



The Joshua Tree



August 27, 2019

STANDING UP FOR THE UNDERDOG

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense."

U.S. Constitution 6th Amendment

Whenever someone asks San Bernardino County Public Defender **Chris Garner** how he can look at himself in a mirror, and defend the people he does, he just remembers the above amendment that everyone, deserves representation. One common misconception about the Public Defender's office is that those attorneys are ones that barely made through laws school and cannot get a job at a real firm. In fact Chris, along with other attorneys in the Public Defender's office went to Law Schools and passed the BAR with high scores, strictly to be Public Defenders. His philosophy to himself and his staff is quite simple: Make sure to vigorously represent who the court gives them, fight hard, but most importantly, do it ethically.



Chris sees his department was watchdogs for the judicial system, and that system wouldn't work without their part in the process. He has a lot of respect for the District Attorney's office, as both of their sides are equally as passionate to prove their cases, which is the way it should be in the Judicial system. In fact, with our country divided among many lines nowadays, our Justice System is still the great equalizer and makes us the greatest country in the world, but they don't go at it alone.

The County office has a whole team working with them. They practice a holistic type of approach, which is client centered. They get to know their clients lives, and what got them into the system and work hard to keep them from returning, whether the case is a win or a loss.

The Public Defender's Office has 16 social workers on staff, who meet with clients and figure out what led them to be charged with the crime.

While Chris and his team are experts inside the courtroom, they also have a team of investigators to work with them in the field to study police reports and make sure the District Attorney didn't miss anything in their pursuit of a conviction, as well as making sure all investigations from law enforcement were conducted ethically.

Finally, if one of their clients is found not guilty, they work hard to have that individuals record expunged, so they can get a job and move on with their lives.

Fighting for the underdog, the life of the Public Defender.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Arsalee Morales**
- 4-Way Test: **Dwight Johnson**
- Finemaster: **Jim Barnes**

ORR'S ROARS



As Rotarians, you always want to hear both sides of any issue, and that was accurate this week as we thank Christopher Garner from the Public

Defender's office for sharing with us what they go through on their side of the courtroom. In a few week's, we will also hear from the District Attorney's office for the other side.

Don Lager will be holding another Fireside/Mixer at Midway in the Fall. More details soon.

Ben Tafoya shared that in late November or December we will be doing another Ensenada trip to visit our Sister Club as well as the orphanage.

Please mark your calendars to attend the Rotary Peace Conference on November 16th at Treasure Island in Las Vegas from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Dr. Breda Leach attended last year's conference and raved about it!

Finally, please make plans to join us next week to hear from Tom McCarthy from the Mojave Water Agency.



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Raffle

Another box of Transit Chocolate from **Kevin Kane** will be enjoyed by President **Steve Orr**, while **Donna Wells** will cool off with her new VVTA water bottle from Kevin. Donna will also do some shopping with the \$25 Midway gift card she received from **Don Lager**. Don himself will go to a different store, thanks to the \$25 Walmart gift card he won from **Steve Orr** at Heritage and **Dwight Johnson** will keep from dropping his phone with a Heritage pop-socket.

Giving Back

Our Club was honored this week to present City of Victorville Librarian **George Carter** with a check in the amount of \$500 for our "Adopt A Book" program. This money will go a long way to buy new books and audio downloads for the Victorville Library!



Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed City of Victorville Librarian **George Carter** and Daily Press reporter **Garrett Berghold**. Joining our speaker **Chris Garner**, we also met Deputy Public Defender **Richard Starly**.

Our only Stand-ins this week was **Anthony Marin** for **Oscar Garcia**.

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Finemaster this week and began to issue \$5 fines to **Mike Page** and **John Kroencke** for not wearing their badges. Next, he fined **Dwight Johnson** \$20 for not having his badge on last week, but Dwight made a plea deal and got it down to \$10.

Finally, **Chris Ackerman** was given a \$10 penalty for not having the weekly newsletter at the meeting, due to being gone all last week in Tennessee.

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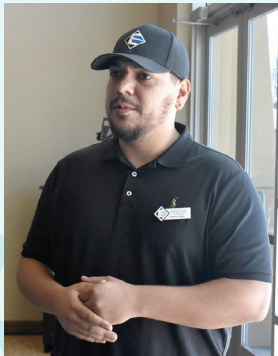
Big Blue Dice



Our President got the chance to start us off for the Blue Dice, but drew a white and gave his \$5 back into the Pig. We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Spoon of Exemption

In their final week with the Spoon, **Anthony Marin** from Elementum Services shared that if the need arises that you need their services, they will not only take care of all your restoration needs to your home or business, but will also work directly with your insurance company. One more way Elementum is with you each step of the way!



It was then time to auction the Spoon for another Rotarian. **Mike Page** started the bidding at \$60, but then **Dwight Johnson** answered. A bidding war began, but in the end Mike came out victorious, getting the Spoon for \$100 and fine free for the month of September.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Polio Pig: \$8.00 + Dice (Steve Orr): \$5.00 = \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$16,576.10

Total equals: 94,324 Doses!

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

Membership Update

Don Lager asks you to accept social media! Like it or not, this is the new way to get the word out and our Club is already taking advantage of this medium to grow our membership. Please share and promote our Victorville Club online!



September Birthdays

Steve Orr	September 5
Carole Adams	September 9
Art Rico	September 12
Dan Dever	September 13
McKenzie Tarango	September 16
Teressa DeAtley	September 16
Kirsten Acosta	September 24
Paul Earle	September 25
Bob Basen	September 26
Ron Boyd	September 27
Lauretta Tkaczyk	September 29

September Anniversaries

Pat Mark	28 Years
Dwight Johnson	23 Years
Donna Wells	22 Years
Caroll Yule	18 Years
Jesse Tafoya	18 Years
Alicia Anderson	11 Years
Jim Barnes	9 Years
Dr. Ron Williams	7 Years
Lauretta Tkaczyk	1 Year
Dr. Breda Leach	1 Year
Art Rico	1 Year



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2019-2020	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President	Margaret Cooker
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service	Bill Edwards
Community Service	Paul Earle
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Arsalee Morales
Vocational Service	Dr. Breada Leach
Grants/Speech Contests	McKenzie Tarango
Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Don Lager
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Jon Hove • Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Programs	Mike Page
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley & Greg Benson
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Steve Orr
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman

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

Sept 21: **Casino Royale Club Fundraiser**
Wine Tasting: 5pm • Dinner: 6pm
Spring Valley Lake Community Center

May 1-3 2020: **Assembly and District Conference**
Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Sept 3: Tom McCarthy, General Manager Mojave Water Agency **TOPIC: "Update on the California Water Fix and what it means to the High Desert"** (Page) STAR Students

Sept 10: Trina Siverts, Publisher Mojave River Valley News and Bo Goulet, Shear Realty (Mojave River Valley Alliance) **TOPIC: "The Mojave River Valley: Rebranding our name"** (Page)

Sept 17: ROUTE 66 - Don Lager

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