

The Joshua Tree

March 12, 2024

UPDATE & HISTORY OF ONTARIO AIRPORT

Things are soaring at the Ontario Airport. This week the Club heard from Community Engagement Specialist **Jennifer Contreras**, who shared that the Airport is currently celebrating its Centennial Anniversary.

The Ontario Airport is the gateway for many Southern California popular destinations and takes about 15 minutes from curb to gate. For the last 5 years, Ontario Airport has been named the fastest growing medium-sized airport in the country.

Ontario Airport currently hosts over 20 non-stop destinations and will include more beginning this summer. In June, Southwest Airlines will begin daily non-stop service to Nashville, as well as other destinations.

In addition to passenger airlines, Ontario Airport is also a cargo hub for UPS, FedEx and Amazon Prime. The airport is the most important e-commerce hub in the Western United States, with over 60,000 tons of air cargo, 2,661 tons of mail and 56,429 tons of air cargo.



A recent development that has brought a lot of excitement to the airport is the addition of the ONT+ Program. This program brings back the days of being able to see your loved ones to the airport departure gate and be there as soon as they arrive back. One must contact the airport at least 24 hours in advance to be cleared for this program.

Another new update to Ontario Airport that excited many Rotarians is the Global Entry Enrollment Program. With a cost of \$100 for five years, frequent travelers can bypass the TSA lines, not only at Ontario Airport but at many airports around the country.

Upcoming advancements include a short story dispenser, which will print out a short story for parents to read to little travelers, a new cargo hub, runway upgrades, new seating and charging stations, improved way finding signs and an increase number of security checkpoints in each terminal.

In the Ontario Airport terminals you may come across some four-legged friends too. Jennifer introduced the Paw Squad, a group of dogs that work the airport to calm jittery passengers. For those who need help in human form, the airport has Customer Experience Specialists, who can help passengers with their travel needs.

Please reach out to Jennifer Contreras at the Ontario Airport at jcontreras@flyontario.com or call (909) 544-5289.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Rob Kilpatrick
4-Way Test:	Rob Kilpatrick
Fine Master:	Ryan McEachron

MURRAY'S MINUTE



Thank you to Jennifer Contreras from the Ontario Airport for taking the time to stop by and take some of



our Rotarians on a trip down memory lane of the Airport, and sharing the exciting new features now available and upcoming!

We are looking for 4-5 Rotarians to help us start up a Fundraising Committee. We are looking for some fresh and unique ideas to raise money for the Club's many programs we support. Please see me if you are interested.

The Rotary Raffle Basket continues to grow with over \$2,000 worth of prizes! Please buy and sell tickets throughout the community. All the money raised will go into our treasury so our 24/25 President Bryan Gillespie will have a great start!

I am excited to announce that members of our sister Club, The Rotary Club of Enseñada will be in attendance next week for the Ethics Essay Contest. Please plan to be here to meet them and hear great presentations by our area students!

Steve

Margaret Cooker Update



We are happy to announce that **Margaret Cooker** is now out of the hospital, and in a recovery home in Garden Grove. **Steve and Pam Murray** visited Margaret last weekend and report back that she is in good spirits and on the mend.

If you would like to pay her a visit, she would be most appreciative. She is at Pacific Haven, located at 12072 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 93843. Visiting hours are 10:00am - 6:00pm, 7 days a week.

Get well soon Margaret!!

Rotary Foundation Awards



David North shared information on the Rotary Foundation receiving the 2023 Bernard Osher Philanthropist of the Year Award. All Rotarians are invited to attend the Award Ceremony! The Event will take place via Zoom on April 3rd at 1:00pm.

The award will be presented to the Rotary Foundation for demonstrating a commitment to philanthropy and serving as a role model to encourage philanthropy for California Community Colleges.

Register here: <https://rb.gy/csnu8m>



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Linda Hove had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will continue next week with 10 chips and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Raffle

Linda Hove was the big winner this week, winning an Easter decoration and a cocktail smoker kit from **Dana Hernandez** from Rock'n Our Disabilities Foundation, and two bottles of wine, one from **Steve Murray** and another from **David North!**



Jim Murray left the meeting with a L.A. Lakers jersey from **Linda Hove** plus the "Family Edition" of Trivial Pursuit and a Sound Spa audio system from Dana. He put all three items into the Rotary Raffle Basket.

Other winners included **Jim Cox** who received an Everyday Egg Cooker from Linda and David went home with a Red Rock RV backpack from **Russ Stringham**.

Finally, President **Steve Murray** received two great prizes, first an Ontario Airport goodie bag from **Jennifer Contreras**, and a Rotary Raffle Ticket from his dad.

Rotary Guests

Our Stand-ins this week were **Amanda Cowan** the Media Director of Life Church, who attended for **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and shared that **Jim Cox** called Ryan both on his cell and at his office, and when Ryan called him back, Jim didn't remember why he called, so that resulted in a \$5 fine per call, equaling \$10.

Michael Krause returned to the Club this week and was penalized \$5 for his long absence and **Rob Kilpatrick** was hit with a \$10 fine for not sharing any updates with Ryan on Brightline or the Highway 18 Improvement Project.

The final fine of the day went to **Chris Ackerman** who is selling a weird Porky Pig Sailor plush doll on Facebook Marketplace for \$30. The fine equaled the selling price.

Giving Back



In lieu of our traditional Rotary Easter baskets this year, President **Steve Murray** instead presented **Bill Edwards** with a check of \$1,000 to the Rescue Alliance of the Victor Valley to help fund their annual Easter Event that will take place at Calvary Chapel in Victorville. The event will host area children and their families with food, vendors, raffles, puppet show, sermon and more!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$10.00

Polio Pig: \$5 + Dice (Linda Hove) \$5 = \$10.00

Collected to Date: \$20,341.33

Total equals: 101,661 Doses!

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
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Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, 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

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:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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

April 8: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

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Upcoming Programs

- Mar 19: Club Level Ethics Essay Contest**
(Boyd)
S.T.A.R. Students
- Mar 26:** Keith Metzler, City Manager, City of Victorville **TOPIC: City Update** (Page)
- April 2: Rotary Area Combined Music and Speech Contests** (Johnson)
- April 9: Victor Valley College - Professor Wilkerson**

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