

The Joshua Tree

September 28, 2021

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

The Rotary Club of Victorville had the pleasure this week by hearing from **Erin Fox**, the Disaster Program Director and **Raul Diaz**, the Regional Program Director for the American Red Cross.

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. In fact, 95% of the Red Cross is made up of strictly volunteer positions.

2020 was a record year for the American Red Cross. Not only did they have to deal with the Covid-19 Pandemic, but also 17 wildfires, and 6 additional large scale evacuations! This led to over 204,000 people evacuated, 71 hotels booked, over 31,000 snacks given out, and 29,568 meals served. It takes a lot of manpower to handle the logistics in an emergency, but many more are needed to fill the needs of the Southern California community.

Currently volunteers are urgently needed many positions such as an **Disaster Action Team** volunteer. A DAT volunteer provides 24-hour immediate emergency response to local disasters, particularly house fires, ensuring that those affected have access to resources



for basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing.

Other areas of volunteer needs include: **Mass Care**, which provide services such as feeding, sheltering, reunifications and distribution of emergency supplies; **Logistics**, providing vehicle tracking, acquisition of materials, facilities and warehousing; **Recovery**, conducting client interviews, providing clients with information and

referrals to community partners for additional assistance; and **Disaster Services Technology**, which provides support in the use of computers printers, IT equipment, plus radios, and antennas in regards to disaster relief.

After Erin spoke, **Raul Diaz** shared the ARC Service to the Armed Forces division. Volunteers and staff help facilitate communication from family members to service members when emergency arises, and assist where



needed. They also help build brave family members with courses and workshops such as "How to Deal with Deployment", as just one example. Their volunteers lend support not just to service members and their families, but military hospitals, and more.

Find out how to become a volunteer with the American Red Cross by contacting **Juana Zapata**, Sr. Volunteer Recruitment Specialist at Juana.Zapata@redcross.org.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards
- Flag Salute:** John Kroencke
- 4-Way Test:** Ben Tafoya
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron

HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to Erin Fox and Raul Diaz from the American Red Cross, who took time out of their schedules this week to share the benefits of being a volunteer! I had no idea how many different moving parts there are to the American Red Cross.



We held a Club Assembly this week and the Club unanimously passed two updates to the Membership.

First, Beginning October 1st, we will be increasing dues by \$5 per month from \$25 per member to \$30 per member. Dues will go up in incremental increases whenever District and/or International dues goes up as well. Once a cap of another \$5 is met, we will hold another Club Assembly before dues go passed \$35.

The other update passed was that there will now be a 3%-4% fee charge to members whenever their credit card is used.

See you all next week!

Jon Hove



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Bingo Night!



Bingo Night 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.

Spoon of Exemption



Kirsten Acosta had her final time with the Spoon and chose to share the benefits of becoming a Victor Valley College Foundation President's Circle member. There are a host of benefits including exclusive member events, networking, quarterly luncheons and much more. Visit www.vvcfoundation.com/getinvolved to sign-up.

Then it was time to auction the Spoon for the month of October, and the only taker was the returning Pastor **Paul Earle**, who got the Spoon for the low price of \$50! Maybe we will find out where he has been lately...



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Rob Kilpatrick won the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but drew a white one and donated the \$5 winnings back to the polio pig.

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

October Birthdays

Capt Jeff Armstrong	October 10
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

Corey Beck	5 Years
Lynne Cole	4 Years
Jacob Soares	2 Years

Rotary Guests

Our guests this week included **Bart Wade** who attended with **Bill Edwards**. Pastor Paul Earle returned, with his youngest daughter in tow, and Our Stand-in this week were **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** and **Simon Herrera** for **Kevin Kane**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Michael Krause** \$10 for being on his phone, as seen on Zoom, during the meeting. The fine was then doubled when he did it a second time, while Ryan was giving him the first fine!



Ben Tafoya was also penalized \$10 for making a "guest appearance" to the Club and finally, **Bill Edwards** was given a \$20 fine for inviting **Bart Wade** to the meeting!

Raffle

Ryan McEachron was a double winner this week, taking home a \$25 VISA gift card from **Steve Orr**, and a copy of "Men of Integrity", donated by **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight also gave away a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by guest **Bart Wade** and a bottle of Jim Bean Orange that was taken home by **Rob Kilpatrick**.

Oscar Garcia won a Victor Valley Transit water bottle with goodies from **Chris Ackerman**, and finally Pastor **Paul Earle** left the meeting with a VTA shopping bag and bottle of champagne, courtesy of Elementum Services.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$27.00

*Polio Pig: \$21.00 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick): \$5.00
+ Pat Orr (Apple Valley Club): \$1.00 = \$22.00*

Collected to Date: \$18,337.05

Total equals: 97,788 Doses!

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

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Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests	Need Volunteer
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
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Need Volunteer
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
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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 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., Denny's, 13165 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 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

- Oct 5:** Frank Castanos, Director of Community & Contract Education and McKenzie Tarango, Dean of Public Safety & Industrial Technology, Victor Valley College
Topic: "VVC Public Safety and Industrial Technology" (Acosta)
- Oct 12:** TBD
- Oct 19:** **STAR Students Presentations** (Mills)
- Oct 26:** TBD
- Nov 2:** **Teacher Mini-Grants** (A. Anderson)

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