

The Joshua Tree




May 3, 2022

HOW TO TRAVEL SAFELY IN MEXICO



When people think of travel to Mexico, they usually think of flying to Cancun or a cruise on the Mexican Riviera, but when one mentions driving into the country, the looks of concern start to come out. But Victorville Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong** and his wife **Christy Armstrong** do just that! They drive and vacation in one of their favorite spots, San Felipe, Mexico.

The couple travels a lot. In fact, they have no children, and choose to buy experiences instead of “things”. They don’t eat out a lot and budget their money towards traveling and love the lifestyle they chose.

When driving into Mexico, Jeff recommends buying Mexican car insurance for your whole trip plus a couple days before and after, just to be safe. Also fill up with gas right before you enter the

country, make sure your cell service has roaming available, take screenshots of any maps in case your cell service drops, and be aware of scams, such as people “stranded” on the side of the road and wanting you to stop.

While in San Felipe, Jeff and his wife have met up with the Rotary Club of San Felipe, which have their meetings on Monday mornings. The Club, which began in 2001, does many great fundraisers that raise money for the community such as their Tamale Festival. The Club buys all the ingredients, and the locals make them and the Club in return sells them and all the profits go to helping those less fortunate in the community.

Another very popular event is their breakfast trailer every Saturday morning at the San Felipe Farmers’ Market, where they raise money by selling biscuits and gravy to the shoppers. They also raise funds to pay for schooling for children in the community, because free education ends after the 6th grade, and many cannot afford to pay for further schooling. This is just a small example of the great work done by this Club.

We look forward to hearing more of Jeff and Christy’s adventures around the globe and their experiences with different Rotary Clubs.

This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Bob Basen**
- 4-Way Test: **Jim Mettler**
- Fine Masters: **Hove & Murray**

HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to Fire Chief Jeff Armstrong for speaking to the Club this week and sharing tips for safe traveling in Mexico, the beauty of San Felipe and the great

work the Rotary Club of San Felipe is doing in their community!



Thank you to everyone who came out to help sort and label children's books for our "Put Books in the Hands of Children" Project.

Join Linda and I for this year's District Conference. On June 23rd, there will be a golf tournament and the conference organizers are looking for players. This is a rare opportunity to play on a PGA course not open to the public!

The Past Presidents have a recommendation for Our Rotary President 2023-2024 and will present the person at the May Board Meeting.

This year's Demotion Party will be held on Saturday, June 18 at the home of Dan & Kris Dever. Ben Tafoya is Chair for the event. Please contact him if you'd like to help out!

See you next week!

Jon Hove



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Put Books in the Hands of Children



Past Presidents' Dinner



From left to right: Back Row: Dan Dever (84-85 & 97-98), Ben Tafoya (95-96 & 15-16), Linda Hove, Dwight Johnson (16-18), John Kroencke (75-76), Margaret Cooker (96-97), Russ Stringham (12-14), Chuck Utgard (93-94), Carl Coleman (71-72), and Jon Hove (89-90 & 21-22).

Front Row: Steve Murray (14-15), Cherie Range (06-07), and Gert Feiler (80-81).

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Jim Mettler 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 10 dice and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Spoon of Exemption



Steve Murray had his first week with the Spoon and shared that the summer months are approaching and people are getting ready to travel, so now is the best time to repack your bearings on your trailers, as to help avoid a blowout. Bob's Tires also handles alignments, brakes and light maintenance. Call Bob's Tires at 760-245-3333.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed Deputy Fire Marshal **Mike Goth** who attended with Chief **Jeff Armstrong**, new Cal Portland Sales Manager **Craig Crawford** who was at the meeting with retiring Jim Mettler and **Linda Hove** was in attendance.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Polio Pig: \$13 + Jim Mettler (Dice): \$5.00= \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$18,803.67

Total equals: 98,723 Doses!

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

Raffle

Jim Mettler was the big winner this week taking home two bottles of wine that were donated by **Dwight Johnson** and a VVTA phone charger that was brought by **Chris Ackerman**. Chris also donated a pair of Victor Valley Transit coloring books with crayons which will be used by Dwight and **Jeff Armstrong**. Jeff also donated a bottle of wine from Baja, Mexicali, which will be enjoyed by Dwight.

Another bottle of wine, this time from **Jim Mettler**, went home with **Jon Hove** and **Corey Beck** will use the Ronald Regan Calendar he received from Dwight.

Fine Session

President **Jon Hove** and **Steve Murray** worked together again this week as joint-Fine Masters and began by fining **Margaret Cooker** \$10 for presenting **Mike Johnson** with his new Rotary member certificate without a frame!

Bob Basen reported that the commercial real estate market is still going very good, which netted him a penalty of \$10 and since **Jim Mettler** will be retiring from Cal Portland soon and won 3 raffle prizes, he received a \$30 fine for his good luck.

A New Rotarian



This week the Club was honored to welcome **Mike Johnson** back as our newest Rotarian! Past President **Mike Page** led the proceedings, with **Steve Murray** acting as a stand-in for his sponsors **David North** and **Esther Mears**, who were absent from the meeting.

Mike is Branch Manager for Desert Community Bank and has been married for 18 years and is the father of 4 children. Mike also shared that he was one of the quickest Rotarians ever to obtain his Blue Badge, and with his red badge in hand, he plans to beat his time!

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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
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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

- 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 10:** Julius McChristian, San Bernardino County
Sheriff's Sergeant **Topic: "Legislative
Update"** (Wickum)
- May 17: George Hensel Essay Contest**
(Boyd)
- May 24: Regional San Stover Music
Contest** (Cooker)
- June 7:** Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County
Sheriff (Wickum)

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