



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



August 28, 2018

JUDGING THROUGH TWO DECADES

While Judges are elected or selected, a Court Commissioner, like our speaker this week, **Kirt Mahlum**, retired from the Barstow courts, are hired by a Judge.

Most Court Commissioners only do one type of assignment, such as Family Law, Traffic Court, Juvenile, etc., but Kirt was lucky enough to be in all aspects, a "Jack of All Trades" if you will.

Family Law was the toughest assignment for Kirt. The reason for that is you are dealing with children and lives. Most Judges do not want that assignment, but Kirt did.

decisions one has had to make, then Kirt felt he wasn't doing his job right. In the area of children in divorce, Kirt would actually meet with the children, not to ask whom they want to live with, but to put a real person behind who was making these important decisions in their lives.

Being in the courts for 20 years, Kirt has been at the forefront of change of the judicial landscape. For example, when he was in College, the question was brought up if he would allow a same sex couple to adopt, whereas in 2018 it's not even a question anymore, as it is an accepted and normal practice.

Kirt shared some funny stories during his time in Traffic Court, but the best story he told, was the most heartwarming.

During a Christmas season a woman was caught speeding excessively in Barstow. During this time the Police had their "Cops & Kids" program where they would buy presents for underprivileged kids. As his practice Kirt would offer people found guilty in Traffic Court to take 10% off their fine to buy a present and give it to the Program. The woman agreed and returned with twice the amount she would have owed in presents. Later on, he found out why.

The day the woman was pulled over, her husband earlier that day called her ugly, useless and had no purpose in this world. She was out speeding as a way to take her own life in a suicide attempt. When she was given the option to go buy presents for these children, she told Kirt that it made her somebody and that she did have a purpose in the world, His actions, saved her life.



In Judicial College, he was told to "not take your work home with you", but he doesn't agree with that. If working in family law does not bother you, in regards to some of the tough

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Capt. Joe Alvarez

Flag Salute: McKenzie Tarango

4-Way Test: Esther Mears

Finemaster: David North

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LETNER'S LETTER



As August comes to an end, our Victorville Rotary has had a great summer! From our demotion party, to two Movie Nights (thank you **Jon and Linda Hove**), and two off-site meetings at the SVL Republic and at Life Church (thank you **Pastor Paul Earle**) – we've had some wonderful

times to get to know one another and socialize with our Rotary Partners. Thanks to all of you who attended and brought guests. We have three new members pending and a few more applications in various stages so the Club continues to grow.

As September begins, school is back in session, Read B4K is starting again soon, and it's time for our Fall FUN(d) raiser. Wine, Jazz & More has become a "Mardi Gras Celebration!" on September 29. We need your help with auction items and sponsorships – but more than anything we need YOU to attend. Tickets are \$50 and proceeds help our club and our Foundation do all the "extras" for our community including: Read B4K, Teacher Mini-Grants, STAR student awards, Scholarships, as well as our essay contest, speech contests, and music contests. Call me at 760-964-0046 or email me at bradletner@yahoo.com and let me know if you'd like to reserve a seat or an entire table of 8.

Thank you again for being a part of who we are, what we do, and why we do it!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Orr	September 5
Carole Adams	September 9
Dan Dever	September 13
McKenzie Tarango	September 16
Paul Earle	September 25
Bob Basen	September 26
Ron Boyd	September 27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dwight Johnson	22 Years
Donna Wells	21 Years
Caroll Yule	17 Years
Jesse Tafoya	17 Years
Alicia Anderson	10 Years
Ron Williams	6 Years

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Great news once again with week from our membership Chair **Jon Hove**! Right now we have 57 Rotarians in our Club, plus with two potential members that should be inducted within the next couple of weeks, will put us at 59 members. We currently have 8 applications, so the question begs...who will be No. 60? Invite potential members and be part of the excitement!

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$23.00

Polio Pig: \$18.00 + Dice (Ron Williams): \$5.00 = \$23.00

Collected to Date: \$15,548.47

Total equals: 92,145 Doses!

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

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Dr. Ron Williams started us off again with a new game of the Lucky Blue Dice and took the first white dice out and donated his \$5 win to the Polio Pig!

We will continue next week with 13 Dice and \$225 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

ROTARY GUESTS

Our only guests this week were potential members Dr. Breda Leach who sat with Steve Orr, and from Seven60



Graphics we once again welcomed Art Rico and David Placencia who sat with sponsor Don Lager.

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

With Kevin Kane being absent this week, he missed his final time with the Spoon, so it went up for auction from our President Brad Letner, and began and ended with Bill Edwards getting the Spoon for \$75 for the month of September.



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FINE SESSION

David North was our Fine Master this week, and even though not scheduled, took Mike Page to task with a \$100 fine because David wasn't supposed to be at the podium this week! The only other fine this week was levied against Dwight Johnson in the amount of \$10 because after listening to a 20 minute voice mail from Dwight, David finally figured that the whole message was just to ask for a sponsorship for the Mardi Gras!

RAFFLE PRIZES

Dr. Ron Williams was Mr. Lucky this week by taking home a beautiful airplane clock courtesy of Craig Garrick from ComAV, and a huge bag of goodies from Bill Edwards at the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. Bill Scott also won a goodie bag from Bill and Dwight Johnson finished off the raffle by taking home the \$25 Midway gift card from Don Lager.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. September 3rd to President Brad Letner.

Art Rico

Position: Owner

Organization: Seven60 Graphics and Design

Classification : Services: Graphic Design

Sponsor: Don Lager

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. September 10th to President Brad Letner.

Dr. Breda Leach

Position: President/CEO

Organization: ABC 123 Christian Academy

Classification: Education: Administration

Sponsor: Brad Letner

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Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Jon Hove
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

Positions & Committee Chairs

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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, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, noon 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 10:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Sept 29:** **Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction**
5:30pm • SVL Community Center
- Feb 23:** **Rotary Peace Conference**
8:00AM • LA Verne College
Registration now open

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Sept 4:** Tom McCarthy, General Manager - Mojave
Water Agency **TOPIC: "The Latest
in the Ever Changing World of
California Water and What it
Means to the High Desert"** (Page)
- Sept 11:** **Assemblyman Jay Obernolte**
(Page)
- Sept 18:** Robin Smith **TOPIC: "Rotary Super
Build"** (Cooker)
- Sept 25:** Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell
Banker Real Estate Solutions **TOPIC:
"High Desert Real Estate Cycle
Forecast"** (Page)

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