

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



March 3, 2020

THE HARD WORK OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

This week the Club heard from **Jorge Duran**, Code Enforcement Director from the City of Victorville, who gave members an inside look at all of the issues they deal with on a daily basis. The department's goal is to maintain a comfortable, safe and clean-living environment for Victorville residents and businesses through excellent customer service, community awareness programs and effective partnerships between the city and the community.

With seven officers and working 6 days a week with late nights on Fridays and Saturdays, their objectives are to respond and end community nuisance complaints, address land use and zoning code issues, enforce state housing codes, investigate illegal dumping complaints, and support the Police and Fire Department.

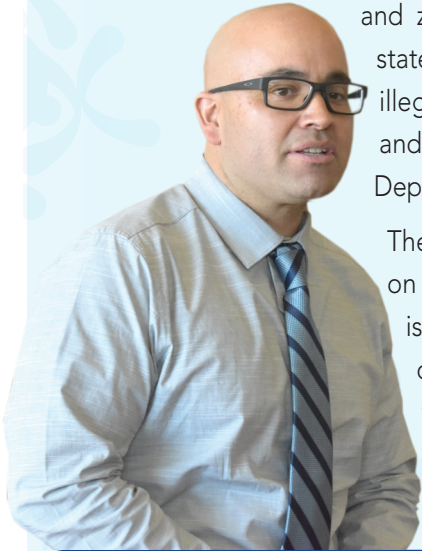
The Code Enforcement Officers on staff deal with a variety of issues on a daily basis. Some of these include property full of junk and garbage, illegal dumping, water run-offs, sidewalk obstructions,

homeless encampments, and trespassing violations. If you thought that was enough for a day's work, there is a lot more. They also must handle tenant/landlord disputes over living conditions, zoning violations, home based business compliance, and handle complaints over fireworks, yard sales, and excessive noise.

Currently the biggest issues the department is facing is over the sad state of Old Town Victorville. There is almost zero resident involvement to clean up the area, and the City is working hard to be more proactive in this area. Another issue, talked about a lot in the Club is the excessive amount of homelessness. Increased enforcement plus clean up budget dollars are needed to combat this more effectively. Another current issue on the rise is food street vendors. The food service at these "pop-up" shops are not regulated and the food handling can be quite unsafe. The late weekend nights are usually spent shutting these street vendors down. Finally, another issue they deal with a lot over the last year has been illegal cannabis cultivation in local homes and businesses. It is impacting all of our communities and over the last 13 months there have been approximately 147 locations shut down by Code Enforcement and local authorities.

In the future they will continue to work on some additional areas of service such as implementing programs to approve the community appeal of homes by renters, improvements with the upkeep of commercial zones, and to see solutions for vacant property maintenance and receiverships.

The Code Enforcement Department is here for Victorville residents. Their goal for all residents and business owners is to enhance the quality of life, appeal, safety and develop community pride.



This Week's Functionaries

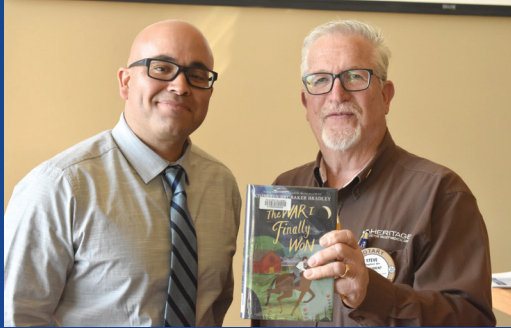
- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Oscar Garcia**
- 4-Way Test: **Chris Ackerman**
- Finemaster: **David North**

ORR'S ROARS



Thanks to Jorge and Emily from Victorville's Code Enforcement Department for working so hard to improve the quality of community health and safety. You have a lot to do, and the

Rotary Club of Victorville supports you!



Sign-ups are now available for our 5th Tuesday meeting which will take place at Korean BBQ on Park Ave, where you will cook your own food! Should be quite entertaining to say the least!

Have a wonderful Rotary week!

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Rotary Guests

Our Stand-ins this week were **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**, **Chris Ackerman** for **Kevin Kane**, **Susan Drake** for **Robert Lovingood**, and **Gloria Garcia** for **Keith Metzler**.

Raffle

Don Lager and **Terry Caldwell** will carry their groceries in their new Victor Valley Transit Authority shopping bags, and **Margaret Cooker** will pass the time with her VVTA Flying Saucer stress toy, all donated by **Chris Ackerman**. The final raffle gift was a Heritage clock from **Steve Orr**, that was taken home by **Marilyn Buttelwerth**.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining our President **Steve Orr** \$25 for doing his part in helping spread the Coronavirus by letting everyone get up and shake hands during networking time. He also fined **Chris Ackerman** \$20 for challenging the Club to do the 4-Way Test in a different order and **Terry Caldwell** was penalized \$25 for his 49 years as a Rotarian!

Since it was "Super Tuesday", David asked a series of voting questions to a few Rotarians, with a fine for wrong answers. Those losing \$20 included **Arsalee Morales**, **Kirsten Acosta** and **Mike Page**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$7.51

Polio Pig: \$2.51 + Dice (Marilyn Buttelwerth): \$5.00 = \$7.51

Collected to Date: \$17,175.42

Total equals: 95,462 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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Big Blue Dice



Marilyn Buttlerwerth won an opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but she drew white and saved the money for another.

We will continue next week with 5 dice and \$425 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Foundation News

We are looking for volunteers to hear Senior Presentations on Wednesday, April 15th at Noon for University Prep Students. This is a great way to serve and participate as a judge panelist for this afternoon event.



ShelterBox is making an urgent appeal for financial support from Rotarians for the humanitarian need in Syria. Over the past two months, almost 1 million people had fled their homes with just the clothes on their backs due to increased violence and air-strikes. Please consider donating so these families can have a ShelterBox home.

Please contact **Margaret Cooker** for more information on how you can be of service.



S.T.A.R. Students

This week we honored another group of S.T.A.R. Students from Puesta Del Sol School of College Readiness and Village Elementary. Hosted by **Jim Barnes** and **Maureen Mills**, we had on hand to pass out certificates were **Susan Drake** from Lovingood's office, **Christopher Paton** from Congressman Cook's office and Victorville Mayor **Gloria Garcia**.



At Puesa Del Sol, we honored **Rosita Alvarez** for being a student of integrity and impeccable citizenship, **Abigail Franco** for having the ability to not only to set goals, but meet them, and **Natalie Hernandez** for her "whatever it takes" attitude towards learning.



Down the road at Village Elementary, we met **Aaron Huerta**, who was honored for his improvements in math, **Aryn Newell** for being a leader among her peers and **Alejandro Valdez** for his continued growth in ELS and math.

Congratulations to all of our S.T.A.R. Students!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Positions & Committee Chairs

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| BOD Secretary | Marilyn Buttelwerth |
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| Dan Stover Music Contest..... | Dr. Bowtie Brian |
| S.T.A.R. Students | Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler |
| Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts | Steve Orr |
| 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

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| 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 Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY: | Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 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

May 1-3 Assembly and District Conference
Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

June 6-10 International Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii
Register through DaCDB

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Mar 10:** Matthew Cabe, City Editor, Daily Press,
Topic: "Update on the Daily Press"
(North)
- Mar 17:** **High School 4-Way Speech Contest**
(Club Level)
- Mar 24:** **Dan Stover Music Contest** (Cooker)
RYLA Students Run Meeting
- Mar 31:** **Evening Meeting: Korean BBQ**
Park Ave, Victorville



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