



The Joshua Tree

July 16, 2019

THE RISE OF HYBRID GANGS

The gang situation is sadly growing in the High Desert, mainly due to the heavy amount of juveniles being arrested by officers **Fernando Trujillo** and **Francisco Demara**.

With over 750,000 gang members in our state, 70%-80% of all crimes are committed by these individuals. A gang is considered a group of 3 or more, with a common sign or symbol whose members individually engage in criminal activity.

The crimes committed are called the "Dirty 33" and range from assault, robbery, homicide, drug smuggling, drive by shootings, arson, kidnapping, rape, intimidation, grand theft, as well as many others.

Gang members are easy for the officers to spot with noticeable tattoos, clothing, people they spend time with, tagging as well as their social media pages where they do a lot of their bragging.

Most of the current African American High Desert gangs are offshoots from the Los Angeles Area, while some of the largest Hispanic gangs up here have their origins in San Bernardino. Gangs such as West Side Verdugo, Adelanto Brown Pride and Thee Rascals are doing their share of crimes. Some of the black



gangs consist of Delman Heights Bloods, Rollin 60's and Grape Street Watts Crips.

The two largest factions of gangs are of course the Bloods and Crips. In Los Angeles, one member is forbidden, by way of death, from consorting with another rival gang, but for some reason in the High Desert, this is not an issue, so the officers are seeing a rise in Hybrid Gangs. Hybrid Gangs consist of

both of these factions, such as the Below Underground Gang (BUG), which began as a multi-racial rap group at Silverado High School in the early 90's, and now has grown into a criminal gang element, committing crimes such as assault, robberies, terrorists threats and more. Sadly, it doesn't end there.

Another gang formed out of Silverado is Mostwanted, and over in Adelanto High School is My Only Brothers (MOB), while Victor Valley High School carries the Pimpboys (PBS).

Younger gang members are trying to make a name for themselves by tagging throughout the High Desert. Because they are working hard to impress the O.G.'s, they can be very dangerous, so the officers requests that if you see tagging being done, don't approach them, but be a good witness and report the incident. The officers are seeing a rise in anti police tagging, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers

If you need to reach these officers, you can reach Officer Trujillo at ftrujillo@sbscd.org and Officer Demara at fdemara@sbscd.org.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**

Flag Salute: **Rick Bessinger**

4-Way Test: **Keith Metzler**

Finemaster: **David North**

ORR'S ROARS



Thanks to officers Fernando Trujillo and Fransisco Demara for speaking to the Club this week on the ins and out of the Gang Enforcement Unit's work going on

throughout the Victor Valley. It was extremely informative.

Mike Page

reminded all Past Presidents that there will be a meeting at El Pescador on Monday, July 22 at 5:30pm in the Bar. He is also seeking nominations for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Rotary years. Please contact Mike if you have someone in mind.

On August 2 our friends at the Rotary Club of Barstow will be having a "Reverse Bingo" Luau fundraiser, which is a lot of fun. Call 760-577-0683 for information and tickets.

We have a new program starting up called "Flags for Heroes". If you'd like to Chair or be a part of this committee project, please see Margaret Cooker.

Have a great and safe week everyone and remember to show someone this week, What Rotary Does!



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Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Terry Caldwell** will do some shopping with the \$25 Midway gift card he received from **Don Lager**. **Sarah Rojas** will cool off this summer with the DCB tumbler she won from **Esther Mears**, and Esther won't be late for work with the Heritage clock she took home from **Steve Orr**.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week, and decided not to fine President **Steve Orr** because he almost ended the meeting before bringing David up for fines and raffles, but because he wants to carry on a new tradition of fining the President at each and every one of his Rotary meetings. Steve was fined \$5.

Arslae Morales was next to get penalized because of her Facebook post about meth-eating alligators. David said he has enough to worry about in this world, now he has to worry about this. He originally fined her \$25, but brought it down to \$5, because there is not a big run of alligators in the High Desert.



Rotary Club Text Messages

To all members - If you'd like to receive text messages and reminders from the Club, please e-mail Margaret Cooker at pdgcooker@verizon.net, call 760-243-5928 the name of your cell phone carrier or go into DaCdb.com and enter it.

CLUB ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, July 23rd
Voting on 2020-2021 Club President

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Big Blue Dice



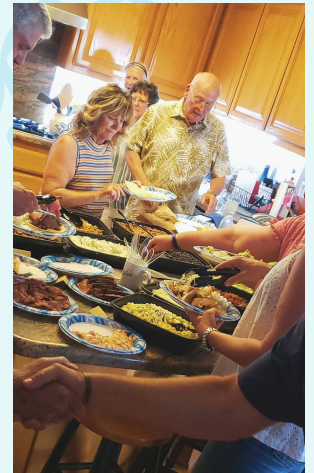
Terry Caldwell got the chance for the big money, but once again, drew another white dice out of the bag

We will continue next week with 11 dice and \$275 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Clement Arito**, a visiting Rotarian from Nigeria, **Dulce Canseco** from Kindred Hospice and **Coleen Loque**, our new social media expert, who was a guest of President **Steve Orr**.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Sarah Rojas** who attended for **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.



The Polio Pig

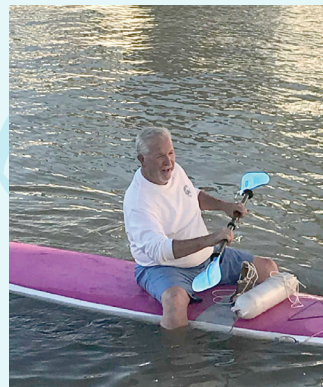
Collected this week: \$15.01

Polio Pig: \$14.00 + Dice (Bill Edwards): \$5.00 = \$19.00

Collected to Date: \$16,500.79

Total equals: 94,172 Doses!

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





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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., 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, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 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 22:** **PAST PRESIDENT'S MEETING**
5:30 pm • El Pescador Bar
- July 27:** **Movie Night at the Hove's**
6:00 pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove
Bring Lawn Chair & Side Dish
- Aug 12:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads



Upcoming Rotary Programs

- July 23:** Michael Hingson, Author Thunderdog
TOPIC: "Surviving 911 as a Blind Man on the 78th floor" (Mears)
- July 30:** **EVENING ROTARY MEETING: 6:00PM**
BJ's Brewhouse: Donia Plaza, Amargosa Rd
- Aug 20:** **A Visit from District Governor Luanne Arredondo**

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