

# The Joshua Tree

September 21, 2021

## WATER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

After 27 years in water, **Kathy Cortner**, General Manager for the Mojave Water Agency, is an expert in the field of water rights and usage. Kathy spoke to the Club this week on the sustainability, growth and challenges of preserving water for future generations.



The MWA was formed in 1960 after being voted into being by the community to be a voice in water rights and future economic development. The agency covers areas to the north of Newberry Springs and as far south as 29 Palms. The Mojave Water Agency is one of twenty-nine State Water Agencies who are contracted to draw water from the Delta.

The Agency draws water from a variety of sources including snow-melt from the San Bernardino Mountains, local storm flows, wastewater imports from outside the area, and return flow from non-used pump water. The latter part is water recharged back into their basins.

While The Mojave River and California Aqueduct are used to store water into basins. When not in drought we draw water from the Delta.

This allows MWA to save water for allocation for the future, and put water in different 15 recharge sites throughout their region.

They also have to be alert of the consequences of the water laws. SB211 affects projects of 500 dwelling units unless sufficient water supply is or will be available prior to completion of the project. In addition, SB610 states water supply assessment demonstrates available supplies for residential with 500 dwelling units, retail with

500,000 square feet of floor space, commercial with 250,000 square feet of floor space or industrial with 650,000 square feet of floor space or housing 1,000 persons.

One of the biggest challenges is illegal pumping, which is any unauthorized pumping that creates an imbalance in the water supply. The greatest threat is the growth of illegal cannabis operations. These operations threaten not only water supply, but also water quality, wildlife and the overall quality of life.

There are also the environmental impacts. Continued droughts, as well as climate change, rising sea levels and new environmental laws threaten the ability to save water.

Along with continued campaigns to promote conservation, the MWA has invested in supplemental water to augment our local water supply, are ready for a drought, are currently pretty drought proof and have the ability to sustain the High Desert to grow, not only now, but long into the future. Thank you MWA for the great job, providing water for future generations in the High Desert!

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards
- Flag Salute:** Stew Anderson
- 4-Way Test:** Dr. Ron Williams
- Fine Master:** David North

## HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to Kathy Cortner who spoke about the hard work they are doing by saving water for future generations. It is wonderful what everyone at the Mojave Water

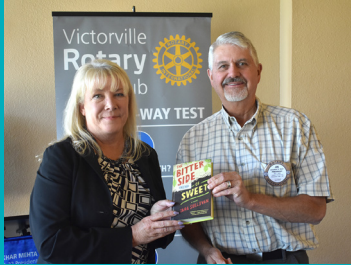
Agency are doing for the future of the High Desert.

Please make sure attend next

week and have your voice heard for our Club Assembly, where we will vote on finances and the overall health of our Club.

The Peace Conference is coming up on October 23 and the Board has purchased four tickets. Linda and myself will be attending, which leaves two free tickets for any Club member that would like them. Let me know as soon as possible as these passes are on a first come, first served basis.

Unfortunately, Jessica Perez has moved on, which has left openings for a Vocational Service Chair and Club President for the years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Please let me know if you'd like to fill these spots.



*Jon Hove*



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## Bingo Night!



Bingo Night is coming soon and we are needing your assistance! Covid-19 hit our finances hard, and our Bingo Night will be our first true fundraiser since before the pandemic, so we want to make it a successful event to raise much needed funds for all of the programs we support. The event will take place Saturday, October 23 at The Activity Center located at 15075 Hesperia Road in Victorville. The cost for attendees is \$25. We are not only looking for committee members to help with planning, but live and silent auction items for the event. Please see **Bill Edwards** or **Arsalee Morales** for more information.

## CLUB ASSEMBLY

*The Club will hold a Club Assembly on*

*September 28, 2021*

*To vote on dues, finances and the overall health of our Club.*

**MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**

# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



## Big Blue Dice



*Jim Cox won the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but elected Margaret Cooker to draw for him, with the agreement that if she picked Blue, she would donate half the winnings back to the Club Foundation. Unfortunately, Margaret drew a white dice and donated the \$5 winnings back to the polio pig.*

*We will continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.*

## Rotary Guests



Our guests this week included **Brian Pierce** who attended with **Oscar Garcia**. Because of that, Oscar received a card from **Dwight Johnson**, the Ace of Clubs! In addition, **Linda Hove** once again attended to cover the welcome table from the vacationing **Arsalee Morales**.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Ryan Orr** for **Brad Poiriez**.



## Fine Session

**David North** was our again Fine Master this week and gave \$20 fines to a variety of Rotarians. **Mike Page** received one for claiming that the drought was caused by Covid in his speaker introduction, **Oscar Garcia**, for traveling all the way to Pittsburgh to cheer on the Las Vegas Raiders and **Russ Stringham** for not putting his phone on silent!

**Bill Edwards** was given a fine for opening a Women's Shelter, in which **Jim Cox** was directed to pay his fine, while **Dr. Ron Williams** was instructed to pay a \$20 fine for Sheriff **John Wickum** for being late to the meeting.

## Raffle



**Donna Wells** was the big winner this week! Lady luck went home with a Victor Valley Transit water bottle and shopping bag from **Chris Ackerman**, a \$25 VISA gift card from **Steve Orr**, and a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson**! Dwight also received a \$25 VISA gift card courtesy of Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, while another copy of "Men of Integrity", donated by Dwight, will be read by **Bill Edwards**. Bill will also enjoy a pair of cigars he won from **Oscar Garcia** at Elementum Services and Mr. Ackerman went back to work with a box of Sunkist Fruit Gems, he received from **Stew Anderson**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$17.42**

*Polio Pig: \$12.42 + Dice (Jim Cox): \$5.00= \$17.42*

**Collected to Date: \$18,310.05**

**Total equals: 97,734 Doses!**

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2021-2022 .....	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023 .....	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
President 2025-2026 .....	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Orr
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Stephen Quintero
Club Service .....	Arsalee Morales
Community Service .....	Michael Krause
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Programs .....	Mike Page
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts .....	KayMarie Gregory
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- Oct 4: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*  
ARMAC Insurance Agency Board Room  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- Oct 23: Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 Annual Peace Conference**  
FREE via Zoom • 9am - 1pm  
<https://district5300.org/peace-conference/>
- Oct 23: Bingo Night Fundraiser**  
5:30pm • \$25 per person  
The Activity Center  
15075 Hesperia Road, Victorville, CA

## Upcoming Programs

- Sept 28:** Erin Fox, Disaster Program Director and Raul Diaz, Regional Program Director, Red Cross  
**Topic: "Benefits of Being a Red Cross Volunteer"** (Mears)
- Oct 5: Victor Valley College** (Acosta)
- Oct 12: TBD**
- Oct 19: STAR Students Presentations** (Mills)
- Oct 26: TBD**
- Nov 2: Teacher Mini-Grants** (A. Anderson)

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