



The Joshua Tree

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ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE

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United States

The Rotary Club of Duvall, Washington, celebrated Valentine's Day by hanging 133 double-sided hearts from light poles along a mile-long stretch of Main Street, where they loomed large from late January through early March. Bearing messages sponsored by residents and businesses at



a cost of \$50 each, the signs raised about \$13,500 for food pantries and other organizations serving youth, seniors, and the needy in the community northeast of Seattle. The club was inspired by a long-running fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Loveland Thompson Valley, Colorado, whose sign subscriptions routinely sell out within hours.

Venezuela

Since 2009 the Rotary Club of Barquisimeto-Nueva Segovia has overseen more than 350 surgeries to correct congenital craniofacial deformities in children. In late April the club, based in the capital of Lara state, administered nine cleft lip and palate surgeries. Patients and their mothers are interviewed by club members who are specialists in children's maxillofacial surgery. Proceeds from the club's golf tournament fund the surgeries and follow-up care, which



costs about \$150 per patient. "Children with these malformations generally require several surgeries, and our club guarantees them all," says **Rafael Cárdenas**, a club member. "Our goal is to change lives permanently."

Greece

After governmental delays hampered the replacement of critical firefighting equipment damaged in responses to two major fires in 2021, the Rotary Club of Kos stepped in. Rotarians staged a dance marathon and a musical, raising \$2,300 to purchase nearly 2,000 feet of firehose, nozzles, and pipe connections for the island's fire department. "It's better to prevent than to cure," says **Stavros Amaris**, immediate past president of the club, paraphrasing Hippocrates, a famous son of Kos. Emergency preparedness is top of mind for the club, which also has organized blood drives and directed money to the Kos ambulance service.



Madagascar

Addressing needs caused by recent famine, clubs in District 9220 delivered 800 packages of rice, water, cooking oil, and other staples, as well as hygiene



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ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Sorry everyone for the miscommunication this week between ourselves and the Spring Valley

Lake Country Club that resulted in our meeting being canceled. We have put new plans in place to make sure this does not get repeated in the future.

Don't forget to sign up for "Movie Night at the Hoves" on Saturday, August 27th beginning at 5pm at the home of Jon & Linda Hove. 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 tilapia complete with Linda's secret sauce! Please sign up to attend and volunteer to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.

We will be having another 5th Tuesday evening meeting on Tuesday on August 30th! The event will be held at Republic in Spring Valley Lake, beginning at 5pm. Please make plans to attend this fun event. The address is 13261 Spring Valley Lake Parkway, #102, Victorville, CA 92395.

See you next week where we will have our immediate Past President Jon Hove share with all of us this history of ROBAR Enterprises. See you then.!

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PS - It is better to fail in originality, than to succeed in imitation.

Around the Globe...

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products, to the community of Ankiliabo in April. "Lately, the kere [famine or hunger in the local parlance] has taken on a great magnitude because the climate conditions do not allow the population in this area to live properly through agriculture and livestock," says **Narindra Razafinimaro**, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of **Antananarivo-Anosy**, which led the effort. The Rotary Club of Saint-Denis-La Montagne, in the French department of Réunion, another island in the district, contributed about \$2,700.

Kazakhstan

The Rotary Club of Astana in late 2018 inaugurated its first inclusive playground in a country sorely in need of such opportunities. Named Kunshyaq, or "Sunshine," the playground has specialized swings, ramps, merry-go-rounds, and other equipment to accommodate children with



and without disabilities and instill values of tolerance and empathy. While the municipal council of the capital city, now called Nur-Sultan, donated the land, Rotary members in Astana, led by Past President **Lyazzat Alshinova**, generated about \$55,000 from club members, other District 2430 clubs, embassies and other organizations, and proceeds from an art auction and ball. The playground is such a hit that the club, composed of Kazakhstanis and expatriates, raised funds for a second one in the capital.

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In Loving Memory



All members of Rotary District 5300 were saddened by the news that former District Governor **Roger Schulte** passed away on July 19th.

The family will be holding a Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life Reception for Roger on Monday, August 29th.

Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life Reception

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church

724 E. Bonita Avenue

San Dimas, CA 91773

Please aim to arrive at 9:30am. The remembrance ceremony will begin at 9:45am, with Mass beginning at 10:00am. All faiths and belief systems are welcome. Following Mass, the Celebration of Life Reception will take place in the church hall.

For those who are unable to attend, there will be a livestream video of the remembrance ceremony and Mass (this will also be recorded for later viewing). If you would like to receive the link and instructions for the livestream video, please email megan.schulte.rickard@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Rotary Foundation.

www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation

Thank you for your love and support during this difficult time. If you have questions or need additional information, please let email **Megan Schulte** at the email address above.

Polio Returns...

**This story originally appeared on reuters.com. Please don't sue me.*

Polio, a deadly disease that used to paralyze tens of thousands of children every year, is spreading in London, New York and



Jerusalem for the first time in decades, spurring catch-up vaccination campaigns.

Polio terrified parents around the world for the first half of the 20th century. Affecting mainly children under five, it is often asymptomatic but can also cause symptoms including fever and vomiting. Around one in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis, and among those patients, up to 10% die.

There is no cure, but since a vaccine was found in the 1950s, polio is entirely preventable. Globally, the wild form of the disease has almost disappeared.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are now the only countries where the highly infectious disease, spread mainly through contact with faecal matter, remains endemic. But this year, imported cases were also found in Malawi and Mozambique, the first in those countries since the 1990s.

There are two main forms of poliovirus. Alongside the wild-type outlined above, there are also rare cases of what is known as vaccine-derived polio. It is this second form detected in wastewater in the British capital, London, and in New York in the United States, with one case of paralysis reported in New York state. Genetically similar virus has also been found in Jerusalem, Israel, and scientists are working to understand the link, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) said.

The wastewater findings are a wake-up call for parents with one key message, protect children by getting them vaccinated.

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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 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 27: Movie Night at the Hoves'**
5:00pm at the home on Jon & Linda Hove
Movie: Top Gun
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- Sept 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Avenues of Service Meeting
5:30 pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Aug 23:** Jon Hove, CEO ROBAR Enterprises **Topic: "1955 to Today"** (Page)
- Aug 30: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting**
5:00pm • Republic SVL
13261 Spring Valley Lake Parkway #102

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