



The Joshua Tree

August 8, 2023

ESCAPING TO LIVE AGAIN

The Family Assistance Program is one of those great non-profits that not only serve the ones in need, but family and loved ones themselves. This week were joined by **Vida Pazarin** and **Jobi Wood** who shared many of the programs that serve those looking for escape, and those looking to live again.



Since 1985, Family Assistance Program, formally known as High Desert Domestic Violence Program has been providing shelter and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence.

Throughout the years, the agency has grown into so much more. They now have a much larger shelter, a transitional housing program, a separate outreach office, satellite offices in the cities of San Bernardino and Fontana, and have embarked on several new programs: two runaway/homeless youth shelters, a homeless youth street outreach team, youth drop-in centers, Next Step re-entry program, community centers, anti-human trafficking program, and other programs and services to support the needs of our Victor Valley, San Bernardino, and Morongo Basin communities.

As the community needs have been identified, the agency has grown to accommodate and assist the population. They provide assistance with restraining orders, advocacy, homelessness, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, preventative services

through teen violence classes, substance use disorder classes, family/group/individual counseling, supervised visitation, and the distribution of household commodities are just some of the services provided to our community in need.

The Hope House is their leading service, providing housing for victims of Domestic Violence. They serve more than just women, but also men who suffer from this violence, as well as their family members and even pets.

The Open Door lends support for victims of Human Trafficking. Although it is emotionally draining for staffers at times, it is highly rewarding. In 2022 they helped over 1,000 people through a variety of outreach programs.

The Next Step service provides the tools for re-entry housing and support plus Our House and My Place provide shelters for at-risk youth ages 11 - 17. They also have a special shelter for those from the LGBTQ community.

The Fam Spot is for those 18-24 years old and provides housing for homeless youth in the High Desert. The Drop in and housing comes with case managers, LGBTQ friendly and a positive experience to grow with people their own age. They are currently looking for sponsors to build a 14 home tiny village park, to give housing to these youth looking to prepare to re-enter society, with the right tools and determination.

It is their goal and continued effort to build stronger families through other services that do not necessarily pertain only to Domestic Violence. The Family Assistance Program is growing more diversified as the community develops and the needs are assessed. In turn, all these services have been offered in an effort to assist low-income families in creating safe and stable homes.

Find out more at familyassist.org.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Bill Edwards

4-Way Test: Steve Murray

Fine Master: Steve Murray



MURRAY'S MINUTE

Hope you are all having a great week! I want to take a moment to thank Vida Parazin and Jobi Wood from the Family

Assistance Program for stopping and sharing with our members all of the great



services they provide for those suffering from abuse, human trafficking and the tools they need to be successful in life. We hope to have our Club partner with you in the future.

This Thursday, August 10th we will be holding a joint Fireside with the Apple Valley Club at the Rotary Gardens located at the Apple Valley office for the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce. The event begins at 6:00pm and the address is 16010 Apple Valley Road.

One of our newest members, Pat Thomasson is working hard with R&S Beverage to get our licensing and clearance to pour beer at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration happening at Hesperia Lake Park on Sunday, September 17th Stay tuned for more information.

Mike Page reminds members that Congressman Jay Obernolte will be our guest on Tuesday, August 22nd and we want to fill up the room. We have room for 75-100 and our hope is to have every seat filled so please tell your friends! Please sign them up as soon as possible so we can give the Country Club a good head count.

Until next week...

Steve

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA



SERVICE PROJECT



A Clothing Drive by **lifechurch** WHERE YOUR LIFE MATTERS

As Part of **weLOVEYOU** HIGH DESERT Serving our Community with Heart and Hope.

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Set-Up: 7am - 10am • Event: 10am - 1pm

Tear Down: 1pm - 2pm

12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395



Volunteers needed for:

- Clothing Donations
- Setup of event
- Hand Out Waters at Event
- Tear Down

To Volunteer Contact Mike Johnson

Rotarian of the Month



Congratulations to **Mike Johnson**, who was selected as August Rotarian of the Month by President **Steve Murray**. After being named Rotarian of the Year, Mike has not slowed down at all and received this worthy distinction.



CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



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Big Blue Dice



Bo Goulet had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

The pot continues to grow next week with 8 Dice and \$350 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Rotary Guests

This week, **Chris Ackerman** invited **Darren Hinrichs**, owner of PrintMart to the meeting as his guest.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Terry Saenz** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Raffle



In this week's raffle, **Bo Goulet** was a huge winner! Bo left the meeting with two prizes from **Chris Ackerman** at Victor Valley Transit; a USB thumb drive and a bean bag phone holder. Bo also won a bottle of sparkling wine from **Steve Murray**, a desk mat from **Bill Edwards** and a \$10 Starbucks goodie bag from **Terry Saenz** at ICR Staffing.

Donna Wells also went home from a goodie bag from

Terry, and Bill brought even more items to give away from the Rescue Alliance. Speaker **Vida Pazarin** won a Christmas window decoration, **Arsalee Morales** received some Christmas ornaments and **Dr. Ron Boyd** left the meeting with a pet pool.

August Birthdays

Kay Marie Gregory	August 2
Don Lager	August 11
Phyllis Fox	August 14
Ben Tafoya	August 23
Manjita Patel	August 24
Esther Mears	August 25
Craig Garrick	August 27
Ron Hughes	August 31

August Anniversaries

Dan Dever	38 Years
Mattie Brown	21 Years
Phyllis Fox	21 Years
Brad Poiriez	7 Years
Jim Cox	2 Years
James Rightmire	1 Year

Fine Session

Steve Murray stepped in as our Fine Master this week, and only penalized **Dr. Ron Boyd** \$1.00 for every fan who attended the recent Taylor Swift concert at So-Fi Stadium. Now doing that math that comes out to roughly about \$33,000. Everyone else was fine free.

Rotary



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The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$5.00

Collected to Date: \$19,849.52

Total equals: 100,683 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	James Rightmire
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
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Club Service/Membership	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Dawn Quigg
Flowers and Gifts	Linda Hove
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Publicity/Public Relations	Rob Kilpatrick
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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 Bear Valley 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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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 10: Fireside With D.G. Michael Soden**
6:00pm - Rotary Gardens
16010 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley
- Aug 14: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA
- Aug 19: Movie Night at the Hove's**
6:00pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove
Film: Auntie Mame
Please sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert
- Aug 26: Rotary Service Project: Second Life**
10:00am • Life Church Victorville
12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville
*Donate Clothes, Help pass out water and more.
See Mike Johnson to volunteer and help!*

Upcoming Programs

- Aug 15:** Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent of Schools **TOPIC: TBA** (McEachron)
- Aug 22: Congressman Jay Obernolte** (Page)
- Aug 29: 5TH TUESDAY EVENING MEETING**
- Sept 5:** John Kozyra, Executive Director Operations, St. Mary **TOPIC: Lack of Doctors in the High Desert - One Solution to the Crisis**

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