

The Joshua Tree

May 4, 2021

GET INVOLVED...BUT BE READY

It takes a strong person to volunteer, but to get involved on a Committee, Commission, and especially a City Council, it is on a whole other level entirely, according to **Jim Cox**, who has many years experience on this front.



to happen over and over until the public has finally had enough and decides to clean house with their votes. Luckily Jim worked on many Victorville City Councils that worked together for the betterment of Victorville and its people.

For one, people expect and demand what you can't provide, and for many elected officials, they make many promises they

Some of the accomplishments Jim is most proud of during his tenures on the City Council include the formation and growth of SCLA from the old George Air Force Base,

can't keep, but not necessarily by choice. For many, they wanted to keep their campaign promises, but are unable due to majority vote. In fact, unless you can get two like supporters on a Council, not much will get done.

the redevelopment of 3 freeway interchanges that the City paid for; which was an uphill battle, and bringing the Fire Department back to the City.

When a campaign promise does not come to fruition, a Council Member like Jim doesn't feel bad, because he tried, that is of course, until he gets home and the phone starts ringing. Once one gets on a City Council, they suddenly make a lot of new friends, but many more enemies. It is a strong divide between the gracious and the vicious.

Jim had nothing but high praise for the City of Victorville staff. These people work very hard and constantly look over each others shoulders to make sure there is no corruption going on. They report anything that even looks slightly off so the public can live in a city they can be proud of.

Sadly, as we have seen in recent times, when a City Council is divided, the only ones to suffer are the residents. This continues

Another challenge to overcome are the lies and stories being told about you once you get involved. Jim has heard many times of places he has been, that he had actually never been to! He warned our own **Margaret Cooker** and **Michael Krause** to get ready, as they will be in the middle of the next battle; they are both serving on the Oversight Committee for Measure P, the 1% sales tax for residents of Victorville.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Bill Edwards**

Flag Salute: **Dwight Johnson**

4-Way Test: **Jon Hove**

With all the ups and downs, one might think it is crazy to stand up and get involved, but in the end Jim shared, "You are going to be affected by what Government does anyway, so just get involved and make the difference."

ORR'S ROARS



Another great meeting with another great speaker! Thank you so much to Jim Cox who pinch-hitted for Terry Caldwell this week and shared the highs and lows of being on the Victorville City Council.



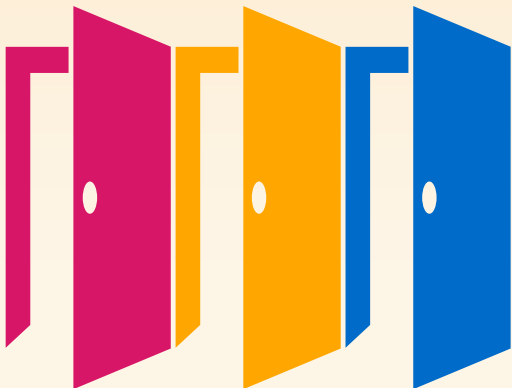
Please make sure you make plans for our Comedy Night at the home of Jon and Linda Hove on May 22. Remember half of the \$60 you spend comes back into our Club! Bill Edwards shared that we are looking for auction items to raise funds at the event, so please donate an item that someone else would love! Don't forget to bring a lawn chair, jacket and blanket.

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 4:30pm and I hope to see you all there.

Finally, please sign up for our 5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting at Korean BBQ on June 29th. The fellowship will be at 5:30pm.

See you next week!

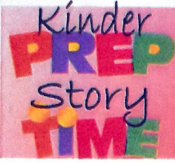
Steve



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Children's Programming is back at the Victorville City Library!

Even though we are not able to meet in person, we are excited to offer two programs virtually by logging into vcl.readsquared.com, as well as a programming activity kit that can be picked up weekly at the Victorville Library.



Kinder-Prep - (ages 4-6) Which is designed to prepare your child for Kindergarten by introducing a new letter, number, shape, and color each week. vcl.readsquared.com

Preschool Storytime - (ages 3-5) Which is a fun themed story, craft, and activity. vcl.readsquared.com

Sign-up For Virtual Programming TODAY

The Victorville Library is offering Curbside Pick-up!

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Log on to our catalog at vvpl.agverso.com or give us a call to place items on hold and we will prepare those items for you to be picked up curbside.

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Give us a call and we can issue you a temporary library card over the phone. Then when the library reopens simply come in and we will get you a physical card.



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Rotary



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



The Blue Dice was drawn for a second week in a row! This time it was Jon Hove as the lucky winner and \$200 richer!

We will start again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Tina Escareño** is once again the gift card queen as she left the meeting with a \$20 Starbucks gift card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, and a \$25 Chili's gift card from **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight also donated a bottle of Cabernet that will be enjoyed by **Rob Kilpatrick**, and our speaker **Jim Cox** won a Starbucks Cocoa Set from **Bill Edwards**.

Paul Harris Pins



Three Rotarians were acknowledged for their selfless generosity with Paul Harris Fellow Pins + sapphires at the Rotary meeting this week by **Margaret Cooker** on behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

Jim Barnes received a pin with 2 Sapphires for donations of \$3000 and above and both **Russ Stringham** and **Pastor Paul Earle** received 5 sapphire pins of donations in excess of \$6,000!

Many thanks go to Jim, Russ, and Paul for all that you do to make our world a little bit better for those less fortunate.

Rotary Guests

This week we once again welcomed Obernolte aide **Christopher Scott** and **Coleen Luque** attended as guests of **Steve Orr**.

Spoon of Exception

President **Steve Orr** auctioned off the Spoon this week, and **Bill Edwards** began the bidding of \$25, while **Oscar Garcia** upped his bid to \$30. In the end, Bill took the Spoon for the month of May in the amount of \$45.



Bill shared that the Victor Valley Rescue Mission is teaming with Impact Church, Desert Mountain Children's Center, County

of San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools, The Gate Church of the High Desert, High Desert Second Chance/The High Desert Food Collaborative, High Desert Church, Young Visionaries and the SB County Fairgrounds to provide backpacks to 3,000 High Desert school children.

The backpacks cost \$15 each and are full of all the supplies needed for a successful school year. If you are able to help purchase any amount of backpacks, please email Bill at BEwards@erescuemission.org.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$17,885.23

Total equals: 96,884 Doses!

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

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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 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

- 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: District Conference**
2:00 pm via Zoom
- May 22: Night of Comedy**
6:00 pm Home of Jon & Linda Hove
\$60 per person
- June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)**
- June 26: Demotion Party**
4:30 pm Home of Bill & Linda Scott
18136 Pier, Spring Valley Lake

Upcoming Programs

- May 11:** Capt. John Wickum, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Victorville Division
Topic: Update on Your Sheriff's Department (Page)

May 18: OPEN

May 25: OPEN

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