



Rotary 

 BE THE INSPIRATION

The Joshua Tree



May 21, 2019

SERVICE, SAFETY & EXCELLENCE!

Last year new Rotarian and incoming Fire Chief **Greg Benson** spoke to the Club about the changes that would be coming to the Victorville Fire Department. Now that the calendar has turned to 2019, Greg was back to share an update on what has happened since the new Department went active on March 30th. Greg calls it the era of change for the City of Victorville Fire Department.

With a new vision intact, Greg and his staff focus on the main areas to our local community of "Service, Safety, and Excellence". Running a Fire Department will only be a success when, much like a business, can adapt to change. Changes such as social, legal,



cultural, political, economic and technological, are imperative to adapt to or they will certainly fail. One way Greg acted upon this was in his interviewing process of new recruits. He would ask them, "How do you see the future of the Fire Department," and if their answer was keeping it the same "if it's broke, don't fix it", then they were not hired. In the end, 62 people were hired who wanted to see the Department grow and improve.

The status quo doesn't work anymore. A Fire Department needs to operate smoother, use resources better, be part of the local government and add value to the community. A way to operate smoother, they now have a Tiered Dispatch system, in which only the proper apparatus is dispatched, depending on the severity of the incident. The "Big Red Truck" is not always needed, and has reduced its use by 10%, saving over 110 work hours! On top of all that it has also decreased overall costs to the City.

Currently they are implanting new partnerships with other organizations and businesses. A great example is the "Fireworks Intervention Program", in where they partner with the Police, and Code Enforcement to curb the number of illegal fireworks in the High Desert. Another successful partnership has been the Homelessness Task Force with the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department.

In adding value to the community, Greg and his staff combine law enforcement and public education with such educational programs as Stop the Bleeding, CPR Training, Home Safety and "Plus Point", which is a Phone App available for those who know CPR, and are alerted when there is CPR help needed in the area.

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** John Kroencke
- 4-Way Test:** Jim Murray
- Finemaster:** David North

COOKER'S CORNER



I always love a Rotary meeting when we learn more about one of our own. Fire Chief **Greg Benson** had a wonderful presentation and gave those in attendance a deep insight into our new Victorville Fire Department.



Thanks to Rotarians **Jon & Linda Hove, Ben Tafoya, Dr. Paul Stanton, Steve Murray** and **Russ Stringham**, who all took part in this year's Super Build in Mexico this past weekend.



For **Jon Hove** it was his first time and from his description, sounds like he had a "Rotary Moment". If you need to be inspired to volunteer next year, please speak with Jon.

Speaking of the Hove's, a reminder that Movie Night will once again be at their home on July 27 at 6pm. Please sign up and bring a lawn chair, blanket and side dish or dessert, if you desire. The movie has not been selected yet, but **David North** is requesting "The Sandlot".

ROTARY NEWS

As mentioned last week, Rotarians came out in force for our Community Food Packing Project. Our Club still has 35 boxes of food packages left to give out. If you know of an outreach, church, non-profit, or community organization in the City of Victorville that has a food pantry or meal outreach program, please fill out a form and turn it in to **Dwight Johnson**.

Nomination forms are now available to award this year's Rotarian of the Year. Nominations are due by next Tuesday, May 28 to **Margaret Cooker** so do not delay. You may choose someone who's contribution to our Club not only spans this year, but in years past as well. Please keep in mind that someone can only win this distinction one time.

Nominations are now open for future Club Presidents. If you are interested in serving at this highest level, please speak with **Mike Page** for more information.

Mike Page shared this week that we need to fill a couple more speaker programs for this Rotary year's Tuesday luncheons. Please see Mike if you have any thoughts or would like to speak. Once we get into our new Rotary year, our program committee will once again meet and lay out a game plan for speakers & topics for the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

Club Assembly May 28th, 2019
2019 - 2020 Boards of Directors
2019 - 2020 Budgets

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$20.00

Polio Pig: \$15.00 + Dice (John Kroencke): \$5.00 = \$20.00

Collected to Date: \$16,359.22

Total equals: 93,889 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



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LUCKY BLUE DICE



John Kroencke received the opportunity for the money, but came up short with another white dice from the bag.

We continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 up for grabs for a lucky Rotarian who wins the chance.

FINE SESSION

David North was our Fine master this week and due to time constraints, only had time for a couple of fines. First he presented Brad Poiriez's stand-in Ryan Orr with a \$20 for, David's cough, which he blamed on "crap in the air", and \$20 as well to Keith Metzler for bringing his attorney to the meeting.

FIRE...

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Greg Benson and the City of Victorville Fire Department are bringing in a new era to our community. The old way to measure success for a Fire Department was in terms of the number of responses they received, but now they measure their success on evidence, results and the value they add to the community. Find out more at victorvilleca.gov.

ROTARY GUESTS

Our only guest this week was Victorville City Attorney **Andre de Bortnowsky**, who attended with **Keith Metzler** and our only Stand-in this week was **Ryan Orr**, who attended for **Brad Poiriez**.

RAFFLE



The "Seasoned" Rotarians table were the big winners this week, specifically **John Kroencke** and **Jim Murray**, who walked away with the lion's

share of goodies. Jim went home with both goodie bags from **Matthew Farias** at the Salvation Army, as well as the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**. John won all of **Bill Edward's** raffle gifts and will enjoy his new copper punch bowl and 2 sets of flower pots!

The only raffle gift that wasn't won by these two was a \$25 VISA gift card from **Steve Orr** which will be used by **Keith Metzler's** guest, Victorville City attorney **Andre de Bortnowsky**.

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Jim Barnes was back as with the "Spoon" this week and once again shared of the incredible deals going on at B&B Cycles in Victorville as part of their 47th Anniversary for this month of May. In October, it will be Jim's 50th year in the motorcycle industry, and there will be another celebration at that time.



Go and check out their new look inside and all the deals located at 13815 Park Ave. in Victorville.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2018-2019	Margaret Cooker
President 2019-2020	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
International Service	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Dr. Breada Leach
Scholarships	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership	Jon Hove
Club Service/Sergeant At Arms	Arsalee Morales

Members-at-Large:

Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards	Rick Bessinger
Dan Stover Music Contest	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	TBD
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
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 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 Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, noon 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

- June 11: Board of Directors Meeting**
 5:30 pm Meeting
 DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
 Hesperia and Silica Roads
- July 13: New Year Celebration**
 At the Scott's Home in SVL • 4:00pm
 Bring Friends, Family, + Potential Members
- July 27: Movie Night at the Hove's**
 6:00 pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove
 Bring Lawn Chair & Pot Luck Dish

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- May 28:** James Quigg, Chief Photographer, VV Daily Press **TOPIC: "The Last Man Standing at the Daily Press"** (Page)
- June 4:** Daniel Mitrovich, Co-Founder Solution Strategies, Founder New York City Marathon Tribute Committee **TOPIC: "Determination an Ingenuity- The Inspiring Story of Creating and Placing a Statue in Central Park"** (Page)

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