

# The Joshua Tree

**June 7, 2022**

## RAIDS, TICKETS, AND MORE OFFICERS

This week the Club was honored to host our San Bernardino County Sheriff **Shannon Dicus**, on the day of his election to the County. Sheriff Dicus gave the group a report on what the Department has been doing, as well as an outlook for the future.

Shannon was appointed on July 14, 2021, to serve as the 36th Sheriff of San Bernardino County. Before his time with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Shannon served as a Military Policeman in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a federal law enforcement officer with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He began his career with the Sheriff's Department in 1991.

In his previous position as Undersheriff, Shannon was responsible for managing the daily operations of the Department. During that time, one of his significant accomplishments was completing the "Jail Utilization Study." The project was conducted in partnership with CalForward to determine the effects of prison realignment and recidivism in our jail system.

Shannon earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, San Bernardino, and a



master's degree in Communications from California Baptist University.

Shannon has extensive experience in many assignments. He worked in both the Glen Helen Rehabilitation and West Valley Detention centers. On patrol, he served the communities of Apple Valley, Barstow, Victorville, and Victor Valley. His specialized assignments were in Narcotics, SWAT, and the Criminal Intelligence Divisions. As an Assistant Sheriff, Shannon was responsible for three Bureau Deputy Chiefs, who oversaw the Corrections, Field Support Services, and

Personnel/Training Bureaus.\*

Throughout this year the Department has been doing massive raids on Illegal Marijuana grows in the County. Their latest raid in late May, yielded over \$9 million in illegal product in an underground bunker in Newberry Springs.

The Department was also busy with their Crime Suppression Unit, going after those who needed to be off the street. Searches and arrest were made for those to committed parole violations, had warrants out for them or were wanted by the police.

Also widely reported was their sting operation, with sheriff deputies from all over the county to tackle the rash of illegal driving here in the High Desert. What the Sheriff calls "Covid Driving", occupants using emergency lanes, crossing double yellow lines, plus using stop signs and traffic lights as a "suggestion". They recently cited over 180 drivers in the Victor Valley in a single day!

Hiring has been an issue with the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department. With the pandemic, the fear of attacks, and officers leaving California for more "police friendly" states, it has been a challenge to fill positions. Shannon was happy to report that by the

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### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman  
**Flag Salute:** Stew Anderson  
**4-Way Test:** Jim Murray  
**Fine Master:** David North

## HOVE'S HELLO



It was wonderful to have San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus come and speak to the Club this week! We are

so appreciative of all that you and your officers do for our community.



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! The event begins at 5pm, with dinner served at 6pm.

See you next week!

*Jon Hove*



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## Sheriff Shannon Dicus

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Fall around 150 new officers will be joining the ranks of the County, with about 40 of them dispatched to the High Desert.

The Sheriff also spoke about the fentanyl crisis here in our Country. Last year alone there were 106 fentanyl overdoses, with 96 of them ending in deaths. To make matters worse, many of them were teenagers. He is working hard on this, going to Sacramento working with legislators on Bills to get a handle on epidemic.

In the future, the Department is looking to increase efficiency with a phone app, where a live person will be able to take a police report within a few minutes instead of waiting sometimes hours for an officer to arrive. This will be used for low level crimes such as minor traffic accidents and vandalism, and business break-ins.

As a Club, we thank Sheriff Shannon Dicus and his whole Department for working so hard 24/7 to keep our residents and our businesses safe.

*\* Portions taken from [www.shannondicus4sheriff.com](http://www.shannondicus4sheriff.com)*

## Scholarship



Scholarships are very important to the Club and this week **David North** was honored to present **Katherine Page** (daughter of Mike and Sharon Page) a scholarship from our Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.

Katherine will be graduating from the Academy of Academic Excellence and will first attend Masters University for their one year Bible Program and then off to a 4-year to Major in Astrophysics.

In the 8th grade, she was involved in Interact where she collected canned food raised money to purchase rice and beans for people in Mexico. Katherine also attended Teen Leadership Camp. Finally, at her young age, Katherine has already run three marathons!

# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Big Blue Dice



**Keith Metzler had the chance to pick the Blue Dice but drew white and saved it for another Rotarian next week.**

**We will continue in two weeks with 11 dice and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!**

## Fine Session



**David North** was our Fine Master this week and gave **Keith Metzler** a fine worth \$40 for finally showing up to a meeting, while **Rob Kilpatrick** got penalized \$25 in honor of his 24

years as a Rotarian (*David rounded up*).

The only other fine was presented to **Mike Page**, honoring both his birthday and 30 years as a Rotarian. His penalty was a whopping \$2,000!

## 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.

## Raffle

For this week's raffle both **Jim Murray** and **Dwight Johnson** won Victor Valley Transit USB thumb drivers, and Dwight donated a couple bottles of wine that will be enjoyed by Sheriff PIO **Tricia Blake** and **Rick Bessinger**. Captain **John Wickum** gave away a bag of goodies from the Sheriff's Department that was taken home by **Rob Kilpatrick**.



A final raffle draw for \$5 cash was done for those who had voted by meeting time in the Primaries. **Stew Anderson** was the lucky winner!

## Spoon of Exemption

The Spoon was up for auction this week and even though it was offered up for just \$50, **Rob Kilpatrick** bought it for \$100. He won't be in attendance the month of June, but did it to support the Club. Thank you Rob for your generosity.

## Rotary Guests

Attending the meeting with Captain **John Wickum**, the Club welcomed former Rotarian **Rick Bessinger**, Officer **Eddie Bachus** and PIO **Tricia Blake**.

From the Hove family, we had spouse **Linda Hove** and son **Harrison Hove**. From the Page family we welcomed spouse **Sharon Page** and daughter **Katherine Page**.



## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$22.00**

*Polio Pig: \$17 + Keith Metzler (Dice): \$5.00= \$22.00*

**Collected to Date: \$18,882.67**

**Total equals: 98,881 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 2023-2024 .....	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/RYLA & 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  
5pm, Dinner at 6pm
- June 24: District Conference**  
**-25:** Indian Hills Resort and Spa
- June 24: Palm Springs Tram and Lunch**  
Meet at Tram entrance at 10:45am
- June 24:** 4-Way and Ethics Speech Finals & Breakfast  
at Esmeralda Resort and Spa  
Dan Stove Music Finals and Lunch at  
Esmeralda Resort and Spa

## Upcoming Programs

- 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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