

The Joshua Tree

April 6, 2021

THE 45TH WALK OF ONE MAN TO HELP OTHERS

The definition of the word Icon means, “a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol or as worthy of veneration”. If that doesn’t describe **Tom Schibusch**, then nothing does. Despite being born premature with cerebral palsy, Tom will be walking in his 45th March of Dimes in May of this year.



least guaranteed a “Cop Donut”. Wilcox once told the Daily Press that Schibusch has “spent his whole life giving to others and he takes nothing back except feeding his wonderful spirit.”

Over the years, Tom has been honored by several organizations, including the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Victor Valley African American Chamber of Commerce, the Victor Valley College

Tom began his March of Dimes walks in 1976 at aged 13 and just 2 years later garnered both local and national media attention. As a Senior in 1981, Tom raised more funds than the Mayor of Covina! The look of his March of Dimes walks has changed over his 45 years. They began at local pizza parlors, then Victor Valley Jr. High, and later City Hall, and pre-Covid, at Victor Valley College.

Foundation and many others.

Since that time, he has amassed well over 500 miles and has brought quite a cast of characters with him along the way, most notably, the CHiPs family.

This year marks the 45th Walk for Tom, and while all the March of Dimes Fundraisers will be virtual... *(this writer promised not*



to give anything away, so if you were not at this week’s meeting, just be listening and looking for news on Saturday, April 10th, and prepare to donate 45¢, \$4.50,

Known as “Tom’s Team” actors **Robert Pine** and **Larry Wilcox**, known for their starring roles in the TV show “CHiPs” have stood by his side and become to represent Tom with the guarantee that if you walk in the March of Dimes with Tom’s team, you are at

\$450, \$4500), well...you get the point.

Concluding a talk that shared many stories of how the Rotary Club of Victorville and Tom have crossed paths that have led to his success with the March of Dimes, Tom became a little emotional, and asked us all to remember all of the young people the Club has supported over the years, as he was one of them, and just looking at himself, it is true that Rotary does make a difference.

This Week’s Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards

Flag Salute: Keith Metzler

4-Way Test: Arsalee Morales

ORR'S ROARS



I couldn't have been more honored this week to have my dear friend Tom Schibusch speak to our Club and share so many interesting and funny stories on how the March of Dimes and the Rotary



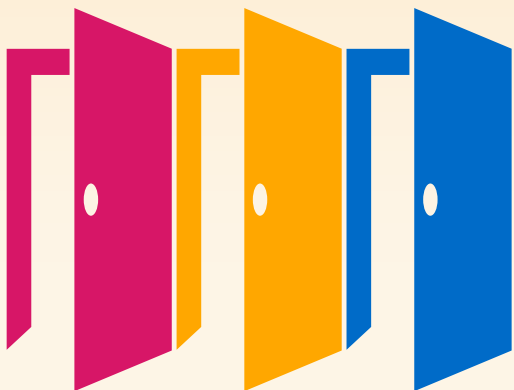
Club of Victorville has crossed paths with Tom right in the middle of it all! Godspeed on your 45th walk this year!

Please don't forget to sign up for our "5th Tuesday" Rotary meeting at Korean BBQ in Victorville on June 29th! It will be a lot of fun and a great time of fellowship.

Our next Board meeting will be on April 12th at 5:30pm in the DCB Board Room. A reminder to all Red Badge Rotarians, it is a requirement that you attend a board meeting in your quest to obtain a Blue Badge.

Next week the Griz returns with Part III on the history of Hesperia! Make your plans to join us at El Pescador or on Zoom.

Steve



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She shared her world with us and now we want to share her legacy with you.

Please join us for a virtual tribute in honor of Glee & Hanley Heikes

Saturday, April 24, 2021 - 10:00 am-11:00 am

Please RSVP by Monday, 4/19/21 to stmaryfoundation@providence.org

For more information or questions, please contact supportstmaryfoundation.org/CelebrateGlee



Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Keith Metzler had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, and wouldn't you know it, he did and took home \$250!

We will start anew next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle

Tina Escareño is once again the queen of the gift cards! Tina left the meeting with another \$20 ARCO Pump Pass card, courtesy of Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group. **Keith Metzler** will be armed and ready for anything with the pocketknife key chain he won from **Kevin Kane** at Victor Valley Transit.

Spoon of Exception

Our President **Steve Orr** had his first week with the Spoon and shared that Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group is now accepting all San Bernardino County Residents for Covid-19 Vaccines at their location at 12370 Hesperia Road in Victorville. They are by appointment only by calling 888-510-6334 or visiting sbccovid19.com/vaccine

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

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For more information on the vaccine and eligibility, visit <https://sbccovid19.com/vaccine/>

HERITAGE VICTOR VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP
"The Resort"
12370 Hesperia Rd
Victorville, CA 92395

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed our new Victorville Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong**, who attended with **Keith Metzler**, plus Jay Obernolte aide **Christopher Scott** and **Coleen Luque** once again as a guests of **Steve Orr**.

Evening of Comedy

Get ready to laugh! The Rotary Club of Las Vegas Summerlin is having a Comedy Night and we are invited, virtually of course! The event will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 6pm at the home of Jon and Linda Hove. For the Cost of \$60 per person, there will be dinner, a silent auction, and some great comedy, all on the big outdoor screen in the Hove's Backyard.

Half the money you spend goes to our Club and the other half to the Summerlin Club.

You also have the option of ordering the livestream for your whole household for the cost of \$85, with \$25 going back into our Club. If you'd like to attend or watch from home, please contact **Bill Edwards, Steve Orr** or **Margaret Cooker**.

In the house... Your house
DO YOU MISS VEGAS? WE'RE BRINGING THE STRIP RIGHT INTO YOUR LIVING ROOM.

Your ticket comes with a **\$25 Pizza Hut online coupon.**

Streaming Saturday, April 17 at 6pm

Encore performances all night long after the first show!

Headliners include:

- Magician Mat Franco
- Comedian Carrot Top
- Fantasy Show Girls
- Frank Marino as Joan Rivers
- The Australian Bee Gees
- The Carpenters Tribute
- Neil Diamond Tribute
- The Kingston Trio Tribute

WELCOME
Buy Tickets at rotarysummerlin.org

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$9.00
Collected to Date: \$17,829.23
Total equals: 96,772 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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 17: Night of Comedy**
6:00 pm Home of Jon & Linda Hove
\$60 per person / \$85 In-Home Livestream
- April 22: Past Presidents' Dinner**
5:30 pm Mama Carpinio's, Apple Valley
- June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)**

Upcoming Programs

- April 13:** The Griz, **Topic: The History of Hesperia (Part III)** (Edwards)
- 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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