

The Joshua Tree

September 22, 2020

YOU CAN “TRUST” ME, I’M A LAWYER

A lot has changed in the world in the wake of COVID-19, and this week we heard from the iconic **Terry Caldwell**; Club Rotarian, 8-Time Mayor of Victorville and Partner at Caldwell, Kennedy & Porter on the effects of the pandemic in the courts and in their office in Victorville.



Federal, State and County regulations and mandates have done a lot to hurt the courts in San Bernardino County, and Terry has seen it first-hand. Even before March of 2020, the Victorville Courthouse was already backlogged with cases, and now with temporary closings, 25% capacity and social distancing measures, there is now a much larger surge in the backlog with no end in sight or an easy fix. There are just not enough judges and courtrooms, and with the 5-year mandate on lawsuits, things will come to head on both sides of the aisle.

The Clerk’s Office, which handles filing, marriage licenses, and much more have very strict procedures in place such as

mandatory face coverings and social distancing which ends up with a large bottleneck to get in to do work. Paralegals need to sometimes file in an instant for a next day case, and if they cannot get in by the 4:30pm daily deadline, it can wreak havoc on an attorney’s case. They now have to go there as soon as possible, and they consider themselves lucky if they get in and file in time.

Down the street (*Sand Street to be precise*), things are not much easier at Caldwell, Kennedy & Porter. Terry shared that they are not able to meet with families the same way as before and have to make sure there is a 6ft distance between them, and with the small size of the office, if someone arrives early for an appointment or the one inside runs over, there is a lot of sitting in cars outside, which does not help the demeanor of many who may already be going through a stressful time.

Luckily, CK&P has been around a long time and is one of the few businesses, like Midway Home Solutions, that is recognized as “iconic” business in the High Desert, meaning they have quite a stable of clients, so they don’t have the concerns of some of the newer attorneys who may have to close up their practices in the wake of Coronavirus. The newer, smaller law offices are being hit very hard and are struggling right now to keep their doors open.

This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Esther Mears
- 4-Way Test:** Dan Dever
- Finemaster:** David North

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It was great to have long-time Rotarian Terry Caldwell come and present to the Club this week. His knowledge of not only how to prepare for your families future, but also an inside look into today's COVID affected court system had

our group very engaged with many questions.

Don't forget that next week will be a "5th Tuesday" Rotary Fireside at 5:30 pm at the home of Arsalee Morales, located near El Pescador at 14010 Smoke Tree in Victorville. This is a great opportunity for all Red Badge Rotarians to attend a Fireside and get another step closer to obtaining your Blue Badge. Please confirm your attendance with so we have enough great food for everyone.

Bill Edwards shared that we are still looking for some great auction items for our next Facebook fundraiser next month. We already have a couple of Bahama area trips that will be up for grabs, and are looking for others, with a minimum value of \$100. Please see Bill for more info.

Speaking of reserving spots, On October 6th our Rotary Meeting will be at Midway Home Solutions, with Don Lager setting a large screen as we will have the Registrar of Voters speak to the Club via ZOOM. Please make sure you let Margaret know if you or potential guests will be attending so enough food is ordered.

As well, we hope we will be back indoors ourselves on Tuesdays soon. Have a great Rotary week!

Steve



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Since the pandemic, Terry has seen a lot more people coming in to create or re-do their Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning. Obviously, people are nervous of contracting COVID-19, or worse off, dying from it and not having their financial house in order. There is no requirement by law to have a Will or Trust, but Terry assured the group, it is not very smart to be without one. If someone was to pass away who was unmarried with no children, and did not have a will, the State would start at the top of that person's family tree and work its way down in equal shares. If married without a will, all would go to the spouse, and if married with children, the spouse would get a one-third share, while the remaining two-thirds would be split evenly among the children. You can see the problem here correct? What if you want to leave more to one child than another, or you don't want to leave everything to your spouse? These are just a couple of reasons why Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning are valuable to have. You don't even have to use an attorney to make out a Will, you can make one all by yourself.

A Holographic Will (*also called a Oleographic Testament*) is a Will written, dated and signed in your own handwriting, which is just as binding as one done by Terry and his staff, but as Mr. Caldwell warns, "He who represents himself, has a fool for a client." A lot can go wrong with this and can be quite a mess to untangle and hold up estates for many years. The simplest Estate Planning technique is having all the money go to the surviving spouse and if both go simultaneously, as in the case of a car accident, then equal shares go to the children. Some families even go so far to label what items go to which child in advance, so there are no arguments when the time arises. Other items covered in his presentation covered selecting the right executor, health directives, caretaker for young children and more, but Terry's final lesson of the day was to be specific in your Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning, if could save your surviving loved ones many years of grief well after you've passed on.

Get more information at www.cklaw.net.

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Tina Escareño had the opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but took out a 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.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. October 4th to President Steve Orr.

Cindy Smith

Century 21 - Desert Rock, Realtor

Classification: Real Restate: Realtor

**Sponsor: Steve Orr
(Through Facebook)**

**CLUB ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 13TH, 2020**

TOPIC:

**Club President for 2021-2022
Recommendation for Jon Hove**

Rotary Guests

Once again we welcomed **Cindy Smith** from Century 21 Desert Rock Realty who found our Club via Facebook and **Taylor Valdes** once again who attended with **Arsalee Morales**.

Our Stand-In this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** via Zoom.

Fine Session

Well, **Bill Edwards** had the chance to sing for us all. If you read last week's issue of *The Joshua Tree*, Fine Master **David North** gave Bill the chance to not have a \$20 fine if he would sing either one of the songs that have been written about Hesperia. This week, Bill was called upon



to sing, but he denied, which earned him a \$20 fine. Then David shared some great news that he is going to be a grandfather!! In celebration he asked all in attendance to raise their hands if they too were grandparents, and those who kept their hands down including **Mike Page, Chris Ackerman, Arsalee Morales, Kevin Kane, Jessica Perez** and **Rob Kilpatrick**, all received \$20 fines!

Raffle

Rob Kilpatrick left this week's meeting with quite a haul! Ron won a Greiner GM cap and Travel Mug from **Coleen Luque**, the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**, and a Victor Valley food discount card from **Bill Edwards**. **Arsalee Morales** also won another same food discount card, but this one brought by **Dwight Johnson** and a bottle of wine from Dwight as well. **Don Lager** also took home a second bottle of wine from Dwight and **Coleen Luque** will enjoy the Bath and Body Works bag of goodies she won from **Jessica Perez**. Finally, Arsalee wasn't done winning yet, as she will be in one of those long lines at Starbucks with the gift card she won, courtesy of **Esther Mears**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$24.00

Collected to Date: \$17,484.23

Total equals: 96,082 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 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 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

Oct 13: Board of Directors meeting
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Upcoming Programs

Sept 29: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting and
Fireside at the Home of Arsalee
Morales

5:30pm • 14010 Smoke Tree, Victorville

Oct 6: Registrar of Voters, **Topic: Vote Safely
and Effectively**

LOCATION: Midway Home Solutions
14444 Atstar Dr, Victorville, CA

Oct 13: Craig Garrick, President ComAV
**Topic: COVID, The Airline Industry
and the ComAV Perspective** (Page)



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