



The Joshua Tree

July 12, 2022

WHAT THEY DON'T DO AT MDAQMD

This week, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Communications Analyst (MDAQMD) **Martial Haprov** spoke to the Club about the questions they get asked the most about MDAQMD, and the 20,000 square miles of air quality they are responsible for.

The first question they get asked is about air pollution and air quality and what they do about car pollution. MDAQMD has regulatory authority over stationary sources, but don't oversee mobile sources such as cars, boats, trains and more. 70% of air pollution comes from moving vehicles, and the District provides programs to help assist to reduce emissions, but don't have authority over them.

The next question they get many phone calls over is for people seeking a burn permit. The MDAQMD does not issue burn permits. Some air quality management districts do issue them, but in the High Desert, that is handled by our local fire districts. Residents can go to their local fire stations to obtain a permit. The MDAQMD will send out notices whether any day is a burn day or not in the Victor Valley. If you hear local



TV news or radio making burn day announcements, it is likely made by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which covers Los Angeles County.

The third and final question they receive deals with smoke advisories, caused by wildfires. Most people don't think about MDAQMD in their daily lives (unless they are regulated by the District), but when there is a wildfire and/or smoke advisory issued, their phones,

emails and social media light up. When an advisory is issued the big question is why are schools not closed? Martial reminded everyone that the District is not a public health agency and they don't have the authority to close area schools. That decision lies with our local school districts. They have the authority to close anything from one school to all in their district.

He concluded his talk by sharing that we have great air quality in the High Desert and if you can see 10 miles or more, the air quality is good. When the quality degrades, they cannot demand, but will recommend tips for children, seniors and those with respiratory issues, on how to reduce exposure.

So then what does the MDAQMD do? As the air pollution control agency for San Bernardino County's High Desert and Riverside County's Palo Verde Valley, the District has primary responsibility for regulating stationary sources of air pollution located within its jurisdictional boundaries. The District implements air quality programs required by state and federal mandates, enforces rules and regulations based on air pollution laws and educates businesses and residents about their role in protecting air quality and the risks of air pollution.

Find out more at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Bill Edwards**

Flag Salute: **Jim Murray**

4-Way Test: **Dwight Johnson**

Fine Master: **Arsalee Morales**



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Martial Haprov from the Mojave Desert Air Quality

Management District for speaking to the Club and sharing information on what we can expect from the District.



I wanted to use this time to share my main goals for my Rotary year. My goal is to get our local College and High School students more involved with our Club and learn what it means to be a Rotarian. We will be working diligently to get in front of students and share with them the benefits of TLC and RYLA and all the different scholarships opportunities they have within Rotary.

I would also like to focus on bringing back some great fundraisers and making as much money as we can for these students. My heart is focused on making a difference and I hope you will help us make these goals a reality over the next 12 months.

If you are on Facebook, please make sure you "Like" our Rotary Club of Victorville page. Chris Ackerman has begun to make the page active again, so please follow and share the posts on your personal page. Who knows, a simple share can go a long way to bringing a new member into the Club.

Please join us next week as we will hear from James Quigg. Moving away from the Daily Press and into teaching, he will share how he teaches photography and the lessons behind it.

Arsalee

Around the Club



Rotary President Arsalee Morales and immediate Past President Jon Hove presented Kirsten Acosta from the Victor Valley College Foundation a check in the amount of \$4,000 for scholarships.



Steve Murray gave fair warning to all Rotarians. Club members will get three warnings through the end of this month, but beginning in August, any Rotarian who shows up to a meeting without wearing their Rotary Pin will incur a \$5 hard fine for every infraction. If you are reading this, then you have now been given your first warning.



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Big Blue Dice



Dwight Johnson had a chance to pick the Blue Dice, but drew a white one and the saved the opportunity to another next week. We will continue next week with 11 dice and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Dwight Johnson** brought a couple bottles of wine that will be enjoyed by **Bill Scott** and guest **James Rightmire**, while Dwight himself left the meeting with a desk organizer from **Mike Johnson** and a pair of headphones from **Bill Edwards**. Bill also donated a universal drink holder and car detailer spray, with both gifts going to **Jim Murray**. Mr. Edwards won a set of pens from Mike.

Chris Ackerman donated a Victor Valley Transit mobile phone charger that will be used by President **Arsalee Morales**, a campfire mug to **Donna Wells**, and a Electric Bus USB Thumb Drive to **Mike Johnson**.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **James Rightmire** who attended with **Dwight Johnson** and **Harrison Hove**, who came with **Jon Hove**. Also from the Robar family we were introduced to **Lori Clifton**, **Jenny Sharp** and from SeeMetrics we once again met **Bahaa Moukadam**. Our only stand-in was **Martial Haprov** for **Brad Poiriez**.

Fine Session

Arsalee Morales was a pinch-hitter as our Fine Master today and gave \$5 fines to **Kirsten Acosta**, **Mike Johnson**, **Corey Beck**, and **Jon Hove** for being late to the meeting. On top of that, Jon also has to pay the same for each of his 4 guests who arrived with him after the meeting started! His total fine was reduced to \$10.

Spoon of Exemption



Mike Johnson had another week with the Spoon and asked if anyone knew why there were 7-Up cans inside Desert Community Bank on Hesperia Road. The reason for it is to remind customers that they can beat 7% on any loan. In most cases, they can get much lower and sometimes 0% for two years. DCB can currently offer a home equity line of credit with a variable rate as low as 5.74%. This can help you make renovations, pay down debt and reach your goals. Speak with Mike directly by calling 760-245-8554 or emailing michael.johnson@dcbk.org.

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The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.00

Polio Pig: \$12 + Dwight Johnson (Dice): \$5.00= \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$18,988.52

Total equals: 99,065 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	Need Candidates
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/Ryla & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer

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.....	Need Volunteer
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	Need Volunteer
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

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, 13165 Main St., Hesperia 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

Aug 8: 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 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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