

Rotary



The Joshua Tree

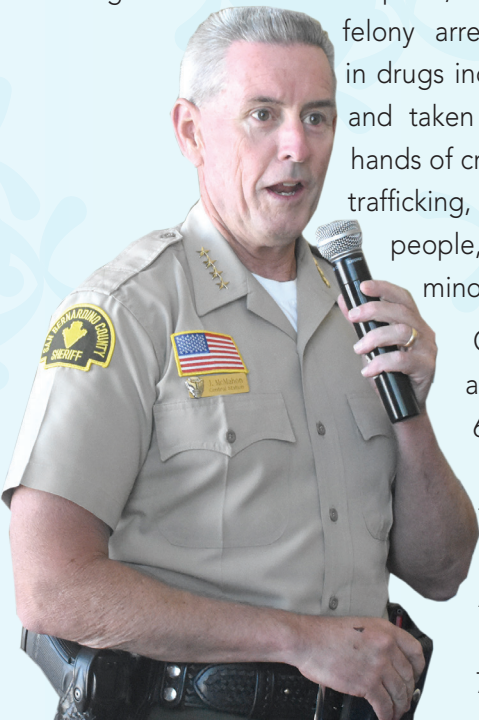


July 2, 2019

SUPPRESSING CRIME AT ITS SOURCE

What a way to start off a new Rotary year by receiving a visit and update from San Bernardino County **Sheriff John McMahon!** John spoke to our Club about the success of their 9-month long Crime Suppression program, which targets criminal operations that are causing them the most grief, not just individuals with warrants.

With this program they are targeting guns, drugs, and human trafficking crimes. Since its inception, they have made over 700 felony arrests, destroyed \$14mil in drugs including 568lbs of Meth and taken 480 guns out of the hands of criminals. Around human trafficking, they have rescued 49 people, with 26 of them being minors!



Our local jails are always full, with over 6,000 in custody at any given time. While in the past, individuals released from the Adelanto facility were dropped off at D and 7th; which led to more

criminal activity; the Department has now partnered with a Hesperia faith based program with resounding success. This organization takes EVERY released prisoner to a loved one or family members' home, homeless shelter, Salvation Army or even a hotel if the shelters are full, and assist those who truly don't want to return to a life of crime, with a variety of programs to put them on a path of redemption and success! Since implementing this partnership, the number of re-arrests has dropped significantly.

Due to the success of these programs the County Board has gotten behind the Sheriff's Department and have added a million dollars to the Crime Suppression Program, in addition funding for 9 additional dispatchers and the successful H.O.P.E. Program for the homeless situation is now being funded by the County.

Finally, Sheriff McMahon spoke about his meeting with our President Donald Trump. At a County Sheriffs Meeting in D.C., shared a story with some officials about a dramatic rescue in Joshua Tree, where one of their helicopter pilots and a diver risked their lives saving a 75-year-old man whose car was stuck in a flash flood in pouring rain and 40mph winds. Soon after, the president was speaking and completely unplanned, called John up to the podium, where he had about 3 seconds to think about what to say! Sheriff McMahon chose to speak on the San Bernardino Terrorist attack and how everyone in the County came together that day.

Like the chance to speak with the President, the life of a Sheriff office is unplanned, who never know what kind of dangers, or heroics will be needed and faced at the next call. Thank you to all our officers for protecting and serving our communities.

This Week's Functionaries

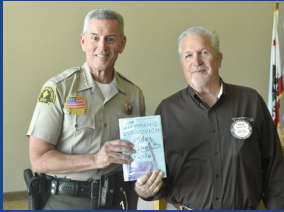
- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Rick Bessinger**
- 4-Way Test: **Arsalee Morales**
- Finemaster: **David North**

ORR'S ROARS



Well, you gotta start somewhere right? Thanks to everyone who attended for my meeting as your President and I am excited for the upcoming year and

what a great way to start it off with none other than Sheriff John McMahon speaking to our Club!



Calling all Past President's! Our next PP Meeting will be on Monday, July 22 at 5:30pm in the El Pescador Bar. Considering the location, we'll see how much work we will get done. Please see the calendar dates on page 4 for other events such as our New Year Party and Movie Night at the Hove's.

Staying on topic, we are looking for nominations Rotary Presidents for upcoming years and great locations for the International Conferences. Please nominate yourself of someone you feel is worthy for the years 2020-2021 (Hawaii), 2021-2022 (Taiwan) and 2022-2023 (Houston, TX)

Finally, have a wonderful 4th with your friends and loved ones...see u next week!

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Raffle

Jim Murray will be doing some shopping this weekend at Midway, as he won two \$25 gift cards from **Jason Montana!** **Terry Caldwell** will fill up his tank with a \$20 ARCO card from **Steve Orr**, and **Rob Kilpatrick** will see the latest blockbuster at AMC theater courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**.



Jason Montana will use his new USB wrist thumb drive from **Kevin Kane** and **Brad Poiriez** will relax this Independence Day with a bottle of Alaskan Chardonnay he won, donated by **Jim Murray**.

Rotary Guests

To hear our Sheriff this week we welcomed **Garret Morris** as a guest of **Steve Orr**, **Anthony Marin** from Elementum Services who attended with **Oscar Garcia**, and **Kevin Kane** invited Adelanto Council Member **Joy Jeanette**.

From our local Sheriff Department, we were honored to have **John Wickum**, **Mark Smith** and **Greg Herbert**, who all attended with **Captain Rick Bessinger**.

Our stand-ins this week were **Linda Hove** who attended for her husband Jon, and **Jason Montana** who was there for **Don Lager**.

Spoon of Exemption

Dwight Johnson started his month with the Spoon talking about traffic. With this week's holiday, our local streets, 15 freeway and Cajon Pass will be packed and no better place to find out how to get where you are going, and how long it will take



to get there, is to listen to Talk

960AM for traffic reports on the hour, and from 6-9am and 3:30-7pm on their FM stations.

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Big Blue Dice



Dwight Johnson started us off with a new game and took the first white dice out of the bag.

We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

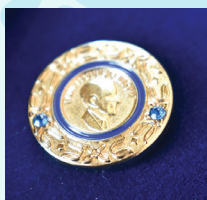
In Loving Memory

The Rotary Club of Victorville is sad to announce the passing of former Rotarian **Al Castellucci** on July 3rd at his home under hospice care. Arrangements will be handled by McKay Mortuary.

Honoring a Member I



Congratulations to **Terry Caldwell** for receiving his Paul Harris Fellow Pin with 2 Sapphires for donations more than \$3000 to the Rotary Foundation. Thank you for your generosity to helping those less fortunate!



Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and welcomed **Steve Orr's** first meeting as Club President with a \$5 fine, from there Rotarians in attendance were honored with some anniversary fines. **Esther Mears** paid \$1 for her first anniversary with the Club, **Chris Ackerman** was given a \$4 fine, **Kevin Kane** got hit for \$21 and finally, **John Kroencke** celebrated his 50th year as a Rotarian with a \$50 fine!



From there it was time for some 4th of July trivia and each table with a wrong answer got hit with a \$20 penalty each. Members fined included **Dwight Johnson**, **Greg Benson**, **Terry Caldwell**, **Jim Murray**, **John Kroencke**, and **Rick Bessinger**, among others.

Honoring a Member II



Joshua Tree editor **Chris Ackerman** presented **Margaret Cooker** with a note book of a full year of

issues of our weekly newsletter, in thanks for her time coming in and filling in the vacated presidency.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.00

Polio Pig: \$12.00 + Dice (Dwight Johnson): \$5.00 = \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$16,466.78

Total equals: 94,104 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

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| President 2019-2020 | Steve Orr |
| Immediate Past President | Margaret Cooker |
| Treasurer | Donna Wells |
| Executive Secretary | Margaret Cooker |
| Publicity/Public Relations | Kevin Kane |
| Community Service | Paul Earle |
| International Service..... | Ben Tafoya |
| Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC | Arsalee Morales |
| Vocational Service | Dr. Breda Leach |
| Grants/Speech Contests | McKenzie Tarango |
| Scholarships..... | David North |
| George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest | Ron Boyd |
| Membership..... | Don Lager |
| Public Service..... | Teressa DeAtley & Greg Benson |
| Club Service | |
| Sergeant At Arms..... | Arsalee Morales |

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Jon Hove • Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

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| BOD Secretary | Marilyn Buttelwerth |
| Programs | Mike Page |
| Public Safety Awards..... | Rick Bessinger |
| Dan Stover Music Contest..... | Marie Langley |
| S.T.A.R. Students | Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler |
| Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts | TBD |
| Billing Officer | Esther Mears |
| 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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

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| 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, 14165 Main St., Hesperia Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY: | Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, noon 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

- July 8:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- July 13:** **New Year Celebration**
Home of Bill & Linda Scott
18136 Pier, Spring Valley Lake • 4:00pm
(Counts as a Fireside)
- July 27:** **Movie Night at the Hove's**
6:00 pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove
Bring Lawn Chair & Side Dish

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- July 9:** Bill Edwards, Director, Victor Valley Rescue Mission **TOPIC: "Opiates are not OK for everyone"** (Orr)
- July 16:** San Bernardino Sheriff Department Gang Team **TOPIC: "Update - Gang enforcement"** (Bessinger)
- July 23:** Michael Hingson, Author Thunderdog **TOPIC: "Surviving 911 as a Blind Man on the 78th floor"** (Mears)



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