

The Joshua Tree

October 6, 2020

HOW TO VOTE DURING A PANDEMIC...

In a much different sort of presentation, this week's Rotary meeting was held at **Don Lager's** Midway Home Solutions, by **Robert Chevez** and **Melissa Eickman** from the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters via Zoom as is their protocol due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. They were on hand to share the new election process for San Bernardino County voters.



is a voting box for every 15,000 voters to drop off your ballot if you don't feel comfortable sending it in the mail either. There are 70 Voter Boxes currently in the county and the slot is only wide enough to put an envelope in, so no harm can come to your ballot. Boxes are open now and will stay open to collect ballots until

One of the newest changes is that unlike the past, ALL County residents will receive a mail-in ballot instead of just those who have opted for an Absentee Ballot as in former elections. This is planned only for this election due to Coronavirus, but unlike the thoughts of our President during the first debate, the Registrar of Voters showed that this a completely safe way to vote.

In previous elections, 70% of voters in the County voted "Absentee," so adding another 30% will be no issue to the staff on hand to make sure all ballots are collected and counted. There

8:00pm on November 3rd. These voter boxes are locked and bolted to concrete from the inside, preventing anyone from stealing them. The bolts are on the inside and workers need to get through a couple areas of security to even get to the bolts. The boxes will be emptied every 96 hours over the first few weeks, and as we get closer to the election, every 48 hours. A map of voter boxes can be found at www.SBCountyElections.com. Once you mail or drop off your ballot, you can get tracking updates via text, email or recorded voice mail of when your ballot has been mailed, received and counted by using the Secretary of State's "Where's My Ballot" tracking system at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov.

Also coming in your mail box are two Voter Information Guides. The first one will contain a sample ballot, candidate statements and local measure information while the second is a supplemental guide, and only contains information for measures J and K. Sending these separately saves taxpayers \$300,000.

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This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Bill Edwards |
| Flag Salute: | Terry Caldwell |
| 4-Way Test: | Tina Escareño |
| Finemaster: | Jim Barnes |

ORR'S ROARS



Thanks to everyone who came out and joined us for our special Rotary meeting at Midway Home Solutions and with that, we have to give a special thanks to Don Lager for his generosity opening up his business so we could all hear from Robert Chevez and Melissa

Eikman from the Registrar of Voters.

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.

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

Steve



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Voting...

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For those who still want to vote in person, voting sites are being set up with a radius of one polling place per 10,000 residents. Within the next week there will be six early voting sites, and currently one is available at the County Registrar of Voters. Another five locations will be open during the last week of October and two of them are in the High Desert. One is at Hook Community Center in Victorville and the other is at the Town of Apple Valley Recreational Center. The remaining are at Joshua Tree Community Center, Toyota Arena in Ontario and at the San Bernardino International Airport Domestic Terminal. No matter where you live in the county, you can go to any of these early sites.

Closer to Election day, the remaining polling places will be available for a 4-day period from October 31 through November 3rd. There will be 210 polling places, which is double the number required. Unlike the early voting sites, your designated polling place is listed on the back of your mail-in ballot. If you choose to not go to your designated polling place, then you may have a long wait as you will need to vote via a tablet and there are only three available per site. Poll workers will be provided with face masks, face shields, gloves, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. High-touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day, and if a mandatory face covering is required, they will have some on hand for those who don't bring one.

Once you place your ballot, stronger cybersecurity measures have been implemented and the system is being continually evaluated and upgraded during the coming weeks. Poll workers also trained to deescalate situations and coordinate with Sheriff and Police Officers who will be nearby and ready for any situation that may need their involvement. No law enforcement will be at polling sites, as that could be ultimately viewed as voter intimidation.

The Registrar of Voters are trying to get the word out that every vote does count and matters. They are also encouraging residents to vote as early as possible. Jobs are also available for election workers in full time positions throughout the County at \$15.96 per hour. For more information please visit www.SBCountyElections.com.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Big Blue Dice



Ryan McEachron 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 10 dice and \$300 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week **Terry Caldwell** brought a few guests to our meeting including **Michael Krause**, **Stephen Quintero** and **Kennon Mitchell**, all from the Adelanto Elementary School District. Our President **Steve Orr** had **Yvette Jimenez** and **Yvonne Duncan** join him and **Tina Escareño** invited **Julie Amaya**.

ROTARIANS
ARE RESPONSIBLE LEADERS
BOTH SOCIALLY AND ETHICALLY

ROTARIANS
DISCOVER AND CELEBRATE
DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

ROTARIANS
MAKE THE WORLD BETTER
ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

**PROUD TO BE A
ROTARIAN**



Fine Session



Jim Barnes was our Fine Master this week and from reports to those who were there, he fined a lot of people!

Raffle



Both **Tina Escareño** and **Jim Barnes** left the meeting with El Dorado Broadcasters Swag Bags courtesy of **Dwight Johnson** that also included gift cards! Also doing some shopping will be **Bill Edwards** and guest **Julie Amaya**, who were already conveniently at Midway Home Solutions with the \$25 gift cards they won from **Don Lager**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Dice (Ryan McEachron): \$5.00= \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$17,515.23

Total equals: 96,144 Doses!

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

**CLUB ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 13TH, 2020**

TOPIC:

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

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| Vocational Service | Dr. Bowtie Brian |
| Grants/Speech Contests | PLEASE VOLUNTEER |
| Scholarships | Please Volunteer |
| 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

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| BOD Secretary | Marilyn Buttlerwerth |
| Programs | Mike Page |
| Public Service | Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley |
| Sergeant At Arms | Arsalee Morales |
| Dan Stover Music Contest | Dr. Bowtie Brian |
| S.T.A.R. Students | Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler |
| Fundraising | Bill Edwards |
| 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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

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| 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

Oct 13: Craig Garrick, President ComAV

Topic: COVID, The Airline Industry and the ComAV Perspective (Page)

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