

The Joshua Tree

February 9, 2021

ROTARY WHY?

This week we received a visit from District 5300 Governor **Greg Jones** via Zoom to our members both online and on screens at El Pescador. To begin, let's find out a little about Greg Jones.

Greg grew up in Southern Illinois and met his wife, Brenda, in high school. Both graduated from the University of Illinois with Greg earning a BS in accountancy and Brenda a BS in elementary education. They moved to Southern California in 1985 and to Pasadena in 1991.

Greg was a partner in a national accounting firm for 29 years. Along the way he earned an MS in taxation and an MS in financial planning. In 2010 he started his own CPA and Wealth Management practices in Pasadena. Greg is a CPA, CFP, CLU (Certified Life Underwriter), PFS (Personal Financial Specialist) and ChFC (Charter Financial Consultant). Brenda is a librarian at Glendale Community College where she just finished her 26th year; she has an MS in library science and an MA in theology.

Greg has been very involved in the Pasadena community. He has a total of 22 years of service on City of Pasadena commissions. During that time, he was a member of the



Recreation and Parks Commission, the Hahamongna Operating Company, the Library Commission, the Rose Bowl Operating Company, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals. He helped found the Hastings Associates, a support group for the Hastings Branch Library in Pasadena. He has been a board member of Hastings Associates, the Friends of Pasadena Public Library, the Pasadena Recreation and Parks Foundation, and Pasadena Beautiful. In addition, Greg has served on many task forces and committees in the Pasadena community. Greg became a member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses in 1998 and has served on many of its committees, including five years as a committee vice-chair.

Greg joined the Rotary Club of Pasadena Sunrise in 1997. He has served as club president twice and has held almost all club officer positions over the past 20 years. The club changed to evening meetings several years ago and is now the Rotary Club of Pasadena After Hours. Greg began his District 5300 service on the PRLS committee in 2005 and was chair of that committee in 2006-07. He served as an assistant governor for two years. He was the District Foundation Committee chair for 4 years and has served on several District Foundation subcommittees. He has been awarded the District Foundation Service award two times. He participated in the Corazon Superbuild project, traveled to India twice to participate in NIDs, to Mexico as part of a Wheelchair Foundation wheelchair distribution and to

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This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Jon Hove

4-Way Test: Steve Orr



It was such a pleasure to have our District Governor Greg Jones come and speak with us via Zoom this week and share some very important information. We hope to have Greg in person with us before the end of

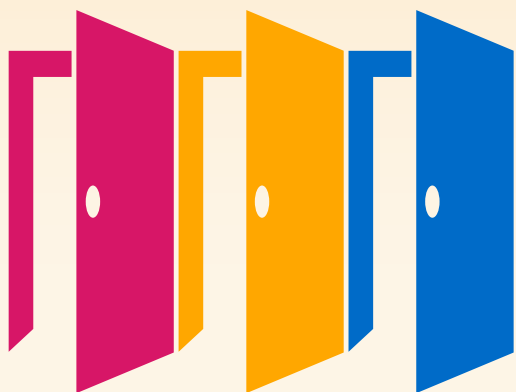
the year, it is works out. Our Club does need to stay relevant in these changing times, and am calling on all Rotarians to answer their own "Rotary Why?" Apologies for the technical difficulties, but at the same time, thank you to Chris Ackerman for being a great go between!



Our Victorville Rotary Foundation was honored to present a check in the amount of \$500 to Rock'n Our Disabilities Foundation as an Egg Hunt Sponsor for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Finally, I am asking for prayers for my daughter Sara Counts who is currently in a Las Vegas Hospital. Please take a moment and lift her up in prayer this week.

Steve



DISTRICT GOVERNOR GREG JONES

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Liberia and Peru on Rotaplast missions. Greg and Brenda are Foundation Major donors and Legacy Society members. Greg also served as District Treasurer for 3 years.

Greg is dedicated to the ideal of Service Above Self. He sees service as a means to make connections to others in our communities and around the world. He views the eradication of polio as an important milestone in the history of humanity and the advancement of world understanding as an important mission for Rotarians.*

At our Meeting this week Governor Jones shared the Rotary theme this year, "Rotary Opens Opportunities", but expanded on it, explaining that those opportunities also make connections. It connects Rotarians to fellow Club members, other Clubs, the world at large, but most importantly, it connects Rotarians to those who we serve in the community. Programs that serve Elementary through High School Students, the homeless, seniors in need, and many more, connects Rotary to those around us.

We all know that our world has changed for the foreseeable future or possibly forever. Our Rotary Clubs need to do the same and rebrand quickly. All Clubs need to find out what others think when they hear the name "Rotary". Clubs also need to take a look at their programs and determine if they are still relevant in this new Covid age of life. Rotarians need to look at what changes can be made inside their Clubs to keep them relevant and be able to adapt and change when needed.

For us as individuals we need to ask, "Rotary Why?" Why did you join Rotary in the first place? What were you looking for from your experience? Was it community service, networking, international projects or something else? When one can make that determination, then they need to be proactive in finding it. Every Rotarian needs to find their own answer to "Rotary Why?" and look towards your Club's leadership to fulfill that desire. Over the last 30 years Rotary has had the same membership numbers. During that time 2 million individuals have become Rotarians, which also means 2 million have left. Greg attributes this to people coming in and not finding what they were looking for. Club leaders need to make a commitment to help other Rotarians find what they are looking for so they will become a happy, engaged and invested member. One way to develop this is by small group Zoom meetings.

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Donna Wells had a chance to grab the Blue Dice, but she drew a white one and gave her \$5 back into the Polio Pig.

We will continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle



Tina Escareño went home this week with a Calendar from **Esther Mears** from DCB and a blue Victorville Rotary pen, while a money clip and desk clock from **Dwight Johnson** will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells**.

A calendar from Dwight will be used by **Steve Orr**, and in a reversal of fortunes, Dwight won a \$25 Walmart gift card from none other than President Orr!

Rotary Guests

We welcomed **Chris Scott** on Zoom who is a field rep for Jay Obernolte and **Coleen Luque** who once again shot our marketing video and photos.

Our Stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya**, who was in attendance for **Bryan Gillespie**.

District Governor

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Greg also recognizes the importance of the Rotary Foundation being the key to making connections. Whether it is for a medical experience in India, creating Wells in Africa or something else, it is a life changing experience to go to these countries as an Ambassador and make a difference in someone's life. Due to our current situation, the Rotary Foundation is running out of money each year and Greg asked everyone to consider making the Foundation their charity of choice.

The Rotary Club of Victorville would like to thank District Governor Greg Jones for his wise council and hope he can join us in person in the near future. Until that time, we wish him many successes during his tenure as District Governor.

**Taken from district5300.org*

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. Feb 15th to President Steve Orr.

John Wickum

Captain

SB County Sheriff Victorville Station

Classification: Law Enforcement:

Administration

Sponsor: Rick Bessinger

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$15.00

Polio Pig: \$10.00 + Dice (Donna Wells): \$5.00= \$15.00

Collected to Date: \$17,702.23

Total equals: 96,518 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2019-2021	Steve Orr
President 2021-2022	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025	Jessica Perez
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Margaret Cooker
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Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
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Community Service	PLEASE VOLUNTEER
International Service	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Ryla & TLC	Arsalee Morales
Vocational Service	Jessica Perez
Grants/Speech Contests	PLEASE VOLUNTEER
Scholarships	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership	Don Lager
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large: Dwight Johnson & Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Programs	Mike Page
Public Service	Rick Bessinger, Teressa DeAtley
Sergeant At Arms	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest	Dr. Bowtie Brian
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising	Bill Edwards
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 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

Mar 5 & 6: PETS for Jon Hove & Arsalee Morales

Mar 8: Board of Directors meeting
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)

Upcoming Programs

Feb 16: Estela Silva and Lisseth Tupe, San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services
Topic: Caring for our Aging Population: Innovative Approaches (Cooker)

Feb 23: Dr. Dan Walden, Superintendent / President, Victor Valley College
Topic: College (Acosta)

Mar 2: Greta Seidman, Director Public Affairs, Brightline West
Topic: Tracking the Future with Brightline West (Cooker)

Mar 9: Jan Gonzales, Superintendent & Maureen Mills, Excelsior Charter Schools
Topic: Educating Students in the Pandemic (Cooker)

Mar 16: Terry Caldwell
Topic: History of SVL (Page)

Mar 23: John Kozyra, Providence St. Mary
Topic: Hospital (Page)

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