

The Joshua Tree

March 23, 2021

THE HISTORY OF SPRING VALLEY LAKE

There is a lot of history here in the High Desert, and our Club is very lucky to have members who have quite an extensive knowledge of the area. In addition to **Terry Caldwell** (who we will hear from next week), we also have **Stew Anderson**! This week, Stew, along with guest **Al Logan** from the Spring Valley Lake Association shared the history, past and present of the “*Jewel of the Desert*”.



Another point of interest to note is in order to preserve the natural plant life in SVL, 75 Joshua Trees were transplanted to new sites within its property.

Another huge draw to Spring Valley Lake is its Golf Course. Designed by world famous golf architect **Robert Trent Jones**,

construction began on the 164-acre course in early 1970 and features three different types of grass; the fairways consist of a special blend of Marion Kentucky Blue, while Congressional Bent on the greens, and Funking Blue grass on the tees. There are over 100 bunkers over the 6,518 yards of the course, plus eight water hazards and meandering trout streams. Stew shared that he, as

The Boise Cascade Corporation acquired the land and developed the projected layout of SVL in 1968 and the following year, the company broke ground and began to develop the land, formally Kalin Ranch, a cattle property.

Of course, Spring Valley Lake is made famous by its massive man-made lake, which began development in September 1969. Huge earth moving equipment moved a total of 5.2 million cubic yards of dirt to create a 200-acre plastic lined lake. The equipment was the largest assemblage on a private project in San Bernardino County. Seven months later the lake was completed, consisting of 200 surface acres and 7 miles of shoreline. At its maximum lake it is 6000 feet long and the depth ranges from 9 feet to 22 feet.



well as his golf balls, have visited all of these bunkers and water hazards. For the golf

aficionados, the course is Par 72 and is not classed as a long layout, but it does stress accuracy and fitness.

Another popular attraction to residents of Spring Valley Lake is the Equestrian Estates and Center. The EQ is on 466 acres and all lots are on a half-acre and of course zoned for horses. The

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards
- Flag Salute:** Jim Murray
- 4-Way Test:** Margaret Cooker

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ORR'S ROARS



It was great to have a room full of Rotarians back this week, it almost felt like we were back to normal! Even better was the assembled room all coming out to hear our own Stew Anderson share his vast knowledge of the

History of Spring Valley Lake! Thank you Stew (and Al Logan!) for all the hard work you put in finding out about the history of the "Jewel of the Desert".

We were blessed to receive a letter from Dana Hernandez of the Rock'n Our Disabilities Foundation, thanking us for our \$500 donation to their Eggxtra Special Trunk Event that will be taking place this weekend.

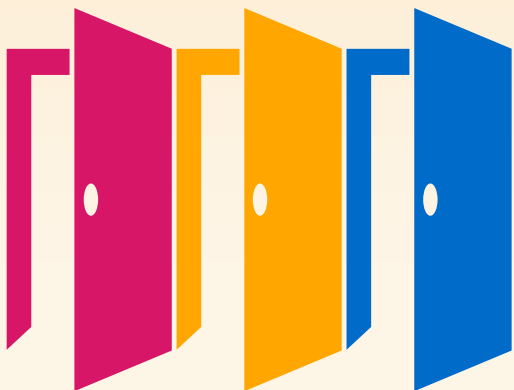
Our Club also donated \$1,500 to purchase ten Hippo Water Rollers, which is a device used to carry clean water more easily back to villages anywhere in the world.

Don't forget to sign up for our return to a "5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting", which will take place on June 29th at Korean BBQ in Victorville, next to Kaiser. It will be a great time of fellowship and food!

Finally, all Past Presidents, please mark your calendars for April 22 for a Past Presidents' dinner on April 22 at 5:30pm over at Mama Carpino's in Apple Valley.

Until next week...

Steve



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Spring Valley Lake...

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Center was completed in 1973 and opened a year later at the cost of \$450,000. The Center covers five acres itself and consists of dining, bar, two stable barns, stud barns, hay storage barns and a paved parking lot.

To keep things secure and safe inside SVL is their own security force that has been active since 1974, and in 1977 the area got its own Fire Department. All SVL Fire Fighters are property owners or employees of Spring Valley Lake.



Next, SVL General Manager Alfred Logan spoke for a few minutes on the future of SVL. Currently, there are 20 different home styles in development with just 70 lots not yet developed, and even less, 17, in the Equestrian area. Those keeping an eye on current real estate trends, know that it won't be long until all lots are developed. In the past, homes inside SVL were used as vacation homes or rental properties, and currently there are over 1,000 rental properties inside Spring Valley Lake, but that number is dwindling due to rental restrictions in place and more sales from homeowners, as they see more profit from sales than rentals. Now there are more full families taking advantage of SVL amenities.

Going forward, the Association is looking into purchasing the Country Club to keep it community owned and operated, plus more amenities to help Spring Valley Lake continue to grow for those who are Ok to live a unique lifestyle living under an HOA.

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Ryan McEachron had the first chance to grab the Blue Dice, but drew white and donated his \$5 back to the Polio Pig! We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Harrison Hove** who attended with father **Jon Hove**, plus Jay Obernolte aide **Christopher Scott** and **Coleen Luque** once again as a guests of **Steve Orr**.

Raffle



In this week's raffle, President **Steve Orr** will be decked out in Hi-Grade Materials gear, with the hat, shirt and koozie he won from **Jon Hove** and his son **Harrison Hove**. **Jim Mettler** donated a bottle of wine, courtesy of CalPortland,

which will be enjoyed by our speaker, **Stew Anderson**. **Donna**

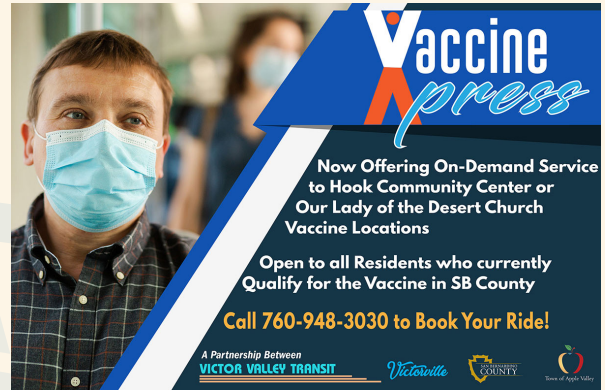
Wells went back into tax season with a Tweezerman Nose Hair Clipper from **Kevin Kane** at Victor Valley Transit and once again the luckiest person in the room was **Tina Escareño!** Tina left the meeting with a \$25



Walmart card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and a set of cedar carving planks from **Jim Murray** at Bob's Tire Service.

Spoon of Exception

Kevin Kane had the Spoon for another week and shared information about the Vaccine Xpress, a free, on-demand service



to and from vaccination centers at Hook Community Center in Victorville and Our Lady of the Desert Church in Apple Valley. This service is available and encouraged for anyone who is currently eligible for the vaccine.

In the coming days, Kevin is hoping to announce additional vaccination sites including Barstow and more throughout the entire San Bernardino County.

Giving Back



The Rotary Club of Victorville presented a check in the amount of \$217 to **Bill Edwards** of the Victor Valley Rescue Mission to feed 100 families Easter dinners this year. Thank you, Bill for all you do for those less fortunate in our community.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.00

Polio Pig: \$12.00 + Dice (Ryan McEachron): \$5.00= \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$17,802.23

Total equals: 96,718 Doses!

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



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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

- April 12:** Board of Directors meeting
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- April 22:** Past Presidents' Dinner
5:30 pm Mama Carpino's, Apple Valley
- June 12-19:** Taipei Convention (Virtual)

Upcoming Programs

- Mar 30:** Terry Caldwell, **Topic: History of George AFB (Southern California Logistics Airport) - Part 1** (Page)
- April 6:** Tom Schibusch, **Topic: March of Dimes** (Orr)
- April 13:** **OPEN**
- April 20:** Luke Vorstermans, Founder of Roll a Hippo Foundation, **Topic: Take a Hippo to Work** (Cooker)
- April 27:** **Ethics Essay Contest** (Boyd)

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