

The Joshua Tree

July 13, 2021

WHEN THE SPEAKER DOESN'T SHOW



When life hands you lemons what do you make? With 15 minutes left until the start of this week's meeting, **Mike Page** received the text he did not want. Our speaker canceled. President **Jon Hove** chose to change the format of the meeting. At staff meetings on Monday's at Robar Enterprises, all employees have to share one positive thing that happened to them over the past week, and this week that concept was brought to the meeting. In two minutes, share one positive thing in your personal life and one in your business life. Although space doesn't allow for all the positivity reports, here are some highlights.

Victorville Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong** shared a wonderful trip he and his wife took to Rotary Park in Watford City, North Dakota, that he will speak about in more detail to the Club on August 3rd. In the area of positive medical news, **Stew Anderson** shared that his recent medical tests came out positive, and **Margaret Cooker** was pleased to report that she finally has an appointment at a hospital which should be able to find the source of her recent pain spells.

Those who have been traveling lately shared included guest **Sam Pulice** who was in Idaho and Oregon, which made him able to see his son in action as a firefighter, **Ryan McEachron** had a recent wonderful family vacation in Orlando, Florida, President **Jon Hove** shared an RV camping trip to Ventura and **Dwight Johnson** just returned from Hawaii. Some of us take day trips and **Stephanie Montoya** was happy to share she will be taking her daughters to Disneyland next week.

Business positive news included the new gym is now officially open at Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, ISU ARMAC helping Mojave Printing Solutions, Options for Youth is ready to enroll any and all students for summer classes, and **Tina Escareño** is on a mission to see a Boys and Girls Club open up that will include a partnership with VVC to create a pathway to college and encourage more graduating students to make their careers and lives here in the High Desert.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Bob Basen**
- 4-Way Test: **Tina Escareño**
- Fine Master: **Ryan McEachron**

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HOVE'S HELLO'S



Well, when the speaker cancels 15 minutes before meeting time, Rotarians come together to make sure we still have a meeting! Thanks to everyone, even our guests who

shared this week! It was great to hear so much positivity happening in our lives.



On August 17, we will host Congressman Jay Obernolte, but we will be doing it a little different this time. Please contact friends and potential members who would like to hear from Congressman Obernolte as before, BUT we will not be promoting this event publicly, as has been requested by the Congressman. We will be securing the large room and hope to see you there. Please contact Margaret Cooker to sign up and how many guests you will be bringing.

Don't forget to make your plans to be at my place on Saturday, August 21st as we will host another Movie Night. Please sign up with Margaret as well for this event and your food choice.

See you all next week!

Jon Hove



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POSITIVE NEWS

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In the category of "simpler is better", **Steve Orr** was positive that he is one day closer to retirement, and **Bob Basen** is happy to wake up every morning.

The final and possibly best story of the day came from **Mike Page**. Recently his daughter Kimberly landed a job at Chateau Chang in Victorville and her first table she worked just happened to be to the McEachron family. Not knowing each other **Ross McEachron** asked Kimberly her plans for college and at the end of their meal left her a whopping \$50 tip to go towards her school books! **Now that's positivity!**

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Chris Ackerman had his first week with the Spoon and shared info on Victor Valley Transit's upcoming Ribbon Cutting event on Monday, August 2 at 10am, when they move into the Victor Valley Transportation Center at 16838 D Street in Old Town Victorville.

The event will feature a short presentation with light snacks, and all attendees will receive a goodie bag of VVTA swag, plus a free raffle ticket as they will be giving away two foldaway mountain bikes and two fit bits at the conclusion of the event.

To make the event even better, the first 150 people to show up will also receive a free 2" custom commemorative coin signifying the event. Please make your plans to attend this event and support your fellow Rotarians.

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT
**Victor Valley Transportation Center
Ribbon Cutting**
Monday, August 2, 2021 • 10:00 am
16838 D Street, Victorville
*Help Celebrate Victor Valley Transit's
New Transit Hub in Victorville!*
Ribbon Cutting • Light Food + Drinks • Facility Tours
FREE COMMEMORATIVE COIN
(ONLY 150 AVAILABLE)
**Plus FREE RAFFLE FOR 2 FOLDAWAY
MOUNTAIN BIKES AND 2 FIT BITS**
RSVP TODAY TO CACKERMAN@VVTA.ORG

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Tina Escareño had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but grabbed a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian next week.

We will continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Fine Session



Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and began his session with a couple of presentations matched with \$20 fines! **Steve Orr** was first with his official "Past President" Badge, and then to **Jon Hove** with his 2021-2022 Presidential Badge.

Dwight Johnson was up next with a \$25 penalty for going way over his time on the mic and **Mike Page** followed with a \$10 one for setting up the speaker who canceled.

The final fine of the day was given to long-lost Rotarian **Bob Basen**. Asked how many meetings Bob has missed, which was guessed around 100, ended up with a \$100 fine!

Raffle

This week's raffle began with a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson** that will be enjoyed by **Steve Orr**, but he wasn't done with gifts yet. Dwight also donated two copies of his dad's latest book, "Men of Integrity" that will be read by visiting **Sam Pulice** and **Chris Ackerman**. Chris brought some Victor Valley Transit water bottles with goodies that will be used by **Tina Escareño** and **Dwight Johnson**.

Finally, **Donna Wells** left the meeting with a \$25 Starbucks gift card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.

Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed Apple Valley Fire Chief **Ken Harrison** who attended with Victorville Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong**, and Apple Valley Rotarian **Sam Pulice** who was in attendance as a guest of **Steve Orr**. Also in attendance was **Christopher Scott** from Jay Obernolte's office.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Stephanie Montoya** who attended for **Bryan Gillespie**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$10.00

Collected to Date: \$18,060.63

Total equals: 97,235 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

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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 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

- Aug 9:** **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 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 my Business (Page)
- Aug 3:** Jeff Armstrong, Victorville Fire Chief **Topic: My Trip to Rotary Park in North Dakota** (Page)
- 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**
- Aug 24:** **Jason Lamoreaux**

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