craig Garrick** for not attended a Rotary meeting in about 18 months, was fined a whopping \$360 for his long absence from the Club.

## Paul Harris Fellows



The latest group within our Club to receive Paul Harris Fellow pins were **Craig Garrick(+2)**,

**Steve Murray (+3)** and **Bill Edwards**. District Governor **Roger Gutierrez** and President **Arsalee Morales** presented them with their pins.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have had contributions made in their name of \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation.

**OVER 100,000 DOSES!!!**

**Collected this week: \$127.00**

*Polio Pig: \$122 • Dice (Brad Poiriez) \$5 = \$127.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,497.52**

**Total equals: 100,083 Doses!**

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2022-2023 .....	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2024 .....	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
President 2025-2026 .....	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President .....	Jon Hove
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service .....	Steve Murray
Community Service .....	Bryan Gillespie
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	Bill Edwards

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Pam Murray
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Dawn Quigg
Flowers and Gifts .....	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
4-Way Speech Competitions .....	Mike Johnson
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Joshua Tree Editor .....	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, Jeff Armstrong and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

**The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley 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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, <i>No Longer Meeting</i> 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 23: Past Presidents' Meeting**  
 Robar Enterprises • 5:30pm  
 17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia
- Feb 9: Valentine's Dinner**  
 Chateau Chang  
 15425 Anacapa Rd, Victorville  
 6:00pm -Fellowship 7:00 pm Dinner  
 \$50/person • \$90/couple
- Feb 12: Super Bowl Party**  
 2:30pm at Home of Steve & Pam Murray  
 15306 Pirinda Ct., Apple Valley
- Feb 13: Board of Directors Meeting**  
 5:00pm -Fellowship  
 5:30 pm Board Meeting  
 ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
 17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

## Upcoming Programs

- Jan 24:** Sue Jones, PIO, City of Victorville  
**Topic: "Update from the City of Victorville"** (North) **STAR Students - Helendale School District**
- Jan 31: 5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting**  
 5:00pm  
 BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse  
 11600 Amargosa Road, Victorville

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