



# The Joshua Tree

**June 27, 2023**

## THE PASSING OF THE BELL

It's the end of another Rotary year and this week President **Arsalee Morales** and Treasurer **Donna Wells** gave a recap, as we look towards another Rotary year.

Donna spoke first and shared the status on the Club's income. The Club's income mainly consists of dues, meals, fundraising events, raffles, fines and some foundation donations. Expenses from the Club consist of dues to Rotary



contributions to the Foundation and fundraising events is a must for the Club.

Next President Arsalee gave a recap of her Rotary year. Funds the Club raised goes directly back into the community including \$4,000 to the Victor Valley College Foundation, \$1,000 to the Police Activities League, \$5000 towards Read B4K and 47 Teacher Mini-Grants were awarded totaling \$12,918.62.



International and Rotary District 5300. Other expenses are made up of this newsletter, The Joshua Tree, maintaining our Club website and sending our Board

to District Conference and international expenses for the incoming Rotary President and spouse. The Foundation was helped recently by High Desert Opportunity donating a scholarship in the name of **Marilyn Buttelwerth**. Continued



The Club hosted a couple of fundraising opportunities including a Comedy Night in November and poured beer at the Victorville Stage Bike Race.

Giving back to the community is one of the most important missions to the Club and during Arsalee's presidency a canned food drive was restarted, while some members went to Enseñada to visit the Water Tank Project and Orphanage. Members this year were extremely generous in donating money and items for 18 Easter Baskets for those in need in Victorville.

Finally, **Steve Murray** then gave a preview of his year as Rotary President that will begin July 1st. With the expansion coupled with the rising costs of Read B4k, the Club will need to come up with additional funding to keep it going. Steve and his team will be looking into corporate sponsorships

### This Week's Functionaries

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| <b>Invocation:</b>  | <b>Bill Edwards</b> |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | <b>Mike Page</b>    |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | <b>Ron Boyd</b>     |
| <b>Fine Master:</b> | <b>David North</b>  |

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## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to everyone who made my Demotion Party so memorable! The decorations were perfect and the

entertainment was top notch. Congratulations to Mike Johnson who was awarded this year's Rotarian of the Year. Thank you for your commitment and passion for the Club.

I also want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your Rotary President these past 12 months. I could not have



done it without my fabulous Board and the support of the membership. This year I have improved in the areas of public speaking and leadership, which were personal goals of mine. I could not have been so successful without the assistance of incoming President Steve Murray. Thank you for your leadership, insight and knowledge you imparted on me this year.

Movie Night at the Hove's is coming on August 19th at 6:00pm and the movie has been selected! This time it will be the 1958 film "Auntie Mame" starring Rosland Russell and Forrest Tucker. Jon and Linda are looking for attendees to sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.

Finally remember, God has already equipped you with the skills you need to achieve your dreams. If you just try, work hard, take control of your destiny, remain true to yourself, and believe it is possible, you will have unlimited power to achieve the impossible.

Arsalee

## Morales, Wells & Murray

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and grants. The other alternative is to pull funds away from Teacher Mini-Grants, which Steve does not want to happen.

Steve also wants to make sure members are happy with their Club experience, so he is inviting members to come to him with ideas on service projects, outings and more that will make the Club better and more attractive to potential members.

Finally, Steve shared that he plans to once a quarter bring back Firesides, which the Club hasn't done in quite some time. The Club will share Firesides with the Apple Valley Club and invite the High Desert Club to participate as well. Steve is planning on doing a Fireside at the Rotary Gardens as a joint High Desert affair, plus one at the home of Stew & Diane Anderson.

The first luncheon meeting for President **Steve Murray** officially kicks off on Tuesday, July 11th at noon, as we will be dark on July 4th.



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## Big Blue Dice



*Bill Edwards had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian. The pot continues to grow next week with 13 Dice and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Raffle

At this week's raffle **Terry Saenz** gave away more ICR goodie bags that were won by **Jon Hove** and **Steve Murray**. **Mike Johnson** donated a box cutter that will be used by **Bill Edwards** and a tape measure that was given to **Arsalee Morales**. **Arsalee** and **Marianne Edwards** received Cinemark gift cards from **Bill** and **Terry** will enjoy the bottle of wine she won from **David North**.

## Rotary Guests

This week we again welcomed **Pat Thomasson**, the VP of Sales for El Dorado Broadcasters, who attended as a guest of **Arsalee Morales**. **Kyle Vizzo** attended once again with **Bob Basen** and **Marianne Edwards** joined husband **Bill** at the meeting.

Our Stand-ins this week was **Terry Saenz** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

## Fine Session



**David North** was our Fine Master and began by presenting **Mike Johnson** with his Blue Badge, which came along with a \$25 fine.

It was then time for more Rotary Trivia, with any wrong answers resulting in a \$25 fine. **Stefanie Montoya** took a fine for not knowing how many Rotarians there are worldwide. She came close though, guessing 1 million, with the correct answer being 1.4 million. **Bill Scott** also paid for not knowing that we sponsored the Apple Valley Club in 1956 and **Jon Hove** left with \$25 less in his wallet for not knowing that Victorville and Apple Valley sponsored the Hesperia Club in 1960.

## Spoon of Exception

**Terry Saenz**, Stand-in for **Robert Lovingood**, had the Spoon for a final time this week and shared the news that on July 13th there will be a new ICR location in Johnson City, Tennessee. The new location specializes as a recruiting office for businesses in the area.

Next it was time to auction the Spoon for July, and **Bill Edwards** took possession of it for \$50. We will hear from **Bill** when the Club meets again on July 11th.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$15.00**

*Polio Pig: \$10 • Dice (Bill Edwards) \$5 = \$15.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,802.52**

**Total equals: 100,593 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!  
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

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President 2025-2027 .....	Bill Edwards
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#### 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 Bear Valley 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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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

**July 10: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA

**Aug 19: Movie Night at the Hove's**  
6:00pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove  
Film: Auntie Mame  
*Please sign up to bring an appetizer,  
side dish, or dessert*

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## Upcoming Programs

**July 4: DARK: HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

**July 11: OPEN**

**July 18: OPEN**

**July 25: OPEN**

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