



# The Joshua Tree

July 5, 2022

## A FAREWELL TO KINGS

This week, the Rotary Club of Victorville began a new year, and at her first meeting, President **Arsalee Morales** declared departing Rotarian **Dwight Johnson** “King for the Day”, with club members paying tribute to Dwight and his accomplishments.

Arsalee spoke first and shared what an influence Dwight has been to her. She recalled many times she has called him looking for advice on a variety of subjects.

Immediate Past President **Jon Hove** spoke to the room on Dwight’s outstanding work as a salesman for El Dorado Broadcasters. Dwight was so good at selling to Jon’s employees, although the sell was not to advertise the businesses, but so they could talk on the radio!

Dwight was there when **Donna Wells** opened her CPA business many years ago and helped her grow her business through radio advertising. Fast forward to 2022, she is now so busy she must expand to keep up and she credited Dwight for helping her succeed.

**Mike Johnson** shared that he loved when Dwight would come into Desert Community Bank. As both sports fanatics, they could



talk for a long time about the latest news and games, although Mike thinks Dwight was just doing this to lure him into buying radio time.

**Steve Murray** has known Dwight for a long time. They first met when Dwight brought his Honda Prelude into Bob’s Tire for squeaking brakes. After the car was correctly fixed, a trust was built between them which still exists to this day.

When **David North** needed to go into sales for DCB many years ago, he turned to Dwight, one of the best salespersons in the HD. He took him to lunch and Dwight taught him how to sell. He also shared that Dwight knows everything going on in the community.

**Chris Ackerman** called Dwight a High Desert icon and shared a story of how Dwight got as excited as a giddy schoolgirl when he got an autographed picture from Chris’ mom, actress Elinor Donahue.

**Margaret Cooker** spoke praises on Dwight’s dedication to the Club and its programs and made special mention of the immunization project Dwight took to the station and got information about it across the airwaves.

Finally, King Dwight himself shared a few parting words expressing his own gratitude to his sponsors **Dan Dever** and **Ben Tafoya**, who welcomed him in as a Rotarian back in 1997. He also shared that although he will be moving to Colorado at the end of this month and joining his father’s Rotary Club, plus have an association with his uncle’s club in Downtown Denver, he will always, first and foremost, be a Victorville Rotarian at heart. We feel the same about you, **Dwight Johnson**.

### This Week’s Functionaries

<b>Invocation:</b>	<b>Chris Ackerman</b>
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	<b>Dwight Johnson</b>
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	<b>Donna Wells</b>
<b>Fine Master:</b>	<b>David North</b>



## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

*...And away we go!*

*I want to take a moment to thank everyone for your support*

*and encouragement as I take on the role as your president for 22/23!*

*I also want to express my gratitude to everyone who made such loving tributes to Dwight Johnson at this week's meeting. Your presence will be missed by all, Dwight!*



*As we begin, I'd like to share a little bit about myself. I am a single mom and have two girls, aged 12 and 19. My oldest currently serves as a Marine, and I have a huge family out in Texas, which is where I go quite often. What I love most about being a Rotarian is that I grew up on very limited means and now I have such a passion to give back to the community and help others.*

*I began my career in the High Desert business community working for a decade at Desert Community Bank. I used to work alongside David North, which is where I learned all about Rotary. Now, for the past 7 years, I proudly serve at Apple Valley Communications, where we handle security systems for homes and businesses, data cabling, fire alarms, plus much more.*

*I am very excited (and a little nervous) about what this Rotary year will bring, but I have a great support system, and working together with my Board of Directors, I know we will accomplish great things as a team!*

*Arsalee*

## This Week in Rotary



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ROTARY**



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Big Blue Dice



*Jim Murray had a chance to pick the Blue Dice, and made his son Steve Murray pull for him this time and he drew a white one.*

*We will continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!*

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Linda Hove**, who came with **Jon Hove** and **James Rightmire** who attended with **Dwight Johnson**. Our only stand-in was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

## Raffle

**Chris Ackerman** brought a couple of Victor Valley Transit water bottles that went home with President **Arsalee Morales** and **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight also won a pack of hi-lighters from **Mike Johnson**, and **Jon Hove** will use a pack of Sharpie pens from Mike. Chris went away with a Bob's Tire hat from **Steve Murray**, and **Jim Murray** won a VVTA campfire mug from Chris.

Finally, Dwight donated a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by Steve, and a pack of organic flavored vodka that will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells**.

## Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. July 18th to President Arsalee Morales.*

**Craig Crawford**

CalPortland

**Classification: Marketing: Cement Company**

**Sponsors: Jim Mettler & Arsalee Morales**

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master and now that **Jon Hove** is no longer officially the President, he was fined \$25 for accepting his Past President pin and



badge. **Stew Anderson** should have known as a Past President and Past District Governor, to not leave his badge unattended, which resulted in a \$25 penalty for him. **Mike Johnson** received a new pin as a new club Director, which netted him a \$25 fine too! Not to be forgotten, another \$25 fine went out to President **Arsalee Morales** for taking possession of her new Presidential Badge!

Using the Fine Master's reasoning, **Chris Ackerman** was the emcee for the Town of Apple Valley Freedom Festival on July 4th, which caused fireworks all over his neighborhood to go off and then made his dogs bark so David couldn't sleep, Chris was fined \$25. Finally, **Mike Johnson**, **Corey Beck** and **Stephanie Montoya** were all late to the meeting so all were penalized \$10 each!

## Spoon of Exemption

**Mike Johnson** had his second week with the Spoon and shared that although rates have increased, Desert Community Bank can still beat competitor banks and recommends renewing CD's. With rates going up on CD's, mortgage rates have also increased around 6%. the 6% increase is still pretty decent, but one's purchasing power is definitely lessened. Find out more at [dcbk.org](http://dcbk.org).

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$22.00**

*Polio Pig: \$17 + Jim Murray (Dice): \$5.00= \$22.00*

**Collected to Date: \$18,971.52**

**Total equals: 99,031 Doses!**

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



### VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

#### Board of Directors

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 .....	Jon Hove
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service .....	Steve Murray
Community Service .....	Bryan Gillespie
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

#### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Pam Murray
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Flowers and Gifts .....	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
4-Way Speech Competitions .....	Mike Johnson
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Joshua Tree Editor .....	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

**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

**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

- July 12:** Martial Haprov, Mojave Air Quality District  
**Topic: "3 Things You Didn't Know You Need to Know About the MDAQMD"** (Poiriez)
- July 19:** James Quigg, Professional Photographer  
**Topic: "I Don't Get to Teach Photography, I Use Photography to teach Adulthood. Making the Career Change"** (Page)
- July 26:** Chris Ackerman, Marketing Manager/PIO  
Victor Valley Transit **Topic: "The Future of Transit in the High Desert"** (Page)
- Aug 2:** **OPEN**
- Aug 9:** Michael Johnson, Desert Community Bank  
**Topic: "DCB Banking, The Past, Present & Future"** (Page)
- Aug 16:** **OPEN**
- Aug 23:** Jon Hove, CEO ROBAR Enterprises **Topic: "1955 to Today"** (Page)

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