

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



September 24, 2019

...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Our new San Bernardino County DA **Jason Anderson** readily admits that we pay his salary, so one of his job duties is to listen to the tax payers. It is that mindset that has given him the mission to return the D.A.'s office to a place of service and accountability.

In his nine months as D.A., Jason has first been listening to his colleagues. He wants the office, made up of attorneys, staff, investigators and more, to know that they are valued and uses this to find out why they choose to come to work each day, using their strengths for the betterment of the public.

In terms of the public, one of their new programs is the Community Commission, where 13 people of different economic and ethnic backgrounds meet with Jason to discuss if a person should be convicted, if excessive force was used, and the Justice System itself. In fact, one of the public's biggest issues is not understanding how the Courts system really works. Their first meeting was 5 hours long and these members of the public received a class in Justice 101, learning about the roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges. People walked away from



the meeting with a much better understanding of the system. Their next meeting in November will cover Officer Involved Shootings. In 2020 they are looking to grow the group from 13 to 60 members and meet every quarter, to discuss not only differences, but solutions as well to make our streets better and safer.

In 2020, the D.A.'s office for the first time is putting together an Officer Involved Shooting Team! Their office has the responsibility in reviewing all cases of this nature, and will now be sending out a team to the actual scene of the incident to investigate, not after the fact.

A recurring issue in the County is the revolving door of homelessness and mental health issues. Jason has partnered with the Defenders' Office, Law Enforcement and Mental Health Professionals and meet every month, called the Law & Justice Group to work on tackling these issues. In this group, they have begun a Mental Health Diversion Campaign, to assist capable mental health sufferers start a new life and not commit any more crimes. The group relies on the collaboration of its member agencies to reach a common goal of providing help, but also a fair, just and efficient judicial process, and to develop solutions to problems of mutual interest.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office represents the interests of the People in the criminal justice system. Your District Attorney's Office serves the residents by ensuring justice with excellence, integrity and compassion by transparently partnering with the public, law enforcement, and the judiciary; stewarding public resources to hold the guilty accountable, support victims of crime, and honoring the humanity of all involved in the criminal justice system; restoring a culture of service and accountability to the most powerful law office in the County whose singular mission will be to restore systems and people to provide equal justice for all.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** Rick Bessinger
- 4-Way Test:** Ryan McEachron
- Finemaster:** David North

ORR'S ROARS



What a Casino Royale! Thanks to everyone who pulled off last weekend's fundraiser to fruition! Bill Edwards, Arsalee Morales, Margaret Cooker, Rob Kilpatrick, and others, as well for all of you who attended.

Special shout out to Chris Ackerman who did a great job as emcee and auctioneer once again. I am already looking forward to seeing how we top it next year!

We are looking for sponsors for this year's Teacher Mini-Grants! A Mini-Grant is up to \$300 each and we'd like to give out as many as possible this year to our wonderful teachers with innovative learning programs. Please See Alicia Anderson for more information.

We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Victor Valley College Foundation for our support of their Scholarship program as well as letters from 4 of the students who received scholarships from our Foundation.

Have a great week and be a great Rotarian for someone in need!



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Raffle

Ryan McEachron needs to play the lottery tonight! Ryan went home with a \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**, a USB wrist band from **Kevin Kane**, a Rotary license plate frame, and tickets to the Apple Valley Air Show, courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**. **Donna Wells** and **Don Lager** also received Air Show tickets, as well as a box of candy for Donna. A stapler, plus a \$25 Walmart gift card, courtesy of Heritage Medical from **Steve Orr** was won by **Don Lager**, and finally **Dwight Johnson** will be taking notes from the journal he received from **Sarah Rojas** at Kindred Hospice.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by awarding **Arsalee Morales** with a \$10 fine for helping with this year's Casino Royale, but not showing up for the event! She argued her case so the fine increased to \$20. She would not back down so the fine rose higher to \$30! While **Chris Ackerman** was being the Casino Royale Auctioneer last Saturday, he called the far half of the room cheapskates, since they were not bidding on anything. David happened to be sitting in that section and that garnered Ackerman a \$10 fine. Finally, way back in March, David was hurting from having to pull weeds in his yard. He came in for a rest and all he saw on Facebook was **Ryan McEachron** vacationing in Hawaii. It took all this time for David to finally levy his fine for that...\$100.

Club Assembly

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Change in Directors Vocational Service (Leach to Nyamwange)

Club Bylaws • Foundation Bylaws

Foundation Policy and Procedure for Assisting Community Service Project without Foundation Affiliation

President 2021-2022

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Big Blue Dice



Don Lager got the chance for the Blue Dice and big money, but drew a white and gave his \$5 back into the Pig.

We will continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Giving Back

President **Steve Orr**, alongside Captain **Rick Bessinger** presented Deputy **Art Bandari** from the Police & Fire Activities League a check

from our Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 for their boxing program. This no cost program for



youth with troubled pasts, weight struggles and those who struggle to become fit. This program enforces respect and trust, and all participants must give back to the community in some way. This money will help them with equipment, travel expenses and competitions.

Speakers & Fines

Mike Page is looking for speakers for the October 15 and October 22 meetings, as well as Fine Master for October 15. If you have a program idea or would like to hand out fines, please see Mike.

Rotary Guests

Joining our speaker this week we welcomed D.A. Investigators **Paul Garcia** and **Chad Johnson**. As a guest of **Ryan McEachron**, we met **Jacob Soares** from Victorville Chevrolet.

Our Stand-in this week was **Martial Haprov** for **Brad Poiriez**.

Spoon of Exemption

Mike Page had his final week with the Spoon and once again reminded Rotarians about the upcoming St. Mary Gala on October 19th. Special thanks to **Don Lager** and Midway Home Solutions for donated a \$5,000 Room Makeover for one of their three opportunity drawings!

It was then time to auction the Spoon for the month of October. **Dwight Johnson** bid first for \$50, then **Arsalee Morales** came in with \$75, but in the end **Mike Page** took it for another month in the amount of \$100. Guess this wasn't his final week with the Spoon.

October Birthdays

Victor Rocha	October 7
Stew Anderson	October 11
Ron Wilson	October 12
Jon Hove	October 14
Kirk Riding	October 16
Jim Cox	October 19
Brad Poiriez	October 25

October Anniversaries

Marie Langley	8 Years
Corey Beck	3 Years

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.02

Polio Pig: \$7.02 + Dice (Don Lager): \$5.00 = \$13.02

Collected to Date: \$16,661.12

Total equals: 94,494 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2019-2020	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President	Margaret Cooker
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service	Bill Edwards
Community Service	Paul Earle
International Service	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Ryla & TLC	Arsalee Morales
Vocational Service	Dr. Bowtie Brian
Grants/Speech Contests	TBA
Scholarships	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership	Don Lager
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Jon Hove • Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Programs	Mike Page
Public Service	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley & Greg Benson
Sergeant At Arms	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Steve Orr
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 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, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 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 14:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00 pm Avenues of Service & Fellowship
5:30 pm call to order
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silca Roads
- Oct 28:** **Past Presidents' Meeting**
5:30 pm • El Pescador Bar
- May 1-3 2020:** **Assembly and District Conference**
Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

THIS TUESDAY
Rotary Foundation Live Auction for
\$1,000 Midway Gift Card!

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Oct 1:** Marie Langley, Desert Valley Hospital **TOPIC:**
"Why Is Healthcare So Expensive?"
(Langley)
Rotary Foundation Live Auction for
\$1,000 Midway Gift Card
STAR students: Discover and Endeavour

October 8, 2019

State Assemblyman Jay Obernolte

Bidding is now open to sit at the head table with
Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, Please see Mike for Details

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