



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



March 26, 2019

HOW TO GET OUT OF A TRAFFIC TICKET

Retired Family Law Judge **Kirt Mahlum** entertained Rotarians this week with several more stories from his experience as an attorney and Judge. He graduated from law school 50 years ago; on the bench for 17 years and retired about 5 years. He still does mediations, and highlighted some facts of interest. He moved to Barstow in 1951 or 1952 with his dad, and told how his dad, also a Federal Magistrate, and the DA at the time would fly his plane to Baker for hearings, and always buzz the courthouse and sheriff's office. They would then land on the road and hear their cases. In the early 50's there were only a handful of judges in Barstow and Victorville, some of whom would sometimes imbibe with a snort of Jim Beam between cases! Kirt maintains things have changed drastically in chambers these days. He also stated that the advance of cruiser and body cameras have brought about big changes.



Kirt had some advice for receiving a traffic ticket... "Trial by Declaration" if you don't qualify for traffic school. Remember the other side has to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt, and quite often, the officer is unavailable to show up, or maybe hasn't filed his statement. A not guilty verdict will be rendered, and there's no need to lie; the prosecution is unable to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. However, if you are

found guilty, best to request a trial. Case must be dismissed if the officer doesn't show up for court, which happens quite often. Also, don't ever agree to a continuance just because the officer doesn't show up! Another suggestion for a speeding ticket, ask the officer politely if they would agree to a lesser ticket or speed, because it never hurts to ask. Officers are human, after all.

Kirt shared a couple of great speeding excuses: "I was running out of gas" and "I had to go to the bathroom".

Kirt's experience comes from a variety of law including juvenile court, probate, law and motion, and criminal. His most favorite types of court proceedings are weddings and adoptions and his favorite kinds of court cases are those with very good attorneys. He loves to watch them "go at it, legally".

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This Week's Functionaries

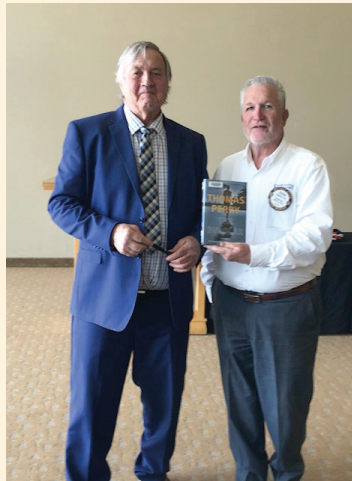
- Invocation:** Matthew Farias
- Flag Salute:** Don Lager
- 4-Way Test:** Brad Poiriez
- Finemaster:** Mark Taylor

ORR'S ROARS



It was a great meeting with week with **Kirt Mahlum** returning to the Club to share some more great stories. I thought it was quite apropos to present him with the book, "Thomas Perry the Burglar", which will be donated to the Victorville Library in his name!

Mike Page was on hand to remind all Past Presidents of the quarterly Past President's Meeting April 22nd at 5:30 at El Pescador.



Don't forget Easter is just around the corner and next week we will be putting the baskets together at our meeting! Please make plans to attend and be a part of this great local Rotarian cause in our community.

Finally, "Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes; that would be boring. Spend thirty seconds in my head; that will freak you out!"

Have a great Rotary week!

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KIRT MAHLUM...

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As a divorced man, he discussed the pain and frustration



for everyone in a divorce proceeding; he always pushed for speed, as mediations that drag on get very expensive. He was the Family Law Department in Barstow, where the local attorneys as well as the families involved appreciated an expeditious outcome.

Kirt was very serious in excessive speed cases, however, and would often have the speeder look at the "Death Book" Kirt had made up of horrific, gory photos of people and children killed in accidents involving high speeds.

Kirt answered some questions and concluded with some sound advice to all involved in court proceedings: Be prepared - Be polite - Be organized. Hire a local attorney, and don't hesitate to use a Public Defender in an average, not too serious case.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Trish Johnson	April 1
Corey Beck	April 10
Bill Scott	April 15
Mattie Brown	April 16
Russ Stringham	April 23
Alicia Anderson	April 23

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$23.00

Polio Pig: \$18.00 + Dice (Kevin Kane): \$5.00 = \$23.00

Collected to Date: \$16,237.73

Total equals: 93,546 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Kevin Kane had the chance for some big money, but took another white dice out of the bag for another Rotarian.

We will continue next week with 7 Dice and \$375 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION

Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master and began



by fining **Russ Stringham** \$25 for his phone going off, and **Kevin Porter** was fashionably late, qualifying for a \$10 fine. Kevin's question about who founded "Little Red Wagon Day" was correctly

answered by **Terry Caldwell's** table, so they escaped a fine.

Donna Wells, Russ Stringham, and **Don Lager** couldn't answer the National Epilepsy Day question, so were each fined \$5.

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Kevin Kane used the Spoon this week to announce that VVTA will be building a new, huge, \$10 million dollar facility in Barstow, and thanks Rotarians for their tax dollars. He hopes this will be the last facility being built on his watch!

Being the end of the month, it was time to raffle the Spoon to another Rotarian and **Arsalee Morales** got the Spoon for the low price of \$50!

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

John Wilkins	19 Years
Ryan McEachron	19 Years
Bill Scott	18 Years
Mary Teran	12 Years
Rob Kilpatrick	12 Years
Paula Porter	9 Years
David North	9 Years
Todd Sturges	8 Years
Sam Grandlienard	3 Years
Capt. Rick Bessinger	1 Year
Jim Doltar	1 Year

ROTARY GUESTS

This week we welcomed **Kurt Kroencke**, the son of **John Kroencke**, and **Mary Teran** was back as a stand-in, filling in for **Chris Ackerman**.

RAFFLE

In this week's Raffle, **Kevin Kane** took home the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**, a USB Hub went to **Matthew Farias**, and some "Soap on a Rope", will be used by **Kevin Porter**. Finally, **Terry Caldwell** will be cooking some great food with his Grill-master BBQ apron he won from **Kevin Kane**.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. April 7 to President Brad Letner.

Brian "Dr. Bowtie" Nayamwange

Pharmacist

Organization: CVS Pharmacy

Classification: Healthcare: Pharmacist

Sponsor: McKenzie Tarango



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2018-2019	Brad Letner
President 2019-2020	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
President 2020-2021/Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Dr. Breada Leach
Scholarships	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Jon Hove

Members-at-Large:

Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Corporal At Arms	Arsalee Morales
Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards.....	Rick Bessinger
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Teresa Letner
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
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 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, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, noon 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

- Apr 4:** **Past Presidents' Dinner**
Mama Carpino's, Apple Valley, CA
5:00pm • \$30 (Food & Wine)
- Apr 8:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Apr 8:** **Regional Competition for Dan Stover and the 4 Way Test Speech Contests**
5:30 pm • El Pescador
- April 30:** **5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting**
5:30 pm
Château Chang, Victorville

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- April 2:** **Easter Basket Community Project**
(Johnson)
- April 9:** **STAR Students Program** (Mills)
- April 16:** Sue Moore, Moore Digital Marketing
TOPIC: "What is your Social Media Footprint?" (Page)
- April 23:** **Jr. High Francis Beatty Memorial 4 Way Speech Contest**
- April 30:** **Evening Meeting - Chateau Chang**

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