

# The Joshua Tree

June 22, 2021

## THE FUTURE OF HOSPITAL CARE IN THE HIGH DESERT

A new hospital is coming and according to **John Kozyra** from Providence St. Mary, it will be a state of the art hospital that people will want to work at and will be able to take better care of High Desert patients.



The new hospital is a joint venture with Kaiser Permanente with a goal of a great patient experience for the community. The plan began 14 years ago in 2017 when St. Mary purchased 98 Acres on the south side of the 15 Freeway between Bear Valley Road and Main Street. In 2012, they had an official groundbreaking, and then with the merger with Providence and eventually Covid, slowed the process down, but with the joint venture with Kaiser, it's all systems go with a One Billion dollar investment on this 260+ bed hospital that will be completed by 2027. The Kaiser partnership is a great fit because they are a like-minded partner with the same goals of quality, safety and a great patient experience. They will also be able to serve the 100,000+ members in the High Desert.

The biggest question John gets asked is if there will now be two hospitals from St. Mary, and the simple answer is no. After a billion

dollar price tag, there is not much more they are able to do but put all their energies into this new facility. Another reason goes with their mission to express God's healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus to be steadfast in serving all. This hospital will bring bigger and better service to the community.

Another advantage to this hospital are the patient rooms. The days of paired rooms will be over as all the rooms will be private rooms at the new hospital and will be part of a better patient experience with 20% more beds than the current hospital.

What is needed in the High Desert is more primary care doctors and specialists and with this much more convenient location right off the freeway will make it easier to recruit more specialty physicians. The travel time from Apple Valley to the new campus will be approximately 12-15 minutes, Adelanto and Phelan residents will get there in 18-20 minutes and those who reside in Lucerne Valley can expect a 30 minutes journey to the new hospital.

If you have ever been to the Emergency Room at Providence St. Mary or any other hospital in the High Desert, you know it can be chaotic and a very long wait, sometimes all night. Part of the goal of this new facility is community education to help people understand what needs should go to Emergency, an Urgent Care Facility, Telehealth, or their Primary Care Doctor. Utilizing Urgent Care and Telehealth will keep many people out of the Emergency Room. When it comes to Primary Care Doctors, the High Desert needs to grow with at least 30 new doctors. If utilized properly and

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**This Week's Functionaries**

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman

**Flag Salute:** Oscar Garcia

**4-Way Test:** Stew Anderson

**Fine Master:** Steve Orr

## ORR'S ROARS



*Well, almost time to say farewell! I will have the pleasure of being demoted this weekend, and I hope you will all make it. The party will be at the home of Bill & Linda Scott and will begin "6ish" with food at 7pm and fireworks*

*show at 9pm. The address is 18136 Pier in Spring Valley Lake.*

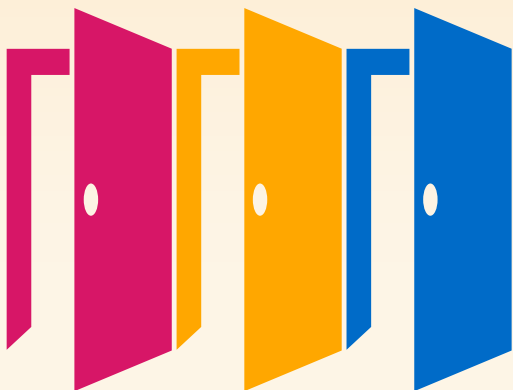


*Thank you to John Kozyra and Bryan Kawasaki from Providence St. Mary for sharing all the great information on both the new hospital and the future for their Apple Valley facility.*

*Don't forget we will all be at the home of Jon and Linda Hove on August 21 for another Movie Night! The film has not been chosen yet, but if you have been to one before, you know it will be a fun time.*

*I hope to see you next week for our 5th Tuesday Evening Rotary Meeting at Seoul Korean BBQ The fellowship will be at 5:30pm.*

*Steve*



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## A NEW HOSPITAL

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the community learns the differences, the hospital will be sufficient with 260 beds through 2035 with room to grow.

The final issue they faced was what to do with Providence St. Mary in Apple Valley? The hospital needs to be retrofit for earthquakes that would cost 400 Million, or spend 40 Million to close and decommission the hospital. They could also sell it to a developer who would turn it into something else entirely, but they have chosen to repurpose the facility for medical services, without in-patient care. They are forming a community committee group to advise the options and plans for repurposing the campus. The goal is to keep medical services in Apple Valley.

Providence St. Mary, along with Kaiser, wants to create a better patient experience, with private rooms and a team of doctors and specialists to take care of the needs of the community.

## *In Loving Memory*



A memorial will be held for **Charles Gehrke**, this Saturday, June 26, at the Lone Wolf Colony located at 23200 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308.

The time to stop by for the memorial is anytime between 2pm to 6pm

# Rotary Opens Opportunities



## Big Blue Dice



*Keith Metzler had the chance to get the Blue Dice and wouldn't you know it... he did it! Keith left the meeting with \$350*  
*We will start over in 2 weeks with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.*

## Rotary Club of Victorville, CA



## Scholarships



The Victorville Rotary Foundation continues to help others! This week President **Steve Orr** presented **Kirsten Acosta** with a check for \$4,000 that will go to designated student scholarships!

## Raffle

This week's raffle began with a pair of Victor Valley Transit Mugs with office goodies from **Chris Ackerman**, that was won by **Steve Orr** and **Keith Metzler**, and a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson** will be enjoyed by Apple Valley Rotarian **Peter Allan**. Dwight also brought the book, "Wisdom of 25 Men of Integrity" that was written by his father **Dwight Johnson, Sr.** The lucky Rotarian that gets to read this great book was **Diane Anderson**! The final gift was a \$25 Starbucks gift card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, that will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells**.

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Peter Allan** from the Rotary Club of Apple Valley (Victorville East) and **Dianne Anderson**, the wife of **Stew Anderson**. We also had **Coleen Luque** and Jay Obernolte Aide **Christopher Scott** in attendance.

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

## Fine Session



**Steve Orr** was our Fine Master, and in his final Presidential act made everyone in the room Fine Free! Thanks Steve!

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$2.00**  
**Collected to Date: \$18,031.63**  
**Total equals: 97,177 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*  
*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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**Members-at-Large:** Dwight Johnson & Rob Kilpatrick

### Positions & Committee Chairs

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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

<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., Cracker Barrel, 11612 Amargosa Rd, Victorville 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 26: Demotion Party**  
6:00 pm Home of Bill & Linda Scott  
18136 Pier, Spring Valley Lake
- July 12: Board of Directors meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Aug 21: Movie Night at the Hove's**  
Home of Jon & Linda Hove *(Details to follow)*

## Upcoming Programs

- June 29: Evening Rotary Meeting**  
Koren BBQ, Victorville • 5:30pm
- July 6: Comedy Program** (Hove/Barnes)
- July 13:** Dan Austin, High Desert Heart Institute  
**Topic: Health Prevention Post Covid-19** (Page)
- July 20:** Ryan McEachron, ISU-ARMAC **Topic: The Insurance Industry Post-Covid** (Page)
- July 27: OPEN**
- Aug 3: OPEN**

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