



The Joshua Tree

May 2, 2023

WHEN YOU SEE THE RIVER FLOW

A Mojave River event. That is what it is called when water actually flows above ground, as well as below ground. Speaking to the Club this week was Mojave Water Agency Hydrogeologist **Tony Winkel**. These events happen every 10 years or so in the High Desert when we accumulate lots of rain. The last time this happened was in 2011, twelve years ago.



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A watershed is a land area that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, and eventually to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays, or the ocean. These rains have resulted in 173,000 acre feet of water, the High Desert has now had 97,000 acre feet of water soaked into the ground. Helendale

This year while Hesperia and Apple Valley received about 6" of rain, the watershed in the San Bernardino Mountains averaged about 48" of downpour. When the first rain came in December not much happened as the watershed acts like a dry sponge. Once it is saturated after the second and third rains, it starts to flow on top of the ground, while a majority flows underground from the mountains and ends all the way in Baker, CA. We rely solely on this ground water in the High Desert. The entire river acts as a thirsty sponge and has been saturated across the Victor Valley.

The river loses water as it flows and goes underground, to the ground water we rely on. What you see when you see the Mojave River flowing right now is called a ground

water recharging event, building up our supply of water we have used previously in our region. Helendale has received 7,350 acre feet of water, while Barstow as 5,000 and Baker at the end received 600 acre feet of water.

The above ground overflow really caused people to notice it after the January 17th storm, which took the river flowing water all the way to Barstow, but retreated back to Helendale in February. With the large storms in March, the river then pushed forward, all the way to Afton Canyon, and last month went back to flowing above ground to Barstow. Currently if you go to Highway 173, south of Hesperia, the water is still gently flowing, but even over the Yucca Loma Bridge, it is slowly rescinding each week. If our rainfall season is done, then our riverbeds may be dry again by Memorial Day. The great news is that the water we rely on here at home, is flowing wonderfully underground.

While many people are talking about how beautiful Mojave River looks right now with the water flow, it is not as big of an event as it seems to be happening. According to Tony, the biggest in recent years took place during the storm season of 2005. Sadly, as residents of the High Desert we are still using more water than is naturally available, and we still need to do our part and conserve water whenever we can. To find out more, please visit www.mojavewater.org.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**

Flag Salute: **Brad Poiriez**

4-Way Test: **David North**

Fine Master: **David North**



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Tony Winkel from Mojave Water Agency who stopped by to speak to us about the recent

above ground water flow down the Mojave River and what it means to us in Victorville, and neighboring communities as well.



Please joins us on Saturday, August 19th, at 6:00pm as we will have another "Movie Night at the Hove's". More information is coming soon, but if you have never attended on of these events at the home of Jon & Linda Hove, please make plans to join us.

Margaret Cooker shared there is a new Rotary Pin available! If you donate \$100 a year towards Polio, you will receive a Paul Harris Plus Society Pin.

My Demotion Party is coming up on June 24th at 4:00pm at the home of Dan & Kris Dever. It will be a lot of fun, as I will finishing my presidency and Steve Murray will begin his! I really hope you can make it.

May is upon us and time for another 5th Tuesday! We will meet once again at BJ's Brewhouse on Tuesday, May 30th at 5pm for some wonderful Rotary Fellowship. Please sign up today so a seat will be saved for you.

That is it for now. I am off to the District Conference in Las Vegas and look forward to sharing a wonderful report with you next week!

Finally, "The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate".

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Check Presentation



The Club presented **Bill Edwards** with a check this week in the amount of \$500, going towards a very special project. Collectively the Rescue Mission feeds 3 million people a year, and this money goes towards a purchase of a grass fed beef cow, that was



named **Jimmie Bauer** in Lucerne Valley. She heard the Rescue Mission's radio ad, and now once a cow is aged out, she butchers it, and donates the meat, worth roughly \$5,000, and the money donated this week from the Club helps finish the process so the meat can now be frozen and packaged into hamburgers to feed many under-served in our community.

Paul Harris Fellows



Margaret Cooker presented two Rotarians with Paul Harris Fellows Pins for their selfless generosity. **David North** was presented with a pin with two sapphires for donations of \$3,000, and **Corey Beck** received his first Paul Harris Fellows Pin of donations of \$1,000.

The money donated goes towards international scholarships and grants, such as grants to continue to fund programs like Read B4K.



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Big Blue Dice



Bill Edwards had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

The pot continues to grow next week with 11 Dice and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Spoon of Exception

Bill Edwards had the Spoon this week and spoke about the upcoming Men's Life Recovery Program in honor of **Rodney Avery** and **Corey Thacker**. Both of these men have completed an intensive 10 month program, overcoming challenges like addiction, homelessness and more.

The event will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 6pm at Church of the Valley at 20700 Standing Rock Road in Apple Valley. Rotarians are encouraged to attend as this is a great opportunity to really see what the Victor Valley Rescue Mission does behind the scenes.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Jonathan Brewster**, the CEO of El Dorado Broadcasters, who attended with **James Rightmire**.

Proposed Active Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 8 to President Arsalee Morales.

Chris Ackerman
Victor Valley Transit Authority

Senior Marketing Manager/PIO

Classification: Marketing: Public Transportation

Sponsor: Steve Murray

Change from Honorary to Active Status

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by giving **Bill Scott** a whopping \$100 fine due to his glucose monitor going off 5 times during the meeting! **Corey Beck** was hit with a \$10 penalty in honor of his first Paul Harris Fellow Pin, and **Mike Page** and **Brad Poiriez** were fined \$10 each because they can now make their own clouds.

David then went into a new segment of Rotary history with fines for all wrong answers. **Mike Johnson** was charged \$5 for being 5 years off when Rotary began (1905), **Bo Goulet** paid \$12 for not knowing where Rotary began (Chicago) and **Bryan Gillespie** paid a half fine of \$10 for knowing one of our two District Governors in our Club. He knew of **Margaret Cooker** (also 1st female D.G. for District 5300), but did not know that **Stew Anderson** was one too!

Raffle



Jim Murray was a big winner this week! Jim left the meeting with a Japanese lipstick holder from **Stew Anderson**, a bottle of Dark Side Wine from **David North** and a package of cocktail bombs from **Bill Edwards**! Bill also donated a pack of Swift Burn Sauces that will be used by **Bo Goulet** and **Donna Wells** received a box of cookie cutters.

Jim himself gave away a bottle of wine that will be savored by **Bryan Gillespie** and guest **Jonathan Brewster** won a Rotary mug from Stew, as he is cleaning house!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$11.00

Polio Pig: \$6 • Dice (Bill Edwards) \$5 = \$11.00

Collected to Date: \$19,723.52

Total equals: 100,435 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Members-at-Large: David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
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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

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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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

- May 8: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- May 24: Graduation of ReadB4k Children**
10:00am at VESD Family Resource Center • 1:30 am and 1:30 pm at Liberty Elementary
- May 25: Graduation of ReadB4k Children**
9:30am at Del Rey Elementary
1:30pm at Hook Community Center
- June 24: Demotion Party**
4:00pm • Home of Dan & Kris Dever
13166 Waco Road, Apple Valley

Upcoming Programs

- May 9:** Rob Kilpatrick, Dave Evans and Associates **TOPIC "Highway 18 Corridor Access Plan"** (Page)
- May 16: Coldwell Banker Commercial Elementary School 4 Way Test Speech Competition** (Basen)
- May 23: OPEN**
- May 30: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting** BJ's Brewhouse • 5:30pm

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