

The Joshua Tree




April 12, 2022

WHO ARE THE FORGOTTEN PRESIDENTS



This week we were honored to have Victor Valley College Professor **David Wilkerson** share about the lost Presidents of the United States. If you ask most people who was the

first President of the United States, the answer is **George Washington**, but unbeknown to most, there were actually 16 prior Presidents! There were actually 14 individuals, as two of them served additional terms.

Peyton Randolph is actually the first President. Randolph was technically the first leader of the United States of America as the first (and third) president of the Continental Congress, which led the nation during the American Revolutionary War. As a member of the First Continental Congress he signed the Continental Association and is considered one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

Next was **Henry Middleton**. A member of the colonial legislature, during the American Revolution, he attended the First Continental Congress and served as that body's president for four days in 1774 after the passage of the Continental Association, which he signed.

Following that we had **John Hancock**. He served as president of the

Second Continental Congress and was the first and third Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

After that we had **Henry Lawrence**, the only POW to serve as President. He was the 4th President to serve after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

From there we had **John Jay**. John was also the negotiator, and signatory of the Treaty of Paris of 1783. He served as the second governor of New York and the first chief justice of the United States.

After John came **Samuel Huntington** from Connecticut. He served as President of the Continental Congress from 1779 to 1781, and was the most "self made man" out of all of the founding fathers.

The eighth President was **Thomas McKean**. During the American Revolution, he was a Delaware delegate to the Continental Congress, where he signed the Continental Association, the United States Declaration of Independence, and the Articles of Confederation.

Following the Continental Congress was the Articles of Confederation which was the first constitution of the United States of America and was in effect from 1781-1789. There were eight individuals appointed by Congress for a one-year term in office, and each was referred to as "President of the United States in Congress Assembled."

First (or next) was **John Hanson**. He was the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled and served from November 5, 1781 to November 4, 1782. He was also responsible for the official seal of the United States.

Elias Boudinot served from 1782 - 1783. He was also a supporter of the rights of Native Americans.

Thomas Mifflin served the following year. During the Revolutionary War, Mifflin served as a Major and the chief aide-de-camp to General George Washington and was appointed Quartermaster General of the Continental Army in 1775.

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** John Wickum
- 4-Way Test:** Bryan Gillespie
- Fine Master:** David North

HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to David Wilkerson from Victor Valley College for coming out this week to share his wealth of knowledge of history, specifically about the 16

presidential terms before George Washington! We hope to have you back very soon to share more great facts on our great country.



Our Comedy Night is this weekend! Thank you to our sponsors Ryan McEachron (ARMAC Insurance), Arsalee Morales (Apple Valley Communications), Dwight Johnson (El Dorado Broadcasters), Bob Basen (Coldwell Banker), Robert Lovingood (ICR Staffing) and Steve Murray (Bob's Tires)! There is still time to be a \$250 sponsor and get 4 tickets and help the Club make this fundraiser a big success!

We have lots of events on the calendar, so please make sure you look on page 4 of this newsletter and attend at least one of them

See you next week for our Dan Stover Music Competition!

Jon Hove



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David Wilkerson

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Next was **Richard Henry Lee**. He spoke out against slavery, even though he was himself a plantation owner. After Richard's term, John Hancock served another term in office.

Following John, our next President was **Nathaniel Gorham**. He supported a new constitution that could control interstate commerce, a strong international trade base and the regulation of paper money.

Arthur St. Clair was appointed the seventh President of the United States in Congress Assembled and served from February 2, 1787 to October 29, 1787. St. Clair fought in the turning point battles of Trenton and Princeton and earned the rank of Major General.

The final President was **Cyrus Griffin**. He was part of the Congress of the Confederation in 1787 and served the last term as its president prior to the adoption of the Federal Constitution, and the election of George Washington.

And the rest is history...

Saturday, April 16, 2022 "Egg On Your Face" Easter Comedy Night

Doors Open 6PM
Showtime 7PM
PG-13 Material

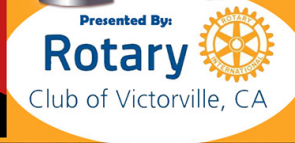
Tickets / Info:
(760) 985-9581
Tickets: \$15.00



Mike Cano



Julio Gonzalez



Ace Guillen



Sam Ridley

Victorville Elks Lodge - 14041 Hesperia Rd, Victorville, CA 92392

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Dwight Johnson had the chance to pick the Blue Dice out of the bag, but drew white and saved the chance for another next week.

We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Spoon of Exemption

Jon Hove had another week with the Spoon and let everyone know that if you need concrete to pour a foundation and/or steel to build, Robar Enterprises can help you. They began in 2017 with 11,000 acres in the Low Desert and became the largest ready mix supplier in the whole Low Desert. Their quarry is also known as the best concrete sand in the desert! Find out more at www.robar.com.



Cancer Bus Update

We are pleased to announce that the Cancer Screening Bus supported by the Club has been highly successful so far. It conducted 12 screening camps, created awareness for 2000 people, conducted screening tests for 1000 people, and saved 10 lives by early detection of cancer in them.

We regret to announce the passing of
Shirley Williams
Widow of Past President Carl William,
died at home on hospice April 12.
Service pending

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master again this week began by fining **Corey Beck** \$20 in honor of his birthday, while **Bill Scott** received a penalty in the same amount for his 21st Rotary Anniversary.

Next, President **Jon Hove** should have received a fine because on Monday night it was the birthday of **Linda Hove** and while anyone would assume she would be wined and dined for her special day. Instead, she was brought to the Board Meeting, and was presented with a store bought cake, and on top of that had to cut it and serve it to the board members! According to David, President Hove was VERY lucky he had the Spoon of Exemption!

Finally, **Kirsten Acosta** was presented with a fine of \$26 for participating in her 26th Spartan Run, but it was cut in half to \$13 because she didn't ask David to compete in it this time!

Raffle

Bryan Gillespie was our big winner this week winning a \$20 Chili's gift card from **Dwight Johnson**, a Victor Valley Transit campfire mug from **Chris Ackerman** and to go into the mug, Bryan will enjoy the bottle of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey he received from Fire **Chief Jeff Armstrong!**



Chris received a bottle of wine from Dwight and **Dr. Ron Williams** will get use from the VVTA mobile phone charger.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$15.00

Polio Pig: \$10 + Dwight Johnson (Dice): \$5.00= \$15.00

Collected to Date: \$18,742.67

Total equals: 98,601 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2021-2022	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Steve Orr
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Need Volunteer
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
High School Speech Contest.....	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large: David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Stephen Quintero
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Margaret Cooker
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
VVUHSD Jr. HS Four Way Speech	Nancy Noble
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 Spring Valley
Lake 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:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 13165 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 16: Comedy Night Fundraiser (PG-13)
6:00pm Doors • 7:00pm Show
Victorville Elks Lodge, 14041 Hesperia Road
Tickets: \$15.00 Snacks only included.
Elks cash bar at your service.
Contact Arsalee for tickets. 760-985-9581

**April 21: Fireside with District Governor
Elizabeth "Betsy" McDonough
Barry**
5:00pm, Rotary Garden at the Apple Valley
Chamber Office
16010 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley

April 23: District Assembly
Granite Hills High School • 8:45am - 1:45pm

April 25: Past Presidents' Meeting
5:30pm • Robar Enterprises

April 28: Past Presidents' Dinner
Mama Carpino's • Apple Valley, CA
Fellowship 5:00pm • Dinner 7:00pm

Upcoming Programs

April 19: Dan Stover Music Contest (Coker)

April 26: Mike Goth, Deputy Fire Marshal, Victorville
FD **Topic: "Fire Prevention and Safe
Business Practices"** (Armstrong)

May 3: Jeff Armstrong, Fire Chief, City of Victorville
**Topic: "Traveling Safely in Mexico
- My Trips to San Felipe"**

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