



# The Joshua Tree

**April 9, 2024**

## THE LEGACY OF LINCOLN AND DAVIS

Two men born less than 100 miles apart played critical leadership roles in our Civil War, as shared this week by Victor Valley College Professor **David Wilkerson**.

Both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were both born in Kentucky. History records that Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Sinking Springs Farm, Kentucky. Davis was born June 3, 1808, in Samuel, now Todd County, Fairview.

These two men served as wartime leaders for four bloody years. From 1861 to 1865, Lincoln and Davis oversaw the fortunes and vicissitudes of their respective nations. We may well wonder how much of Kentucky these men took with them in their very different lives.

Lincoln is still portrayed as the epitome of the simple man. Born in a log cabin of undistinguished parents, he had very little formal education, yet went on to become the greatest president in the history of the United States. Davis



on the other hand represents aspirations to Southern aristocracy. His family sent him to school in some of the best educational institutions. He attended Transylvania University in Lexington, where he learned the classics.

The contrast in Lincoln and Davis could not be more marked. Lincoln with little education had a natural genius that enabled him overcome an economical deprived background. He studied law, and became successful in his chosen field.

In 1842, Lincoln married Mary Todd of Lexington, thus ensuring a continuing association with his native state. The family of Jefferson Davis moved to Mississippi, where Davis became involved in cotton planting. As a plantation owner, and a former military man (he graduated from West Point in 1828), he became the beau ideal of a Southern gentleman. In 1845, Davis married Varina Howell of Natchez, Mississippi.

Both Lincoln and Davis had military careers. Davis by far, had an extensive military background. Davis served in the U.S. Army, and fought in the Mexican War. President Franklin Pierce appointed him secretary of war in 1853. In contrast, Lincoln's military experience rested on a brief stint in the Black Hawk War of the 1830s. He found that the life of a soldier was not for him.

### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** **Chris Ackerman**

**Flag Salute:** **Bill Scott**

**4-Way Test:** **Mike Page**

**Fine Master:** **David North**

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## MURRAY'S MINUTE



Thank you to Professor David Wilkerson for coming this week and giving us a lecture on Abraham

Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, their differences and how it affected the Government during the Civil War. We look to have you back again soon.



The Super Build is back! Rotarians from around the District will gather on May 4th down in Tecate, Mexico and spend 7-8 hours working together to build a house for a blessed family. We travel over the border by bus and have a great time, no matter your skill level. Please see me for more information.

The District Conference Cruise will take place June 21-24 and Rotarians are encouraged to attend. We want to help you get there, so the Club is offering a \$370 rebate to Club members. During the conference, we will disembark from the ship and do a service project in a factory to build artificial limbs. Please see me for more information.

Finally, our raffle continues to grow. Thanks to Jon Hove for selling his whole book of tickets...can you do the same or more?

Steve

## Wilkerson

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In image, Lincoln and Davis seemed worlds apart. Davis stood with a military bearing. He often looked rather dour. No one doubted that Davis thought of himself as a statesman. Lincoln, on the other hand, seemed to be a gangly, too tall, skinny backwoodsman. His demeanor earned him the reputation of being approachable. He loved to tell jokes, and often seemed to be less than dignified.

While Davis served in the Mexican War, Lincoln as a congressman from Illinois opposed the war. This would not be the last time that they would be on opposite sides. Davis had joined the Democrats, and Lincoln had become a Whig. When the old Whig Party began to die out in the 1850s, Lincoln joined the newly formed Republican Party.

The two men that shaped our nation's history had a passion for their beliefs. Both men were willing to sacrifice all they had for their respective countries. Both men had their faults. Davis could be a cold and demanding leader. Many historians feel he was a frustrated general caught in the role of a civilian official. Lincoln could be dictatorial, and often overrode the Constitution when he felt the necessity.

Witnesses recalled that Lincoln had a "dreamy" expression on his care worn face. Within all too brief a time, John Wilkes Booth would end forever the hopes and dreams that Lincoln had for the reunited country. When Jefferson Davis heard that Lincoln had been assassinated, he mourned his death as one the darkest day for the South. Both Lincoln and Davis have now achieved mythic status in American history. Throughout the nation, statues of Lincoln abound. In the South, Davis, who had been vilified during his presidency of the confederacy by many of his fellow Southerners, now is immortalized in bronze and marble throughout the South.

They are two figures that will forever be representative of that time in American history when brother fought against brother in the cruelest of all American wars.

**Portions of this piece taken from kentucky.gov**



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## Big Blue Poker Chip



Jon 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 6 chips and \$400 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

## Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master this week and announced that since he missed fining people on International Women's Day, he would ask questions from the WNCAA Women's Basketball trivia. **Arsalee Morales** got two questions wrong and was penalized \$40 and **Chris Ackerman** paid \$25 for not evening knowing what the WNCAA was!

Finally David fined **Steve Murray** \$25 for re-gifting the wine he won from David in last week's raffle!

## Raffle

David North donated a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by **Steve Murray**, which will go along with the cutting board he received from his dad, **Jim Murray**. Steve gave away a gift card from Six Bean Coffee that will be used by **Rob Kilpatrick**, as will the bottle of wine he won from **Steve Murray**.

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Harrison Hove** and **Bahaa Moukaddam** from Robar Enterprises who attended with **Jon Hove**.

## Recognitions



Last week the Club took part in a fantastic Zoom presentation where the Rotary Foundation and all the Rotary District's in California were presented with the distinguished 2023 Bernard Osher Philanthropist of the Year Award. The Foundation and Districts received the award for monies donated in the college system in California in the amount of 6.2 million to date!

**Please Note:  
There will be No Newsletter  
next week, April 16th**

## Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. April 15 to President Steve Murray.

**Richard P Walters**

**CalPortland Cement**

**Plant Manager**

**Classification: Production: Plant Manager**

**Sponsor: Jon Hove**

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$8.00**

Polio Pig: \$3 + Dice (Jon Hove) \$5 = \$8.00

**Collected to Date: \$20,395.33**

**Total equals: 101,769 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 .....	<b>Please be Interviewed</b>
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/RYLA & 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
Membership.....	Bryan Gillespie
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, Noon. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

**April 13: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

## Upcoming Programs

- April 16:** Rob Kilpatrick, **TOPIC "Hwy 18 Corridor Update"** (Page)
- April 23:** **Victor Valley Union High School District S.T.A.R. Students**
- April 30:** **5th Tuesday Evening Meeting Pancho Villa's Restaurant Victorville Restaurant Row 5:30pm**
- May 7:** Robert Lovingood/Mike Thrapp, ICR Staffing Services, **TOPIC "Wage, Hour and Employment Litigation Trends"** (Page)
- May 14:** Chris Lamoreaux, Owner, Coldwell Banker Home Source, **TOPIC "Real Estate Commission Settlement - Changes to Commissions: What Does It Really Mean?"** (Page)

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