



The Joshua Tree

July 19, 2022

THE UNKNOWN KNOWS

Last time **James Quigg** spoke to the Rotary Club of Victorville, he was the Chief Photographer at the Daily Press. But today, he serves in another career as a teacher of middle and high school students.

James is still involved with the Daily Press, but only for scheduled events. Usually, he will be booked at the quickest 2-3 hours in advance, whereas before he had around 5 minutes to be at a location. Most bookings for the newspaper are now made weeks or months in advance.

James officially left the Daily Press in August of 2019 to take a position at Encore School for the Arts, but very soon was offered to become the Photography Art and Yearbook teacher for middle and high school classes.

While the career change was planned, the speed of it was not. James had a window of only two weeks to be a teacher for the first time! As inspiration, James took a favorite quote of his from Donald Rumsfeld as inspiration, “Reports to say



that something hasn't happened are always interesting to me, because as we know, there are known knowns; things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say there are some things we do not know. But there are also the unknown unknowns. The ones we don't know we don't know". Some of those known unknowns for James was taking a job a week after the start of school, finding out that all teaching materials were deleted and had to prepare curriculum in the evenings, the challenges of teaching photography during Covid on Zoom and even post Covid, plus finding out that teaching may be routine, but it's never the same.

For James it took about 3-4 months for things to settle down and while he now has a set schedule, some students love their assignment in one class, while the same one for the next class may find it completely boring.

There were also things about teaching that James didn't know, that are now known. He doesn't teach photography but uses photography to teach teenagers to be adults. Some of the lessons he teaches through photography assignments deal with the value of work ethics, avenues to success and more. Each assignment has some sort of life lesson attached to it. James also found out that the best lesson students can learn are the ones they teach themselves. He shared that he will break their brains with challenges, but give them time to fix it themselves to show the strength of being able to overcome the hurdles they are faced with.

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Don Lager
- 4-Way Test:** Oscar Garcia
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to James Quigg from Encore School of the Arts for coming to the Club this

week and sharing how you teach such valuable life lessons to students through the art of photography. It is due to talented teachers like yourself, that create our future leaders. Thank you for your dedication to our High Desert youth.

Margaret Cooker shared that there will be a Past Presidents' Meeting on Monday, July 25th at 5:30pm at Robar Enterprises. The meeting will be in the same location as we have been having our board meetings.

Speaking of board meetings, starting in August, our monthly board meetings will be returning to ARMAC Insurance Center. Please see page 4 for more information.

Back to the Hove's, Jon and Linda will once again host a "Movie Night at the Hove's" on Saturday, August 27th beginning at 5pm. The movie will either be Top Gun 2 (if available) or the original film. Please remember to bring lawn chairs and a light jacket. Food will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, and talipia complete with Linda's secret sauce! A sign up sheet will be going around for those who wish to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.

Join us next week as we will hear from Chris Ackerman from Victor Valley Transit as he will share some of the great services coming to serve our community better at VVTA. Please make sure to attend!

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James Quigg

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One of his best lessons he teaches students is that photography is just light and shadows. James instructs his classes that it is best to make the light (love and positive characteristics) illuminate and for the shadows (hate and negative characteristics) to stay in the darkness. This is brought home by turning his classroom into a large-scale camera that students actually walk into each day to visualize the concept of light and shadows.

Finally, James has kept the most memorable quotes he has heard from Encore students. His favorite and top of his list is, "You're actually smart Mr. Quigg, I didn't expect that".



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Big Blue Dice



John Kroencke 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 10 dice and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Chris Ackerman** donated a Victor Valley Transit USB Thumb Drive that will be used by **John Kroencke** and a water bottle that went home with **Oscar Garcia**.

Oscar himself gave away cigars that will be enjoyed by **Don Lager, John Kroencke** and **Ryan McEachron**. Ryan will also enjoy a can of Jim Bean Ginger Hi Ball, also donated by Oscar.



Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed Elementum Marketing Manager **Christina Medina** who attended with **Oscar Garcia** and **Rick Bui**, from the Rotary Club of Chino. Also joining student **Serenity Barba**, we met her mother **Maria Maganer**, father **Javier Barba**, and sister **Marena Barba**.



Fine Session

Ryan McEachron returned as our Fine Master and began by giving fines to Rotarians who have been absent from the Club for some time. First up was **Oscar Garcia** for expanding Elementum Services in Las Vegas these past few months and then to **Dan Dever** for taking a 10-month tax season vacation. Both received a fine of \$10. **Don Lager** also made a long overdue appearance but was penalized for complaining about the insurance inspector for his new building. He also paid a \$10 penalty. Finally, in a show of accountability, Ryan gave himself a fine of \$30 since he has also been away from the Club for the last couple of months!

Presentation



Arsalee Morales presented our Club's winner of the George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest, **Serenity Barba** with a certificate and check in the amount of \$500 for placing 3rd at District Conference last month. Congratulations Serenity and thank you for representing our Club so well!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$10.00

Polio Pig: \$5 + John Kroencke (Dice): \$5.00= \$10.00

Collected to Date: \$18,998.52

Total equals: 99,085 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/RYLEA & 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, Jeff Armstrong 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

- July 25: Past Presidents' Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting at Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia
2nd Building on the Right Side of Driveway
- Aug 8: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting at ARMAC Insurance
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- Aug 27: Movie Night at the Hove's**
5:00pm at the home on Jon & Linda Hove
Movie: Top Gun
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Upcoming Programs

- July 26:** Chris Ackerman, Marketing Manager/PIO
Victor Valley Transit **Topic: "The Future of Transit in the High Desert"** (Page)
- Aug 2: Mattie Brown's History with Rotary**
- 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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