

The Joshua Tree

May 18, 2021

THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

This week the Rotary Club had a chance to hear from our new Victorville Division Captain of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, **John Wickum**.

Due to a lot of legislation coming out of Sacramento, the Department must be in compliance constantly with the Bills that come through. Of the many, one of those is RIPA, the Racial Identity Profiling Act.



well trained officers, as well as the diverse population of San Bernardino County.

The Department will be increasing with extra staff plus other action items to combat the growing traffic problem, mainly individuals running red lights. As we are now all too familiar with, anytime a light turns green, you need to count three seconds before going, because 9 times out of 10,

In 2018 the Sheriff Department was required to document every traffic stop, detention and search of who the person was, and capture all the data. There are about 16 items an officer must put down, including day, date, and time of the incident, as well as the officer's determination of the person's race, gender, and age. They cannot ask these questions of the individual, only their perceptions.

In 2019, and on an annual basis, all of this information must be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and it is then analyzed as to how the agency is responding in regards to race. The results of the findings from 2019 said their department is very consistent in their reporting information. The info is a result of the

anywhere from 2-4 cars will blow through the intersection. The problem is getting so bad, that on the day they put an officer at a single intersection it resulted in a whopping 63 situations for running red lights! There has also been a large increase of DUI accidents and fatalities. The Victorville Station has been combining with other area Divisions to have a larger single-day traffic enforcement operations.

In addition to drivers blowing through intersections, there is also the increasing issue issues of front window tinting on vehicles, and a growing number of street racing activity. The key to the Department's success is the new officers they hire to double their Traffic Division, so drivers see more officers, in part thanks to the 1% increase in sales tax from Measure B, on the streets patrolling and writing tickets.

In the end, it is apparent that Captain John and his staff are doing all they can to make our streets safer, and as a Rotary Club, we thank the whole Department for their bravery and dedication to keep us all safer.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards

Flag Salute: Steve Orr

4-Way Test: Steve Orr

ORR'S ROARS



If you did not get a chance to come to this week's meeting, you missed out on a lot of great information from Captain John Wickum with the Sheriff's Department! So many questions were asked that he did not get

a chance to go through his whole presentation, so we hope to have him back soon for more.

Big changes are coming! Next week is our last week meeting at El Pescador, as we will be moving to the Spring Valley Lake Country Club beginning Tuesday, June 1st.

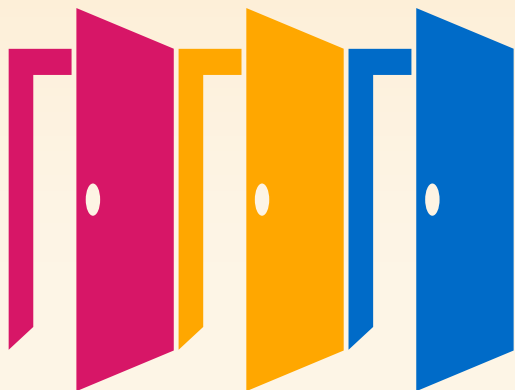
Apologies to everyone who were looking forward to the Comedy Night at the Hove's this weekend. Due to the cold weather forecast, we have chosen to postpone the date until July or August. As soon as a new date is set, we will let you know.

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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ROTARY FUN!!



Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. June 7th to President Steve Orr.

Chief Jeff Armstrong

Fire Chief Victorville Fire Department

Classification: Administration: Fire Dept

Sponsor: Keith Metzler

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Keith Metzler had the chance to get the Blue Dice and take home some money, but drew a white one out of the bag.

We will continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle



Keith Metzler was the big winner this week taking home a \$25 Starbucks gift card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and a Y102 shirt from **Dwight Johnson**. Over at the wine bar you may find winners **Rob Kilpatrick** and **Tina Escareño**, who both took home a bottle!



Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed **Edgar Larios** as a guest of **Steve Orr** and Victorville Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong**, also in attendance.

Our Stand-in this week was **Kris Reily**, who was in attendance for **Ron Williams**.

Prayers Needed

Charles Gehrke, in addition to just suffering a severe stroke, has been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. He has straight Medicare but no supplemental and have set up a Go Fund Me account. If you can help go to <https://gofund.me/0aabe8b9> to donate.

4 Way Speech Update

Our student, **Daniella Becerra** from University Prep participated in the District level 4-Way Speech Contest. She finished as a runner-up and will receive a check for \$750.

Congratulations Daniella and thank you for representing the Club so well this year!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Polio Pig: \$11.00 + Dice (Keith Metzler): \$5.00= \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$17,917.23

Total equals: 96,948 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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Positions & Committee Chairs

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| BOD Secretary | Marilyn Buttelwerth |
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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

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| 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 22: District Conference

2:00 pm via Zoom

May 22: Night of Comedy

6:00 pm Home of Bill & Linda Hove
\$60 per person

POSTPONED

June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)

June 14: Board of Directors meeting

5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

June 26: Demotion Party

4:30 pm Home of Bill & Linda Scott
18136 Pier, Spring Valley Lake

Upcoming Programs

May 25:

Rob Kilpatrick, Senior Project Manager,
Dave Evans & Associates **Topic: Growth**
Coming to the High Desert - An
Engineers Perspective (Page)

June 1:

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