

# The Joshua Tree

**April 26, 2022**

## FIRE PREVENTION FOR EVERYONE

Fire prevention is important, not only for our families but for our places of work as well. This week we heard on this topic from Victorville Battalion Chief and Deputy Fire Marshal **Mike Goth**. The Victorville Fire Department is an “all-risk” fire and emergency department who responds to a wide variety of emergencies including medical aid, structure fires, vegetation fires, commercial fires, auto accidents, technical rescues, public assistance and hazardous material related incidents.

Their Fire Prevention Division goes by the four “E’s”: Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. They accomplish these tasks in a variety of ways beginning with inspections. Inspections range from new construction such as SCLA Developments like the new Amazon building, the Victorville Wellness Center for the homeless and the growing crop of new housing tracts going up west of Highway 395. The Division also covers state mandate inspections ranging from hotels, apartments, hospitals, jails, and area schools. Finally, they also oversee annual inspections of businesses, providing a safer



environment. They cannot prevent a fire happening in a company but can lessen the risk. When they go into a business, they look for the three “E’s”: Extinguishers (*are they tagged and have proper pressure in them*), Exits (*wide and clear of any clutter*), and Electrical (*exposed wires and multi plug issues*). They also inspect that fire sprinklers are not clogged and will work if needed.

The Fire Prevention Division works hard at reducing community risks by taking a hard look at the communities each station serves and the makeup of the residents. They access not only fire dangers but flooding and other disasters and put plans in place for each individual station with the tools they need to serve their residents.

Another topic tackled is their work in public education. Each October they educate during Fire Prevention Week, and host school presentations and community presentations throughout other parts of the year. They also participate in the four major city festivals with games and educational prizes for our youngest children.

The final area discussed was in fire investigations. Investigators go through a fire to see how and why it happened, so they can use the information to inform the community on how to try and prevent the same type of fire happening to them. Thank you, Mike and all members of the Fire Prevention Division, working tirelessly to keep our community and businesses safe.

### This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Keith Metzler
- 4-Way Test:** Donna Wells
- Fine Masters:** Hove & Murray

# HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to Mike Goth for coming out this week and speaking on fire prevention and safe practices, so we can do our best to prevent

fires in our places of business. Hopefully everyone received some worthwhile tips to help keep your employees safe.



Join Linda and I for this year's District Conference. Other Rotarians attending include Margaret Cooker, Dwight Johnson, Arsalee Morales, Bill Scott and Ben Tafoya. We will be staying at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa in Indian Wells. Our Club is hosting a Hospitality Suite, and we will also have a Club outing for all attendees.

We are looking for a Rotary President for the year 2023 - 2024. The International Conference for that year will be in Melbourne, Australia!

This year's Demotion Party will be held on Saturday, June 18 at the home of Dan & Kris Dever. More details coming soon.

See you next week!

*Jon Hove*



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## Raffle

**Bill Edwards** brought a bevy of goodies this week including an electric clock that will be used by **Keith Metzler**, a pocket medical book that went to **Donna Wells**, a book of weird and unusual trivia that will be read by **Stew Anderson** and a shoehorn (or a pair of Jacking tools) for **John Kroencke**!

**Chris Ackerman** went home with a bottle of Gnarly Head Merlot from Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong** and from Chris, guest **Tony Camargo** will use a VVTA mobile phone charger and **Bill Edwards** will enjoy the Victor Valley Transit campfire mug

## Photos from the Week



# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Big Blue Dice



*John Kroencke 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 11 dice and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!*

## Fine Session

President **Jon Hove** and **Steve Murray** worked together this week as Joint-Fine Masters! President **Hove** gave



both **Keith Metzler** and **Donna Wells** fines in the amount of \$20 each as a welcome back to the Club after long absences. **Steve Murray** dropped a \$10 penalty on **Mike Page** for throwing him under the bus at the Past Presidents' meeting, and John upped a final fine to \$11 for **Bryan Gillespie** for arriving late and missing all of Jon's announcements.

## May Birthdays

<b>Cherie Range</b>	<b>May 12</b>
<b>Arsalee Morales</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>Capt. John Wickum</b>	<b>May 20</b>
<b>Pat Mark</b>	<b>May 29</b>

## May Anniversaries

<b>Margaret Cooker</b>	<b>34 Years</b>
<b>Stew Anderson</b>	<b>32 Years</b>
<b>Dr. Bowtie Brian</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>Kirsten Acosta</b>	<b>3 Years</b>

## Spoon of Exemption



It was the last Tuesday of the month and time to auction the Spoon! Since there 5 Tuesdays in May, President **Jon Hove** started the bidding at \$100, but without any prompting, **Steve Murray** offered to take it for \$200 and got it! We look forward to hearing from Steve fine free in May!

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## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Tony Camargo** from the City of Victorville who attended with **Keith Metzler** and **Linda Hove** was also in attendance.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$22.00**

*Polio Pig: \$17 + John Kroencke (Dice): \$5.00= \$22.00*

**Collected to Date: \$18,785.67**

**Total equals: 98,687 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 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
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 .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
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

<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>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- April 28: Past Presidents' Dinner**  
Mama Carpino's • Apple Valley, CA  
Fellowship 5:00pm • Dinner 7:00pm
- May 9: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00 pm Meeting at Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia  
2nd Building on the Right Side of Driveway
- June 18: Demotion Party**  
Home of Dan & Kris Dever  
13166 Waco Rd, AV, CA 92308
- June 23: District Conference**  
**-25:** Indian Hills Resort and Spa

## Upcoming Programs

- May 3:** Jeff Armstrong, Fire Chief, City of Victorville  
**Topic: "Traveling Safely in Mexico - My Trips to San Felipe"**
- May 10:** John Wickum, Captain, San Bernardino Sheriff Department **Topic: "TBA"** (Page)
- May 17:** **George Hensel Essay Contest** (Boyd)
- May 24:** **Regional San Stover Music Contest** (Cooker)
- June 7:** Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff **Topic: "TBA"** (Page)

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