

The Joshua Tree

June 14, 2022

THE MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE LESS COLLISIONS

Rotarian and Victorville Sheriff Captain **John Wickum** spoke to our Club this week to hold an informal Q & A from all in attendance. Many questions were asked, but unlike year's past when the focus of these programs were questions about the homelessness issue, this year it was mostly about Measure P, and getting more officers on the road to try and help curb the erratic driving pandemic, or as our County Sheriff **Shannon Dicus** called it last week, "Covid Driving".



purpose. The benefit to our police department included an allocation amount of \$2,480,607 to go towards:

- Adding five Deputy Sheriffs (**New Deputy Sheriffs began on September 8, 2021**)
- Adding five Sheriff's Service Specialists (**Five New SSS officers began in January 2022**)
- Add one Crime Analyst (**The Crime Analyst began on September 8, 2021**)
- Improve response times
- Reduce crime
- Increase traffic enforcement

Measure P is the general sales tax measure approved by the Victorville voters during the November 3, 2020 election. This one-cent sales tax took effect on April 1, 2021 increasing Victorville's sales tax rate from 7.75 percent to 8.75 percent.

Revenue generated by Measure P enables the City to expand essential services needed to improve the quality of life for our community. Measure P also requires non-resident visitors to share costs. Taxpayer investment in Measure P is protected by a Citizen's Oversight Committee that ensures revenue generated by this measure is used for its legal

- Increase neighborhood police patrol
- Hire a consultant for professional services for the redesign and expansion of the current Police Department building or construction of a new building.

Currently, more officers are going through the Academy, and Captain Wickum hopes to have them out on patrol as soon as possible, but it takes around 6 months of training before a rookie is ready to be on patrol. About three weeks ago, they did a Friday night operation which resulted in 480 citations locally. Once more officers are patrolling our streets, Captain Wickum hopes the infractions and accidents will decrease.

Other questions and answers that were talked about ranged from working with other intelligence agencies to locate paid individuals who joined protests in the High Desert in recent times with the instructions to cause trouble. Another topic of discussion was the safety of our students in schools. More than ever before, patrols work around schools, while School Resource Officers (SRO) work from the inside. Six of the current SRO's are Deputies, and the Victor Elementary School District has a contract of three Deputies to cover their schools exclusively.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman
Flag Salute: Mike Page
4-Way Test: Arsalee Morales
Fine Master: David North

HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to our Sheriff
Captain John Wickum
for coming out this week
and talking some great
questions from our

members. Thank you
for all you do for our
safety. It was also
a lovely surprise to
receive a visit from our District Governor!



The District Conference is coming in just a two 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!

This Saturday is my our Party 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. 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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A Visit from the District Governor

This week our Club had a surprise visit from our District Governor 2021-22, **Elizabeth McDonough Barry** and her daughter **Maggie Barry**. She shared with the Club how excited she was to visit with the Club and told of how wonderful her year has been as the District Governor of 5300.



Elizabeth "Betsy" McDonough Barry joined Rotary Club of Upland in 2005. She served as club president, 2015-2016. She also served District Membership Chair. Previously, Betsy served on the Upland City Council (1991-1998) and became Mayor Pro Tem (1996-1998). She was President of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association (2002).

Betsy's best Rotary moments include "Shopping at Target" where 100 under-privileged local children are given \$100.00 to buy Christmas presents; and reading and distributing books to Title I school children in grades K through

third grade. During Betsy's year as President, 35 traffic signs were installed near every school in Upland to warn drivers to "Drive Carefully, Protect Our Children." Betsy is passionate about sharing Rotary so that others may know the wonderful works Rotarians do locally, nationally and worldwide.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Jim Murray 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 10 dice and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master this week and set his sights right away on **Steve Murray**. David has Life360 monitoring installed in his cars (for when his children were younger),

and noticed the other day that his wife was with Steve. What he thought of her skipping out on him to be with Steve, turned out she only had a flat tire. Since Steve left the meeting early, his father **Jim Murray** was forced to accept his fine of \$25.

The only other fine levied was to **John Kroencke** in the amount of \$20, due to John's generosity each year to our Scholarship program.

Raffle

Both **Jim Murray** and **John Kroencke** will keep their mobile devices charged up this summer as both took home Victor Valley Transit mobile phone chargers from **Chris Ackerman**. In addition, John and **Maggie Barry**, daughter of our District Governor **Elizabeth McDonough Barry** will keep cool with their VVTA water bottles they won. **Steve Murray** brought the final prize, a bottle of wine, which will be enjoyed by our president **John Hove**.

Rotary Guests



Attending the meeting with Captain **John Wickum**, the Club welcomed Lieutenants **Tim Visosky** and **Eddie Bachman**. **Dwight Johnson** brought El Dorado Sales Manager **James Rightmire** and **Jasmine Jennings** came as a guest of **Bryan Gillespie**. Jasmine is looking to start an Interact Club at Options for Youth.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$33.85

Polio Pig: \$28.33 + Jim Murray, pulling for Steve Murray (Dice): \$5.00= \$33.85

Collected to Date: \$18,916.52

Total equals: 98,949 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	Need Candidates
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	Need Volunteer
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
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

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, 13165 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 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

July 11: Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm Meeting at Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia
2nd Building on the Right Side of Driveway

Upcoming Programs

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: Chris Ackerman, Victor Valley Transit
Authority **Topic: "TBA"** (Page)

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