

# The Joshua Tree

**May 9, 2023**

## AN IMPROVED HIGHWAY 18

Our streets and roads have been going through a transformation in recent years. On May 20th the Green Tree Extension will finally be opened, and more is on the way. Rotarian **Rob Kilpatrick** from Dave Evans & Associates has been a part of road improvements in our community for many years including doing studies for widening I Avenue in Hesperia and a revitalization of the Village in Apple Valley.



This week, Rob spoke on the study currently taking place in the Desert Knolls area of Highway 18, between Apple Valley Road and Base Hill Road. The corridor includes the Highway 18 frontage roads, sidewalks parallel to the Highway and adjacent roadways and parcels accessible to the highway.

The Highway 18 Access Plan will create a list of prioritized and phased projects to help re-engineer a safer and more accessible Highway 18. Funding for this Plan was received through the Sustainable Communities Transportation Grant provided by Caltrans.

The project goals and outcomes will be guided by community input throughout the development of the plan to create a safer and better connected Highway 18.

The Plan begins in getting information in three areas. The first area is for traffic and roadway improvements. This will include road safety features to better alert drivers and motorists. The next area is in pedestrian improvements. The idea is to increase pedestrian safety by providing more access and visibility for those walking in the corridor. The third area of investigation is bicycle improvements for safe and comfortable options for traveling

by bike.

Heading into the Plan are issues of the lack of pedestrian walkways including sidewalks and crosswalks. Another area to look into is how Victor Valley Transit uses this area. Two of VVTA's most popular routes, Route 41 and Route 15 run through this corridor and will be even more vital when Brightline comes to fruition. The other concern is what to do with the frontage roads (Outer Hwy 18). A Town of Apple Valley ordinance requires all developers to look into removing frontage roads. There are also drainage issues on the frontage roads just to the south of Tao Road. Possible uses for the frontage roads could include sidewalks, bike lanes, or maybe a multi-use path for more uses.

To gather more information, Rob promoted a new survey for the community to provide input and help make this a project that benefits everyone. To take the survey, please click on the QR Code below.



### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** James Rightmire
- 4-Way Test:** Jim Murray
- Fine Master:** Arsalee Morales



## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Rob Kilpatrick for coming out and speaking on the Highway 18 Corridor

Access Plan to the Club. There are a lot of changes to our community and I for one are happy to see them com to fruition. Don't forget to take survey and have your voice heard!



Movie Night at the Hove's is coming on August 19th at 6:00pm and the movie has been selected! This time it will be the 1958 film "Auntie Mame" starring Rosland Russell and Forrest Tucker. Jon and Linda are looking for attendees to sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Please put your name down and be a part of this great event!

Graduations are coming up for this year's Read B4k students. Please check out the Calendar of Events on page 4, and make plans to attend at least one of them and support these wonderful children!

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.

Finally, "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

*Arsalee*

## District Conference

Members of our Club recently attended the annual District 5300 Conference in Las Vegas and brought back reports of a wonderful time! To begin we received the District Award Recognition that included a Rotary Citation, A Gold Award for Membership and Public Image, a Silver Award towards our Foundation and recognition for Service, Young Leaders, and Foundation Funding. We also received two grants totaling \$2,393. Jon and Linda Hove received special recognition for their generous giving to Rotary and although they didn't win, our student representatives for the 4-Way Speech and Dan Stover Competitions received money for their talents.



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## Big Blue Dice



*Arsalee Morales 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 10 Dice and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Spoon of Exception

Steve Murray had this final time with the Spoon this week and had one message...buy tires! See Steve and his team at Bob's Tires located at 15625 Fourth Street in Victorville. You can also call them at 760-245-3333 or visit bobs-tire.com. It was then time to auction the Spoon for the month of May, and without much of a fuss, President **Arsalee Morales** took possession of the Spoon for \$100. We will hear from Arsalee next week.



## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Harrison Hove**, who attended with **Jon Hove**.

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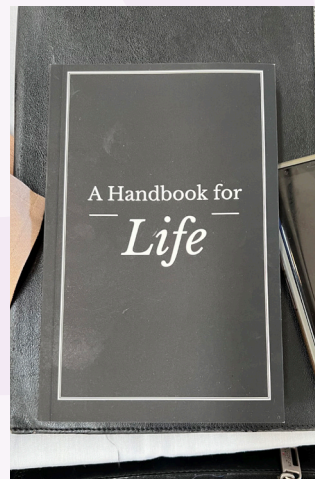


## Fine Session

There was no official Fine Master this week, but **James Rightmire** was fined \$20 for obtaining his Blue Badge (where are you **Mike Johnson?**), and **Jim Murray** was penalized \$1 for making a phone call during the meeting.



## Raffle



During this week's raffle **Rob Kilpatrick** won a copy of "A Handbook for Life" from the District Conference that was part of the weekend service project for foster children. Rob also left the meeting with a dog biscuit maker from **Bill Edwards**, and **Bryan Gillespie** will use the Victor Valley Transit bean bag phone holder he won from **Chris Ackerman**. Chris went back to the office with a set of Star Wars shot glasses from Bill and **Arsalee Morales** will get a lot of use of the shoulder bag she really wanted to win, from **Kevin Kane**.

## Wedding Anniversaries

**Brian & Maureen Mills**

**31 Years**

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$10.00**

**Collected to Date: \$19,733.52**

**Total equals: 100,455 Doses!**

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!  
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**

# Rotary

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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 Bear Valley 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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- 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 12:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- June 24:** **Demotion Party**  
4:00pm • Home of Dan & Kris Dever  
13166 Waco Road, Apple Valley

## Upcoming Programs

- May 16:** **OPEN**
- May 23:** **OPEN**
- May 30:** **5th Tuesday Evening Meeting** BJ's  
Brewhouse • 5:30pm
- June 6:** Samantha Duvall, Program Specialist,  
Mojave Environmental Education Consortium (MEEC) **TOPIC "TBA"**  
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