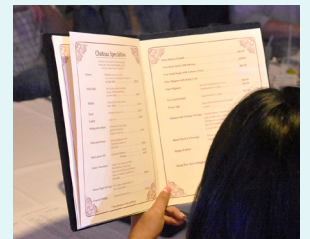


# The Joshua Tree

May 31, 2022

## AN EVENING OUT AT CHATEAU CHANG

A fun group of Rotarians gathered this week for another “5th Tuesday” evening Rotary meeting, once again at Chateau Chang in Victorville. As promised, those who attended enjoyed an evening of excellent food, fun and fellowship. Attendees included our **Steve & Pam Murray, Jon & Linda Hove, Arsalee Morales, Dan & Kris Dever, Donna & Denny Wells, Dwight Johnson, Jim & Leslie Murray, John Kroencke** and a return visit from none other than **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham!** Our next evening meeting will take place on August 30th, don't miss it!





## HOVE'S HELLO



*Thanks to everyone who came out to Chateau Chang for our latest "5th Tuesday" evening meeting. Everyone had a great time and the food did not disappoint! We hope*

*to see many more of you at our next one in August!*

*The District Conference is coming in just a few short weeks and we are inviting you to a ride up the Palm Springs Tram along with lunch on Friday, June 24th. This is free for any Club Rotarian and their spouse, and you don't need to be attending the conference to take part in this special event. We hope to see you there!*

*It is my last month as your President and we will be having a great Demotion Party on Saturday, June 18 and for my Demotion and the Promotion of Arsalee Morales as your next President! The annual event will be held at the home of Dan and Kris Dever and along with all the great food and fun, we will also be announcing our Rotarian of the Year!*

*Join us next week as we will have our San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus!*

*Jon Hove*



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## Hurting to See Ukraine Bleed

**By Rajendra Saboo**

The Ukraine war is devastatingly painful and endless, wrecking cities and lives. I have visited Kiev twice, once immediately after the Berlin Wall fell and again when the country was rapidly developing. I feel pained because of the connect with Ukraine and its people.



On May 8, 1992, as the president of Rotary International, my wife and I reached Kiev to formally introduce Rotary. Since there was no air connection, we traveled on a ship accompanied by some US Rotarians who had sponsored the first club in Ukraine. We stayed on the ship.

The next day at the Kiev palace gala banquet, I presented the charter of the new Rotary Club of Kiev to president Vladimir Kulik, in the presence of District Governor Aarne Valikangas from Finland and the founding members, including John Hewko, now general secretary of Rotary International. Also present was John's father Lubomyr Hewko, who had helped establish the club. Rotary clubs from the UK and Canada supported various service projects supplying medical equipment to Ukraine's hospitals, assisting victims of the Chernobyl disaster and volunteering doctors for eye, dental and ENT surgeries. In 1996, the Rotary Club

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# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Ukraine Bleeds

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of Kyiv organized immunization of 4 million children to make the country polio-free.

With Ukraine's independence, the name changed from Kiev to Kyiv. Legend states that three brothers – Kyi, Shchek and Khoryv – established the city. Kyiv took its name from the eldest brother Kyi.

Twenty years after our first visit, I was in Kyiv in 2012, for a Rotary conference as the chief guest.

We visited many projects. One continues to be a constant in my memory, the Children's Cardiac Center, managed by Rotarian Ilyya M Yemetz as its director. The center's highlight was the world's first open-heart surgery using antilog umbilical cord blood and also the first simultaneous open-heart and liver tumor surgery, and then Ukraine's first neonatal Ross II operation. Not only the health sector, but also technology, communications, computers and industrial manufacturing were advancing.



The conference was held in the Kyiv Doll Theatre and the evening was on a motorboat to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rotary Club

of Kyiv. It was enjoyable witnessing the progress over two decades as 46 Rotary clubs have been added.

Rotary International has collected millions of dollars to help the victims of this senseless war.

I close with thoughts of a beautiful Ukraine and its people. Watching the ruins of their progress, my heart bleeds. The great Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko says: 'In Ukraine, my own land; A fair land and wide.' And from his My Testament: 'And in the great new family; The family of the free; With softly spoken, kindly word; Remember also me.'

## June Birthdays

<b>Mike Page</b>	<b>June 12</b>
<b>Chris Ackerman</b>	<b>June 26</b>
<b>Keith Metzler</b>	<b>June 27</b>

## June Anniversaries

<b>Mike Page</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
<b>Bob Basen</b>	<b>38 Years</b>

## Partner Birthdays

<b>Christy Armstrong</b>	<b>June 7</b>
<b>Wanda Williams</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>Stephanie Boyd</b>	<b>June 19</b>

## Wedding Anniversaries

<b>Dennis &amp; Carol Yule</b>	<b>53 Years</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Alicia Anderson</b>	<b>37 Years</b>
<b>Kevin &amp; Susan Porter</b>	<b>33 Years</b>
<b>Ben &amp; Janice Tafoya</b>	<b>28 Years</b>
<b>Rob &amp; Lynae Kilpatrick</b>	<b>25 years</b>
<b>Ryan &amp; Jodi McEachron</b>	<b>8 Years</b>

## More Assistance Needed



Through a District Grant of \$500 that we matched, The Club has spent \$1,000 to purchase books for the Adelanto Elementary School District! The books are scheduled to arrive in early June, and we will need volunteers again to help sort and label books. Please contact **Margaret Cooker** and volunteer for a couple of hours.



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2021-2022 .....	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023 .....	Arsalee Morales
President 2022-2023 .....	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025 .....	<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/New Year Party**  
Home of Dan & Kris Dever  
13166 Waco Rd, AV, CA 92308
- June 23: District Conference**  
**-25:** Indian Hills Resort and Spa  
4-Way Speech Finals & Breakfast at  
Esmeralda Resort and Spa (**June 24**)  
Dan Stove Music Finals and Lunch at  
Esmeralda Resort and Spa (**June 24**)

## Upcoming Programs

- June 7: Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff (Wickum)**
- June 14:** John Wickum, Captain, Victorville Station, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department  
**Topic: "Local Law Enforcement Update + Open Q&A"** (Page)
- June 21:** Jason Lamoreaux, Coldwell Banker,  
**Topic: "Real Estate Update"** (Page)
- June 28:** Jon Hove and Donna Wells  
**Topic: "State of the Club"** (Page)
- July 5: OPEN**

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