

# The Joshua Tree

May 10, 2022

## HOW THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WORKS

The process of government by which bills are considered and laws enacted is commonly referred to as the Legislative Process. **Julius McChristian**, San Bernardino County Sheriff Sergeant spoke to the Club this week on this process. The California State Legislature is made up of two houses: the Senate and the Assembly. There are 40 Senators and 80 Assembly Members representing the people of the State of California.



**Committee Hearings:** The bill then goes to the Rules Committee of the house of origin where it is assigned to the appropriate policy committee for its first hearing. Bills are assigned to policy committees according to subject area of the bill. For example, a Senate bill dealing with the

Sheriff Department would first be assigned to the Public Safety Committee for policy review. Each house has a number of policy committees and a fiscal committee. Each committee is made up of a specified number of Senators or Assembly Members.

**Idea:** All legislation begins as an idea or concept. The process begins when a Senator or Assembly Member decides to author a bill.

**The Author:** A Legislator sends the idea for the bill to the Legislative Counsel where it is drafted into the actual bill. The draft of the bill is returned to the Legislator for introduction. If the author is a Senator, the bill is introduced in the Senate. If the author is an Assembly Member, the bill is introduced in the Assembly.

During the committee hearing the author presents the bill to the committee and testimony can be heard in support of or opposition to the bill. The committee then votes by passing the bill, passing the bill as amended, or defeating the bill. Bills can be amended several times. Letters of support or opposition are important and should be mailed to the author and committee members before the bill is scheduled to be heard in committee. It takes a majority vote of the full committee membership for a bill to be passed by the committee.

**First Reading/Introduction:** A bill is introduced or read the first time when the bill number, the name of the author, and the descriptive title of the bill is read on the floor of the house. No bill may be acted upon until 30 days has passed from the date of its introduction.

Each house maintains a schedule of legislative committee hearings. Prior to a bill's hearing, a bill analysis is prepared that explains current law, what the bill is intended to do, and some background information. Typically the analysis also lists organizations that support or oppose the bill.

**Second and Third Reading:** Bills passed by committees are read a second time on the floor in the house of origin and then assigned to third reading. Bill analyses are also prepared prior to third reading. When a bill is read the third time it is explained

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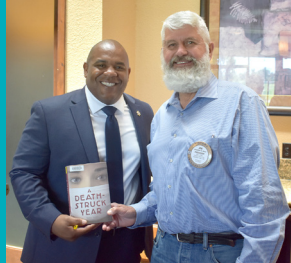
### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Brad Poiriez
- 4-Way Test:** Bryan Gillespie
- Fine Masters:** Hove & Gillespie



Thank you to Julius McChristian for coming and sharing with our Club the legislative process to try and get Bills passed that will

benefit the Sheriff Department. Thank you for your tireless work to protect our residents and businesses!



Don't forget to attend our Club Assembly on May 24th as we will vote on Steve Murray to be Rotary President 2023-2024.

District Conference is coming in June and we are planning a trip up the Palm Springs Tram along with lunch on June 24th. Sign up to attend the Conference today!

We are taking sign-ups for Scholarship donations to send High School students to College and for my Demotion Party!

Our 5th Tuesday evening meeting this month on May 31st is currently scheduled to be held at Chateau Chang. Details to follow.

See you next week!

*Jon Hove*



## Julius McChristian

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by the author, discussed by the Members and voted on by a roll call vote. Bills that require an appropriation or that take effect immediately, generally require 27 votes in the Senate and 54 votes in the Assembly to be passed. Other bills generally require 21 votes in the Senate and 41 votes in the Assembly. If a bill is defeated, the Member may seek reconsideration and another vote.

**Repeat Process in other House:** Once the bill has been approved by the house of origin it proceeds to the other house where the procedure is repeated.

**Resolution of Differences:** If a bill is amended in the second house, it must go back to the house of origin for concurrence, which is agreement on the amendments. If agreement cannot be reached, the bill is referred to a two house conference committee to resolve differences. Three members of the committee are from the Senate and three are from the Assembly. If a compromise is reached, the bill is returned to both houses for a vote.

**Governor:** If both houses approve a bill, it then goes to the Governor. The Governor has three choices. The Governor can sign the bill into law, allow it to become law without his or her signature, or veto it. A governor's veto can be overridden by a two thirds vote in both houses. Most bills go into effect on the first day of January of the next year. Urgency measures take effect immediately after they are signed or allowed to become law without signature.

**California Law:** Bills that are passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor are assigned a chapter number by the Secretary of State. These Chaptered Bills (also referred to as Statutes of the year they were enacted) then become part of the California Codes. The California Codes are a comprehensive collection of laws grouped by subject matter.

The California Constitution sets forth the fundamental laws by which the State of California is governed. All amendments to the Constitution come about as a result of constitutional amendments presented to the people for their approval.

*Information taken from [leginfo.ca.gov](http://leginfo.ca.gov)*

# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Big Blue Dice



**Bryan Gillespie had the chance to pick the Blue Dice and did it!**

**Bryan left the meeting with a whopping \$300 in his pocket.**

**We will start again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!**

## Spoon of Exemption

**Steve Murray** was absent due to a car crashing into his building on Sunday, and the gapping hole led to three robberies in two days! As a result, **Linda Hove** had the Spoon and spoke on his behalf.

Linda reminded Rotarians that summer is coming and now is the best time to get your tires, brakes and bearing checked. Call Bob's Tires at 760-245-3333.



## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed San Bernardino County Sheriff Lieutenants **Tim Visosky** and **Eddie Bachman** as well as Sheriff PIO **Tricia Blake**, who all attended as guests of Captain **John Wickum** to hear our speaker **Julius McChristian**.

### CLUB ASSEMBLY Tuesday, May 24, 2022

*We will be voting on:*

- President 2023-2024 •
- Board of Directors 2022-2023 •
- Budget 2022-2023 •

*Please make plans to attend this important meeting and have your voice heard.*

## Raffle

**Bryan Gillespie** was the big winner this week taking home both prizes brought from **Chris Ackerman** at Victor Valley Transit, a USB drive of their electric bus and a VVTA mobile phone charger.

A water bottle filled with lots of goodies from the Sheriff Captain **John Wickum** will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells**, a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson** will be enjoyed by guest **Tricia Blake**, and Chris also received a bottle of Wild Turkey from Dwight but gave it to **Rob Kilpatrick**.

## Fine Session



President **Jon Hove** and **Bryan Gillespie** worked together this week as joint-Fine Masters and Jon began by fining **Bryan Gillespie**

\$20 for receiving his Blue Badge!

**Mike Page** had no information to give on the new hospital, so he was given a penalty of \$10 for having no update, and **Ron Kilpatrick** also received a fine in the same amount for actually being on time to this month's board meeting! Finally, **Bill Scott** also left the meeting with \$10 less in his wallet for not buying any concrete from Jon in quite some time.

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## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$17.00**

**Collected to Date: \$18,820.67**

**Total equals: 98,757 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

- June 13: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:30 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 17: George Hensel Essay Contest**  
(Boyd)
- May 24: Regional San Stover Music Contest** (Cooker)
- May 31: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting**  
6:00pm, Chateau Chang (Hove)
- June 7: Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff** (Wickum)
- June 14: Q&A** (Wickum)
- June 21: Jason Lamoreaux, Coldwell Banker, Topic: "Real Estate Update"** (Page)

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