

The Joshua Tree

September 7, 2021

ENDING HUNGER AND ENRICHING LIVES

This week we got to hear from **Chris Romero** from The Outreach Program and all of the wonderful work they are doing around the world. Chris himself has been working in nonprofit for over 20 years, with the last 8 years in meal packing as well as managing volunteer programs for such organizations as KaBOOM!, the YMCA and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. Through different meal packaging programs, he has helped groups and service clubs make over 12 million meals for domestic and international feeding organizations.



The 6-serving bag was designed for breakfast, lunch and for dinner for their whole family. For volunteers wanting to help pack meals, they made it a simple, 3-step process. One person assembles the food through a funnel, another weighs the bag with food and the final person seals the bag. It worked, and still does, to great success. It is simple, easy and volunteers are engaged.

The Outreach Program is his latest venture. The nonprofit organization was started in 2004 by Rotarian Floyd Hammer and his wife Kathy. Having a career in manufacturing, along with a mission trip to Tanzania, they saw an opportunity to help. The Mission of the organization is to provide safe water, medical care, education, and food to the people of Tanzania. The monies raised by The Outreach Program covers all four of their promises to those people.

In 2007 new meals were added for US families and feeding organizations to assist with food insecurity in our own country. In fact, the nonprofit has grown to a level today that 95% of the food packaged is donated locally and the other 5% takes care of the people of Tanzania. Over 7 million suffer from food insecurity in the United States. Pre-Covid, the LA Food bank (*the largest in the country*) was feeding 300,000 people per month. In 2021, the number has grown to 900,000 per month!

The first meals were developed to combat malnutrition by providing rice and bean meals engineered for students in Tanzania.

The food is all plant-based protein, fortified with 21 essential vitamins and minerals and have a shelf life of 2 years. Currently they have 10 meals available including breakfast, dessert, and gluten-free options. So far The Outreach Program has made over 600 million meals!

Our Club has partnered with other area Clubs in the past for this project to positive reviews! For a club, organization or group, it is easy to help. First you choose which one of the ten meals you want to pack, and then raise funds to cover the cost of ingredients. The Outreach Program brings everything to your site and with volunteers

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** Bryan Gillespie
- 4-Way Test:** Rob Kilpatrick
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron

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HOVE'S HELLO



It was wonderful to have Chris Romero join us this week to share not only the need of The Outreach Program, but also they wonderful success they are

having! It may be time to work with them once again very soon. What do you think?



The Teacher Mini-Grant program is right around the corner on November 2nd. Please donate sooner rather than later to make this year's event our best ever!

Unfortunately, due to Covid, this year's TLC weekend has been canceled. We will keep our fingers crossed for RYLA to take place in 2022.

We have the tentative date of Saturday, October 16th for a Bingo Fundraiser for the Club. Stay tuned for additional details as they become available.

See you next week!

Jon Hove



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Meal Packaging

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using the simple process. The food packs are made in a few hours and donated locally, or wherever you choose. For a Club event with 30-50 volunteers, 10,000 meals can be made in about 90 minutes. At the cost of only .30 cents per meal, it is not hard to raise the money and what a difference it makes. It's also a great team building exercise for groups and companies alike.

It's a win all the way around. Providing a fun and social hands-on service project, providing high protein meals for families in need, and supporting sustainable projects for the people of Tanzania. Get more information at outreachprograms.org.

A "Full House" of New Members



Dwight Johnson showed his hand! Dwight brought the deck of cards and shared a great incentive to bring in new members to our Club! Here is how it works; when you bring in a legitimate potential member as a guest to a meeting or function, you will receive one playing card. If that person becomes a member of our Club, you get another card. The more guests you bring, and the more members you sponsor, the more cards you get. When you have five cards you present them and at the end of the year, the ones with the highest hands will win prizes. So invite some guests, and let's play some poker!

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Donna Wells had the chance to grab the Blue Dice but drew another white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

We will continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Fine Session



Ryan McEachron was our Fine master this week and began by ripping apart the weekly newsletter with good reason! The Board Meeting was incorrectly listed as September 11 so President **Jon Hove**, Proofreader

Margaret Cooker and designer **Chris Ackerman** were each fined \$10 for not catching it. Chris received an extra \$10 fine for spelling **Esther Mears** last name wrong.

Steve Orr celebrated turning 65 years old last week which resulted in a \$65 fine, Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong** was hit with a \$10 penalty for having to get up to read the 4-Way banner, and **Stew Anderson** got hit for \$30, for having 3 golf balls land in his yard this past weekend.

Rotary Guests

Our only guest this week was **Linda Hove**, spouse of President **Jon Hove** who filled in for **Arsalee Morales** at the sign-up table.

Spoon of Exemption

High Desert Opportunity Summit



Education Fueling Economic Development

Kirsten Acosta had her first week with the Spoon and shared information about the upcoming High Desert Opportunity Summit which will be held October 21 at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds. The event will feature Economist **Adam J. Fowler** and the Keynote Speaker will be American two-time Para-Olympian and former Army Officer **Melissa Stockwell**. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Victor Valley College Foundation, which will go towards scholarships and grant opportunities at Victor Valley College.



Raffle

Our local alcohol inhibitor **Dwight Johnson** donated a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by **Dr. Ron Williams** and a selection of Jameson bottles went to **Tina Escareño**. Tina and Dwight left the meeting with water bottles from Victor Valley Transit, donated by **Chris Ackerman** and president **Jon Hove** will enjoy (if Linda allows him) a meal at McDonalds, with a gift card he won courtesy of **Esther Mears**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$32.00

Polio Pig: \$27.00 + Dice (Donna Wells): \$5.00= \$32.00

Collected to Date: \$18,270.63

Total equals: 97,655 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



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Speech Contests	Jessica Perez
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George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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 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., Cracker Barrel, 11612 Amargosa Rd, Victorville 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

Sept 13: Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Oct 23: Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 Annual Peace Conference

FREE via Zoom • 9am - 1pm
<https://district5300.org/peace-conference/>

Upcoming Programs

Sept 14: Dr. Ron Williams, Superintendent, WVUSD
Topic: How Do We Redefine, Redesign and Reengage Teaching and Learning in the 2021-2022 School Year?" (Page)

Sept 21: STAR Students Presentations (Hove)

Sept 28: Red Cross (Mears)

Oct 5: Victor Valley College (Acosta)

Oct 12: TBD

Oct 19: STAR Students Presentations (Hove)

Oct 26: TBD

Nov 2: Teacher Mini-Grants (Hove)

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