

The Joshua Tree

July 6, 2021

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT



If you know or ever followed the Comedy troupe Monty Python, you will understand the title of this cover story. In the same vein, the Rotary Club took that to heart and began this new Rotary year by featuring three great California comedians to entertain the Club. Of course the first comedian is one we all recognized, our own **Jim Barnes!** As Rotarians know, Jim is the owner of B&B Cycles in Victorville, but some may not know that Jim is also an 8 year veteran of the comedy circuit. In his set today, Jim touched on many topics including being a 61 year old divorced father of two young adults, and much more. Jim's standup comedy explores his knack for misunderstanding and misapplying the lessons he's learning in this new stage of life as an empty nester. Find out more at www.jimbarnescomedy.com

Next up was **Joe Dungan**, host of comedy show, "Cup of Joe". Joe's set included geographical jokes and observations about Mexico, Bakersfield, Fresno and other topics. In addition to stand-up, Joe has spent years acting and doing improv comedy. He also wrote L.A. Nuts, a series of comedic essays about Los Angeles, which won several awards, including first place in the humor category in the Writer's Digest

Self-Published Book Awards. Joe also specializes in emcee work and corporate events. Please go to www.joedungan.com

Finally entertaining Rotarians this week was a hilarious comedian, **Wyatt Cole** who had the room howling with laughter. Wyatt covered many topics including college, girls, doctors and dropping acid! Wyatt has toured all over the United States and was once on the short lived Fox show "Laughs on Fox", He will be appearing next at Port City Tavern in Long Beach.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Jim Murray
- 4-Way Test:** Steve Murray
- Fine Master:** Jim Barnes

HOVE'S HELLO'S



Here we are everyone a new year with a new Rotary President and I am so pleased to be serving you again in this role. The last time I was here was in the 1989-1990 Rotary year and

our Club has changed a lot since then. I want to personally thank Steve Orr for taking the helm over the last two years. He led us through a horrible pandemic and I believe our Club is stronger for it.

Now that we are back meeting in person weekly at the Spring Valley Lake Country Club, it is time for Rotarians to return to our regular Tuesday Lunch meetings. You will only get out of Rotary what you put in it, and I understand that some of you cannot be here each and every week, but many of you have not returned since we had to stop meetings in March 2020, and for our Club to continue to do the good work it has done all over the world, we need all Rotarians to come back home and get involved.

We look forward to seeing you next week, and please invite a potential member!

Jon Hove



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- The Joshua Tree newsletter gets another overhaul: Each Rotary year, the theme changes, as does our Newsletter, "The Joshua Tree". Editor and graphic designer **Chris Ackerman** has once again created a new look to our newsletter, that goes along with the color palate of the year's theme and logo. Please let him know any ideas and suggestions you may have, as it is normal to be revised over a few issues before being finalized. Please submit any comments to chris@signifydesigns.com.
- Speaking of themes: Hopefully you've noticed the theme for 2021-2022, **Serve to Change Lives**. A question to ask yourself, what does that mean to you personally? If you'd like to share with the Club, please send your answer to chris@signifydesigns.com and be featured throughout the next Rotary Year.
- Be part of the President's Circle: As you will see in every issue your business can be featured, and in addition it helps keep our Service Projects going. Levels begin at only \$300 a year!
- The Movie has been selected: Please bring a lawn chair and join us at 6pm on August 21st, we will have another Movie Night at the home of Jon and Linda Hove. The movie will be "*Kingsman: The Secret Service*" from 2014. We are looking for a few Rotarians to volunteer to bring appetizers, salads and desserts. Please let **Margaret Cooker** know if you can help. Also, please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet that will include a choice of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken or talapia.
- A Fundraiser this Fall: **Arsalee Morales** is looking to form a committee to assist her with forming a Fall Fundraiser to bring much needed funds into the Club for all of the programs we serve.

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Chris Ackerman had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but grabbed a white one and donated his \$5 back to the Polio Pig.

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

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master this week and since he hasn't seen (because he himself has not been at a Rotary Meeting) fined **Chief Jeff Armstrong** \$10. Another fine of \$10 was levied to **David North** because Jim just finished paying off a loan to the Bank of George, and **Steve Orr** was penalized \$20 for his two years as Rotary President. Since **Lesley Murray** grew up in the Bixby Knolls neighborhood of Long Beach, **Jim Murray** was given a \$10 fine. The next \$10 penalty was given to **Bill Scott** for his great Demotion Party.

The final fine of the day went to **Mike Page** in the amount of \$5, since Mike was originally scheduled to be this week's Fine Master.

A Final Thank You



Newsletter Editor and Designer Chris Ackerman presents outgoing President Steve Orr with the a note book full of two year's worth of issues of The Joshua Tree.

Raffle

Jim Barnes and friends hosted the raffle this week and began by sending **Lesley Murray** home with a \$25 Starbucks Card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, and **Donna Wells** will enjoy a bottle of wine from **Jim Murray**.

Kevin Kane donated a selection of Victor Valley Transit goodies including water bottles, pens, notebooks and USB electric bus chargers that were won by **Steve Orr**, **Donna Wells** and **Oscar Garcia**.

Finally, Oscar brought some cigars that will be enjoyed by **Jim Murray** and **Steve Orr**.

Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed family and spouses galore! We were pleased to welcome two great ladies from the Murray family, **Lesley Murray**

and **Pam Murray**! Joining new president **Jon Hove** was spouse **Linda Hove** and son **Harrison Hove**.

In addition, **Kevin Kane** brought VVTA Operations Director **Simon Herrera** to the meeting and **Oscar Garcia** invited **Christina Medina** from Elementum Services to join his at his table.



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$19.00

Polio Pig: \$14.00 + Dice (Chris Ackerman): \$5.00= \$19.00

Collected to Date: \$18,050.63

Total equals: 97,215 Doses!

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



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George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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

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., Cracker Barrel, 11612 Amargosa Rd, Victorville 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

- 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
18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley, CA

Upcoming Programs

- 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 After Covid-19** (Page)
- July 27:** Oscar Garcia, Owner Elementum Services
Topic: I Got Covid and Now I Don't: How it Affected by Business (Page)
- Aug 3:** **OPEN**
- Aug 10:** Robert Lovingood, ICR Staffing Services
Topic: End of Federal Stimulus: Will it Trend the Way the End of the Cares Act?" (Page)
- Aug 17:** **Congressman Jay Obernolte**

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