

The Joshua Tree

April 13, 2021

THE RETURN OF OLD TOWN GRIZ

The Griz is back!! For a third and final time, **Dave “Old Town Griz” Drylie** returned to share more images, stories and history of Hesperia. In his first two talks, Griz covered the years 1840 - 1900 and then 1900 - 1950. This week, Griz spoke about more recent history as well as the future for the Historical Society and Museum.



One of the first things Griz shared was the recording from 1954 of FX McDonald and his song, “Headin for Hesperia”, written by his dad to the tune of “Battle of the Hymn Republic”. The song was viewed nationally on the Arthur Godfree Show, that caused the United States to recognize Hesperia more than just a place people moved to for the cleaner air to help with Tuberculosis.

In fact, for a 4 year period from 1955 - 1960, the population of Hesperia grew from around 600 people to over 5,000! It was the first of many real estate booms in the High Desert.

In 1957, the Hesperia Recreation and Park District began and it is the only such District of the “Big 3” (including Victorville and Apple Valley) that is not owned by the City. This is due to the fact that the District came before the City was incorporated in 1988.

From there Griz shared information on the building of Joshua Circle Elementary School and how the Bell in front of the school was from the first Hesperia schoolhouse. Originally it was to be called “Hesperia Elementary” until a contest was presented to the community to come up with a better name.

Other topics and points of interest shared included the Hesperia Inn, and although since torn down, you can still see its look as Foremost Retirement Center was built the same way.

Griz also shared about Hesperia Lake, originally called Lake Rotobo) and the Hesperia Airpark, named that because people could literally fly out from in front of their homes. The Airpark also had a swimming pool in the shape of an airplane and apartments so people could fly in and play at Hesperia Golf Course, the only PGA course (for 4 years) ever in the High Desert.

Old Town Griz concluded his meeting sharing information on the Hesperia Historical Preservation Committee. They are currently looking for volunteer board members. They will be working to raise funds for the Museum to build scale models, a virtual resource library for area schools, and equipment for aerial photography, all to have the ability to show and demonstrate various aspects of Hesperia history and continue outreach to other public entities.

This Week’s Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Kevin Kane
4-Way Test:	Kevin Kane

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ORR'S ROARS



It is always a fun meeting when "The Griz" returns! Thanks for Gary Drylie for stopping by again and sharing more information about the history of Hesperia.

It is always very informative and stories many of us had no idea about.



For those of you who are still attending our weekly Rotary meetings online, I am happy to report that the Board of Directors have canceled all Covid Waivers, so if that has been holding you back on returning to our meetings in person, now there is no excuse not to join us on Tuesday's at El Pescador.

Our get together at the home of Jon and Linda Hove scheduled for this weekend has been moved to Saturday, May 22. Please see the story on page 3 for more information.

I am happy to say I will finally be demoted on Saturday, June 26! After a two year stint as your Rotary President, I will be passing the baton over to Jon Hove at the home of Bill & Linda Scott. The party starts at 5:30pm and I hope to see you all there.

Finally, all members of the Past Presidents' Committee, we will be having a meeting at El Pescador at 5:30pm on April 27th.

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



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Dwight Johnson had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but drew a white one and saved the chance for another.

We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

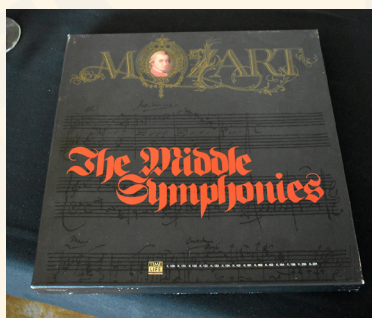
Raffle

During this week's raffle President **Steve Orr** and **Tina Escareño**



both walked away with multiple gifts! Steve went home with a bottle of Bomber Bourbon and Tina left the meeting with a bottle of wine, both courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**. Tina and Dwight both will enjoy delicious desserts in the form of cinnamon rolls donated by

our speaker **Dave "Griz" Drylie**. **Brad Poiriez** will be doing some shopping with the \$25 Walmart gift card he received from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and **Arsalee Morales** will get her Mozart jams on with the vinyl set she won from **Tina Escareño**. Finally President Orr and the Griz left the meeting with Victor Valley Transit hand sanitizer and USB buses, brought by **Chris Ackerman**.



Rotary Guests

This week we once again welcomed **Ron Zirges**, Facilities Director with Victor Valley Transit, who attended with **Kevin Kane**, plus Jay Obernolte aide **Christopher Scott** and **Coleen Luque** once again as a guests of **Steve Orr**.

Evening of Comedy

Get ready to laugh on a new date! 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, May 22 at 6pm at the home of Jon and Linda Hove. For the Cost of \$60 per person, there will be a BBQ, a silent auction, and some great comedy, all on the big outdoor screen in the Hove's Backyard. Plus, half the money you spend goes to our Club!

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.**

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

You also have the option of ordering the **livestream** for your whole household (*on April 17*) 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**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Polio Pig: \$8.00 + Dice (Dwight Johnson): \$5.00= \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$17,842.23

Total equals: 96,798 Doses!

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



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Scholarships	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership	Don Lager
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Members-at-Large: Dwight Johnson & Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Fundraising	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
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 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 22: Past Presidents' Dinner**
5:30 pm Mama Carpino's, Apple Valley
- April 27: Past Presidents' Meeting**
5:30 pm El Pescador, Victorville
- May 10: Board of Directors meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- May 22: Night of Comedy**
6:00 pm Home of Jon & Linda Hove
\$60 per person / \$85 In-Home Livestream
- June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)**
- June 26: Demotion Party**
5:30 pm Home of Bill & Linda Scott

Upcoming Programs

- April 20:** Luke Vorstermans, Founder of Roll a Hippo Foundation, **Topic: Take a Hippo to Work** (Cooker)
- April 27:** **Ethics Essay Contest - Club Level** (Boyd)

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