



# The Joshua Tree

**October 11, 2022**

## THE SIXTH SENSE OF ILLUSION



Rotarians received quite a treat this week, as El Dorado Broadcasters Sales Manager **James Rightmire**, dazzled and entertained Club members with his amazing talent as a mentalist, influencer and body language expert, which is all combined to create quite an illusionist!

In 2007 he appeared on the show “Phenomenon” with superstar Criss Angel, and now performs weekends at The Magic Castle in Hollywood, and at trade show events around the country. James also uses his tricks in his sales role to break the ice with potential clients.

### This Week’s Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman

**Flag Salute:** Bryan Gillespie

**4-Way Test:** Donna Wells

The first trick he performed was for **Bryan Gillespie**. He asked Bryan to take three business cards, which James wrote messages on the back. James instructed Bryan not to look at them, but put one in his pocket, then one in each hand. When Bryan turned the cards over, the one in his left had said “Left”, and the one in his right hand said “Right”. As one can guess the one in his pocket read, “Pocket”.

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## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to James Rightmire for the "Magical" time this week as our presenter! We are

still in awe of your incredible ability to perform the tricks that you did today. What a gift to use to gain new clients for El Dorado Broadcasters!



Please join us for our Comedy Night Fundraiser on November 19th. It will be held at the Victorville Elks Lodge and only 100 tickets are available (\$20 each), or you can be a \$250 sponsor and receive 4 tickets. Our comedians this year have played Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York, so you know its going to be hilarious! We are also looking for raffle prizes to raise a lot of money, because the community is asking us for money to give back to help those less fortunate.

November 8th will be our annual Teacher Mini Grant event, and teachers are already contacting us. Margaret Cooker shared that she is looking for a volunteer to design and print the programs,, judges and of course, money to help give away a lot of grants this year.

Mike Page wants to remind all Past Presidents, there will be a meeting on October 24th at Robar Enterprises.

Finally remember, "People often say that motivation doesn't last, well neither does bathing, that's why we recommend it daily".

Until next week...

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## James Rightmire

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James asked **Ben Tafoya** to pick out a page number in a book, and when Ben went to the page, part of it was ripped out, with the other half of the page taped on the wall in the back of the room!

After doing a series of card tricks with **Mike Page, Chris Ackerman** and **Donna Wells**, James made silverware bend with his mind and performed a game of "Follow the Leader" with **Sarah Johnson**, using separate decks of red and blue cards, and in the end, she picked the exact same card as James, the Four of Hearts.

In the end, James shared that he cannot read minds and does not have ESP, he just uses his five senses to create the illusion of having a sixth sense.

But James saved his best trick for last, as you will see on page three...

## Greetings from Olympia, WA



**Bill Edwards** sent in some photos from a Rotary Point in Olympia Washington!

Rotary Point at West Bay Park in Olympia, Washington, is the culmination of a unique partnership between the City of Olympia and the Rotary Clubs of Thurston County. The 4 acre park is located on the western shore of one of the southernmost points of the Puget Sound and is a spectacular site that provides outstanding views of the State Capitol, ship canal and Olympic peaks.



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## Big Blue Dice



**Ben Tafoya got the dough! Ben had his winning ticket drawn and went home \$525 richer! On top of that, James Rightmire correctly wrote down the last 4 numbers of which ticket would be drawn!**

**We will begin again next week with 14 Dice and \$200 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.**

## Canned Food Drive

It's time to restock the pantry! We are back to collecting canned goods and non-refrigerated items that we can donate to local non-profits and help those less fortunate in Victorville. Please note that for each set of 5 cans you bring in, you will receive 2 raffle tickets in return for that meeting. We appreciate your help and generosity.



## Raffle

In this week's Raffle, **Chris Ackerman** brought some Victor Valley Transit bean bag phone holders that will be used by **Rob Kilpatrick, Margaret Cooker** and **Mike Page**.

## Spoon of Exemption



**Bryan Gillespie** had another week with the Spoon and did a final promotion for Board Candidate Forum for all 2022 VVUHS candidates.

Options For Youth is a network of free, public charter high schools located in Southern California. Our schools are designed to meet your unique learning style and preferences to guide you towards high school graduation.

## Rotary Guests



Our only guest this week was **Sarah Johnson**, wife of Rotarian **Mike Johnson**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$12.00**

*Polio Pig: \$7 + Ben Tafoya: \$5.00= \$12.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,192.52**

**Total equals: 99,473 Doses!**

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

# Rotary

## Club of Victorville, CA



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#### Board of Directors

- President 2022-2023 ..... Arsalee Morales
- President 2023-2024 ..... Steve Murray
- President 2024-2025 ..... **Need Candidates**
- President 2025-2026 ..... Bill Edwards
- Immediate Past President ..... Jon Hove
- Treasurer ..... Donna Wells
- Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker
- Club Service ..... Steve Murray
- Community Service ..... Bryan Gillespie
- International Service ..... Ben Tafoya
- Youth Service/Ryla & TLC ..... Ryan McEachron
- Vocational Service ..... Bill Edwards

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

#### Positions & Committee Chairs

- BOD Secretary ..... Pam Murray
- Billing Officer ..... Esther Mears
- Dan Stover Music Contest ..... **Need Volunteer**
- Flowers and Gifts ..... Linda Hove
- Foundation & Grants ..... Margaret Cooker
- 4-Way Speech Competitions ..... Mike Johnson
- Fundraising ..... Arsalee Morales
- George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest ..... Ron Boyd
- Joshua Tree Editor ..... Chris Ackerman
- Membership ..... Steve Murray
- Programs ..... Mike Page
- Publicity/Public Relations ..... **Need Volunteer**
- Public Service ..... Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley,  
Jeff Armstrong and John Wickum
- Sergeant At Arms ..... Steve Murray
- Scholarships ..... David North
- S.T.A.R. Students ..... Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

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 17: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- Oct 24: Past Presidents' Meeting**  
5:30 pm at Robar Enterprises
- Nov 19: Comedy Night Fundraiser**  
Victorville Elks Club, 14041 Hesperia Road  
5:30pm • Tickets \$20 each  
Sponsorships \$250 + 4 Tickets
- Dec 1: Rotary Christmas Party**  
Bear Valley Lake County Club

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## Club of Victorville, CA



## Upcoming Programs

- Oct 18:** Chet Hitt, Entrepreneur, Owner Town's End  
**Topic: "A Moment with Chet - lessons from an entrepreneur, the early days to Townsend- he is still learning"** (Page)
- Oct 25:** WC Professor David Wilkerson (Acosta)
- Nov 1: OPEN**
- Nov 8: Teacher Mini-Grants** (Cooker)

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