

The Joshua Tree

May 25, 2021

WHERE IS OUR BOOM?

In his 33 years as an Engineer, **Rob Kilpatrick** has seen this High Desert go through many changes, some good and some bad. Rob spoke to the Club this week on the past, present and future of our ever changing community. Rob began his career in 1985 working for Inland Engineering, and now with Dave Evans and Associates.



Rob has seen numerous residential booms and counts himself very lucky to have made it through. In the 80's and early 90's, residential building was on individual lots, then later in the decade subdivision began, mostly in Victorville. Since the 2006 recession, a lot of subdivisions still lay barren and half constructed, due to the builders going bankrupt. Rob asked, "Where is our Boom?". Rob feels the latest Real Estate Boom is everywhere, but not in the HD, although it could be, if companies would return to building more subdivisions and not back to single lots.

One big success Rob was part of was the building of the Mall of Victor Valley. At the time there was a lot of debate because the interchange around the Mall was only three lanes and many wanted the interchange widened to before the Mall construction. Because the decision was made to build the Mall first was a great idea. If they had built it the other way with the interchange first, the Mall may have never been built.

Rob even shared some failures like losing the Rogers Dale USA Amusement Park. There were lots of starts and stops but in the end it failed because of two things, first lack of finances played a big part, but also the reality that Roy and Dale were generational stars, and at the time of building their stars were already fading in the Victor Valley.

Looking ahead, Victorville has been able to use Federal Funds to do a major reconstruction project on the Bear Valley Road bridge at Ridgecrest. The bad news is that when this is happening, all three major corridors, including finishing the Green Tree Blvd connection to Yucca Loma, will all have major construction! While common sense would say to not start the Bear Valley project until the Green Tree Corridor is done, the funds are available now, and they have to be used.

Growth will continue in the Industrial Warehouse market, a large project is coming to SCLA, and another project coming up at the Foxborough Business Park. The challenge with all the industrial growth will be the Trucking and Transportation Industry's ability to get goods back and forth with only one way to get up and down the hill, the 15 freeway.

In the area of commercial building, Rob shared that down the road there will be a redevelopment of The Village in Apple Valley, as well as other projects he is unable to talk about at this time.

Finally, Ron feels the future of the Victor Valley lies in an unlikely place, Old Town Victorville. The area could be redeveloped for the youthful market as a high end residential and commercial area. With Brightline also offering trips from Apple Valley to Rancho Cucamonga, would be the key to young commuters.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards

Flag Salute: Steve Orr

4-Way Test: Steve Orr

ORR'S ROARS



Change can be hard. It was almost bittersweet to have our final Rotary meeting at El Pescador this week with so many Rotarians in attendance. I want to personally thank everyone at El Pescador for their

wonderful dedication and service for our Club for so many years. We will miss you until we see you again!

Thank you to Rob Kilpatrick for his informative talk on the growth of our High Desert. As an Engineer, Rob has been a part of some major accomplishments in our community, and it was a treat to hear his history of involvement.

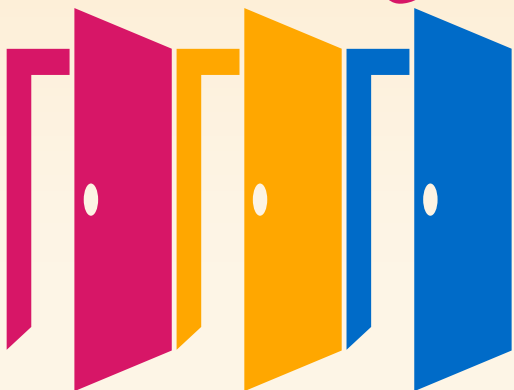


I am happy to say I will finally be demoted on Saturday, June 26! After a two year stint as your Rotary President, I will be passing the baton over to Jon Hove at the home of Bill & Linda Scott. The party starts at 4:30pm and I hope to see you all there.

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 at our new temporary home, the Spring Valley Lake Country Club!

Steve



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Fines Return!

A sign that everything is going back to normal, we had our first Fine Session in over a year with **David North** leading to proceedings as Fine Master!

David found a set of keys on the floor, and the owner, **Tina Escareño** paid \$20 to get them back, while our speaker **Rob Kilpatrick** mentioned in his presentation that more taxes is a good thing, was hit with a \$20 fine for that comment.

Esther Mears was penalized \$6, as she is currently going through the sixth merger of her career at DCB. Finally, **Jon Hove** received a \$20 fine, because of the postponed "Comedy Night", which caused David to stay at home, and be the only man at a Teacher Retirement Party his wife was hosting.



Spoon of Exemption

Bill Edwards had his final time with the Spoon and shared additional information on the Rescue Mission's 2021 Drive Thru Backpack Giveaway! The event, which will be held on Thursday, July 29th from 8am - Noon will supply backpacks complete with school supplies for students K-12 this year.

The backpacks cost \$15 each and the Mission has a goal of raising enough funds for 3,000 backpacks! Bill is looking for Rotarians to lend a hand by committing to buy backpacks or to become a sponsor. Rotarians who have already sponsored the event include Midway Home Solutions, Victor Valley Transit, Apple Valley Communications, ISU ARMAC, Southwest Gas, Desert Valley Hospital, Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, and the Club itself. Please contact Bill if you would like to help!

Next it was time to raffle the Spoon for the month of June. **Chris Ackerman** started the bidding at \$25, but was then taken by **Esther Mears** for \$30. **Dr. Ron Williams** got involved and bid \$35, but in the end Esther took the Spoon for \$40 and will speak for five Tuesdays in June.

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Jon Hove had the chance to get the Blue Dice but drew a white one out of the bag and donated his \$5 winnings to the Polio Pig.

We will continue next week with 11 dice and \$275 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle

Dr. Ron Williams was the big winner this week taking home a travel clock from **Kevin Kane** at Victor Valley Transit, plus a bottle of wine and a Fox 106.5 shirt, both donated by **Dwight Johnson**. **Jim Mettler** from CalPortland also donated a bottle of wine that was won by Dwight!

Donna Wells didn't do so bad either taking home a DCB Travel Cup from **Esther Mears** and a \$25 Starbucks gift card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.

June Birthdays

Mike Page	June 12
Chris Ackerman	June 26
Keith Metzler	June 27

June Anniversaries

Bob Basen	37 Years
Mike Page	29 Years
Carole Adams	3 Years

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Harrison Hove** as a guest of **Jon Hove** and Oberholte Aide **Christopher Scott**, also in attendance.

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/Oaabe8b9> to donate.

REMINDER!!

Beginning next week, our Tuesday Rotary Meetings will now be at the Spring Valley Lake Country Club located at 13229 Spring Valley Parkway

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

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$37.00

Polio Pig: \$32.00 + Dice (Jon Hove): \$5.00= \$37.00

Collected to Date: \$17,954.23

Total equals: 97,022 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

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

- June 1:** David Greiner, Greiner Buick, GMC
Topic: Chipless: Operating in an Automobile Shortage (Page)
- June 8:** Dr. Ron Boyd **Topic: The Current State of the Vet Industry and Impact to Pet Owners** (Page)
- June 15: OPEN**
- June 22: OPEN**
- June 29: Evening Rotary Meeting**
Koren BBQ, Victorville • 5:30pm

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