



The Joshua Tree

September 5, 2023

WHERE HAVE ALL THE GOOD DOCTORS GONE?

There are many needs for people in the High Desert and within the area of medicine, the lack of care is by far the most important need in the community. This information was presented by Providence St. Mary Executive Director of Operations, **John Kozyra**, who told the Club other important issues for residents are mental health, homelessness, and obesity/diabetes prevention.



Currently there is a staggering shortage of doctors throughout the country. The US Council on Graduate Medical Education states that for good care, there should be 60 to 80 primary care physicians for every 100,000 people. Statewide the number has gone down to 50 and in Apple Valley & the High Desert, the number is only 35 primary care experts for every 100,000 people.

As a faith-based nonprofit and mission driven ministry, Providence St. Mary Medical Center is deeply invested in solving these community health problems and increasing care for all. Some of the ways they are doing this is by ensuring the practice of evidence-based medicine, quality improvement initiatives, enhancing the overall quality of medical care in the

High Desert and recruiting and retaining talented physicians with a residency program.

A study on Providence Milwaukie Hospital in Oregon has demonstrated that a residency program enhances recruitment and retention for rural hospitals. Results from the study concluded that approximately 90% of the graduates practice within 50 miles of their residency. Most of the graduates stay within 15 miles of their training and choose to continue to provide care to the under-served.

Creation of the residency program is going to be a four year process. 2022 was the Planning Phase. They retained expert Graduate Medical Education consultants to perform a feasibility study and assist with a three-year plan and budget, that has been completed. The Rauch Family Foundation donated 2.1 million in funding for the residency program.

This year is the Building Phase. They have started developing the overall residency program infrastructure, including the residency program application, recruiting a director, upgrading facilities and planning for a Simulation Lab.

In 2024, they will complete the Launching Phase. During this time they will build the medical residency program, including hiring a program coordinator, start build-out of the Simulation Lab and begin marketing to recruit students.

Finally, in 2025 will be the Growing Phase. Providence St. Mary will launch the residency with six students to begin with. The program will grow to allow up to 18 students and the goal is for 2 or more per year to begin practice in the High Desert.

Providence St. Mary's outlook to solve the lack of care problem is innovative and a wonderful outlook on the future of medical practice in the High Desert.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Mike Johnson
- 4-Way Test:** Rob Kilpatrick
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron



MURRAY'S MINUTE

Thank you to
John Kozyra from
Providence St. Mary
who came to our

meeting this
week to share
information
on their
Residency
Program. We
know it will be a huge success and bring
more doctors to the High Desert.



Hats off to Pat Thomasson and Ben Tafoya for working so hard to make our "Beer Pour" fundraiser on September 17th at Hesperia Lake Park for Mexican Independence Day Celebration a reality. Everything is in the hands of the County and we hope to have more information next week.

Mike Page shared with everyone that we are in need of a program for September 19th. If you have an idea, please see Mike as soon as possible to present at Rotary!

Next week we will have our monthly Board Meeting at Robar Enterprises. All Red Badgers are highly encouraged to attend.

See you next week!

Steve

A New Rotarian



This week the Club welcomed **Jason Lamoreaux** as a new Rotarian into the fold. A better title might be "Journeyman Rotarian", as Jason has transferred from the Apple Valley Club. Inducted by **Margaret Cooker**, sponsored by **Bob Basen** and welcomed by President **Steve Murray**, Jason is a welcome addition to the Club.



Jason, along with his wife of 32 years, **Chris Lamoreaux**, are owners of Coldwell Banker Commercial and Coldwell Banker Home Source. They are also the owners of Touchstone Escrow in Victorville.

Jason has been a Rotarian since 2002, and was a member of the Apple Valley Club for 14 years, serving twice as Club President.

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Big Blue Dice



Jim Murray 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 5 Dice and \$425 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Fine Session



Ryan McEachron was the Fine Master and began by delegating \$5 fines for those who were late to the meeting that included **Bob Basen, Kyle Vizzo, Jon Hove, Craig Garrick, Bill Edwards** and **Bill Scott**. The lateness could have been caused by all the roadwork, which netted **Rob**

Kilpatrick a \$10 penalty, and since it has been three years that **Kirsten Acosta** has been with the Club and STILL has her Red Badge, meant she left with \$30 less in her pocket. The final fine went to **Margaret Cooker**, who spoke to the Club as if she was at the 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting, but in fact did not attend. Her comments earned her a \$10 fine.

Spoon of Exemption

Mike Johnson is our new Spoon holder! Mike offered \$75, and beat the first bid from **Chris Ackerman** of \$50.

Flagstar Bank, now set in place, is offering \$250 to open a new checking account with the bank. Mike also shared that this week he took a new position at the bank, as Branch Manager for the Apple Valley Office!

Rotary Guests

Joining our speaker this week was aide **Kevin Park**, along with **Henry Phan** and **Nicole Orr**, both who were guests of **Mike Page**. **Steve Murray** invited **Diana Amaya** from Desert Valley Hospital, and **Chris Ackerman** once again had **Darren Hinrichs** from PrintMart at his table.

Raffle



Jim Murray was the big winner in this week's raffle! First, Jim donated a couple sleeves of golf balls that will be used by **Bill Edwards** and **Dan Dever**. Jim then went on to win a wine glass drying mat and then a set of wine glasses, both from the

Victor Valley Rescue Mission! Jim also took home, along with **Donna Wells**, a Victor Valley Transit USB thumb drive from **Chris Ackerman**.

The Rescue Mission also donated a \$10 Cinemark gift card that will be used by **Ryan McEachron**, and Ryan gave away a 3D puzzle that will confound **Jon Hove**.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. September 18 to President Steve Murray.

Darron Poulson

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
General Manager

Classification: Services: Water Reclamation

Sponsor: Steve Murray

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Polio Pig: \$8 • Dice (Jim Murray) \$5 = \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$19,935.52

Total equals: 100,855 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



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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 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

Sept 11: Board of Directors Meeting
 5:00pm -Fellowship
 5:30 pm Board Meeting
 Robar Enterprises
 17671 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA

Sept 17: Beer Pour Fundraiser
 Mexican Independence Celebration
 Hesperia Lake Park • Time: TBD

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Upcoming Programs

Sept 12: David Greiner, Greiner Law Group
TOPIC: Trusts (North)

Sept 19: Former Assemblyman Thurston
 "Smitty" Smith **TOPIC: My Years in
 the Assembly - A Look Behind the
 Curtain** (Page)

Sept 26: **San Bernardino County Sheriff
 Shannon Dicus** (Wickum)

Oct 3: John Kozyra, St. Mary Executive
 Director Operations **TOPIC: Sexual
 Assault in the High Desert - Why is
 it Underreported and What Can be
 Done to Assist the Victims** (Page)

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