

# The Joshua Tree

**October 19, 2021**

## **WE ARE IN IT TOGETHER, FOR A BETTER HIGH DESERT!**

It's been quite a journey for **Pastor Paul Earle** and his wife, **Charmaine Earle, M.D.**, as they spoke this week with the Club. They shared their story through ministry, management and medicine.

Pastor Paul was born in Jamaica, as the last of 14 children. In 1985, when he was 14 years old, he met Charmaine, who was a year younger, and they never looked back. After courting Charmaine for 7 years, he began his ministry in 1994. Paul had already begun to have a career in marketing management when God called him into ministry. The transition between marketing and ministry came about very easy as both seemed quite similar. First though, they had to do a "sell-off", meaning they had to sell off their expensive cars and possessions to begin ministry strictly through Faith.

Two years later, Charmaine's burgeoning medical career brought them to the United States, more specifically Pasadena. Charmaine did her residency at USC, while Paul began a Multi-Ethnic Church in Cerritos, CA. His church not only preached in English, but Mandarin, Korean, and Spanish.

Now comes their move to the High Desert. Charmaine was about to finish her Residency and was beginning to get invitations from hospitals and medical groups to interview with. She did not want to spend her time working in Emergency Rooms, as her desire was to be in Family Practice. Talking with Paul, they decided to do a practice interview with one such company, in a place they had no desire to live, especially after seeing it, the High Desert.



She interviewed with High Desert Primary Care, but weren't feeling it, so they decided to pray about it over a month's time. During this time, Paul was on a missionary trip in Honduras, and heard a calling from the Lord, "A Harvest is coming to the Desert, go raise up workers for the Harvest". At first Paul tried to ignore it, but the words kept calling him. Charmaine shared that if this is where the Lord was calling them, or anywhere else, then and now, she would follow.

Paul promised her wherever she worked, that was where they would live, and so by God's calling, she took the job and they moved to the High Desert, while Paul started a small Bible Study here and drove to the church in Cerritos to conduct services and baptize those who accepted Christ. One day at the intersection of Palmdale Road and Hwy 395, Paul heard the call to start a church, and Life Church was born.

For Paul and Charmaine Earle, their relationship with the Lord is central to their whole lives, and both of them care about our community, love what they do and put all their energies to heal the sick, and make workers for the Harvest. Currently Charmaine, a Best of the Desert winner three years in a row, is a Family Practice Physician at 12984 Hesperia Road in Victorville. Find out more information on Life Church at [wlifechurch.me](http://wlifechurch.me).

### **This Week's Functionaries**

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Bill Scott
- 4-Way Test:** Stew Anderson
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron

## ORR'S ROARS



*This was the first of two week's I have been "Voluntold" I will be filling in for our President Jon Hove, and I was pleased to lead this meeting with our own Pastor Paul Earle and his*

*wife Charmaine Earle, M.D. as they shared their incredible journey from Jamaica to Victorville!*



*We are very close to our Bingo Night this Saturday! All Rotarians have 4 tickets they will be billed for, so please sell them or give them away! We are also looking for around \$500 in Sponsorships to make the event the success it deserves, so please think about helping. Please reach out to Arsalee Morales or Bill Edwards for more information.*

*We are still looking for Rotarians to step up and get involved! We are looking for a Vocational Service Chair, Speech Contests Chair, and Presidents for the Rotary years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Please see Margaret Cooker if you'd like to take an active leadership role in our Club.*

*See you all next week!*

*Steve*



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*Shout out to Stephen Quintero and his wife Denise, as they are planning to adopt these 8+ week old twin babies they currently foster.*

## Fine Session

**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master and began by giving Fire Chief **Jeff Armstrong** a \$25 fine for allowing a certain Victorville Council Member to wear a fake firefighter costume at last week's City Council meeting and also gave Sheriff Captain **John Wickum** a \$10 penalty for not arresting her!

**Mike Page** chose to dominate the question and answer time with **Pastor Paul Earle**, so Ryan says that from this point forward, Mike will receive \$10 per question hit to his wallet. This week he amassed \$40 in fines. **Don Lager** was given a welcome back fine of \$50 for being retired and finally, **Jim Murray** had to pay \$10 for his recent visits to Iowa, Washington, and Oregon.

# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Big Blue Dice



**Steve Orr won the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but drew a white one and donated his \$5 winnings back to the polio pig.**

**We will continue next week with 6 dice and \$400 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.**

## Rotary Guests

Our guests this week included **Chandale Sutton** and **Che Gowan** who attended with **Pastor Paul Earle, Kurt Kroencke**, who came to meeting with his father **John Kroencke**, from the Victorville Fire Department we met **Fred Stout** who attended with **Chief Jeff Armstrong**, and finally, **Bo Goulet**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Linda Hove** for President **Jon Hove** and **Simon Herrera** for **Kevin Kane**.

## Raffle

**Pastor Paul Earle** was once again the big winner this week! The head of Life Church went home with a \$25 Midway gift card (that Howard's will honor) from **Don Lager**, a sleeve of golf balls from **Jim Murray**, a Victor Valley Transit duffel bag from **Simon Herrera** and a children's book entitled "Be a Friend" from **Tina Escareño**. **Steve Orr** and **Margaret Cooker** both left the meeting with Elementum Services coffee mugs from **Oscar Garcia**, and Oscar's guest, his daughter **Ashlee Garcia**, won a \$25 VISA Gift Card from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.



**Bingo Night is this Saturday and Get Ready to Win Big!** If you were not at this week's Rotary meeting, you missed the latest info on this Saturday's big night!

- All Rotary Members will be billed for the amount of four tickets (\$100). You may re-sell them, invite friends and loved ones, or give them away to your staff. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- The \$25 per person admission includes three games of Bingo with cash prizes, a taco dinner, appetizers, and 2 tickets for drinks.
- You may also purchase additional Bingo Cards for the three games to increase your chances of winning!
- You may purchase extra drink tickets for beer and wine.
- We will have anywhere from 12 - 16 Silent Auction items to bid on.
- We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The tickets are 7 for \$5. Prize money is determined on amount of tickets sold Saturday evening.
- We will have a 4th game of Bingo for the cost of \$10 (each game card) for the biggest cash payout of the evening.

Please bring extra cash for the evening. All monies raised goes to fund all of our great programs. Invite friends and potential members and let's fill the room!

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$15.00**

*Polio Pig: \$10.00 + Dice (Steve Orr): \$5.00 = \$15.00*

**Collected to Date: \$18,381.05**

**Total equals: 97,876 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*





## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2021-2022 .....	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023 .....	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
President 2025-2026 .....	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Orr
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Stephen Quintero
Club Service .....	Arsalee Morales
Community Service .....	Michael Krause
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
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
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
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 Spring Valley Lake Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville**

### Make-up Days and Locations

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- 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**  
5:00pm • \$25 per person  
The Activity Center  
15075 Hesperia Road, Victorville, CA

## Upcoming Programs

- Oct 26: San Bernardino County Sheriff K9 Unit (Wickum)**
- Nov 2: Teacher Mini-Grants (A. Anderson)**
- Nov 9:** Allen Williams, General Manager, Desert View Funeral Home & Memorial Park  
**Topic: "Never Take the Fun Out of Funeral: How COVID Has Impacted the Funeral Business: The Untold Story"** (North)
- Nov 16: TBD**
- Nov 23: TBD**
- Nov 30: San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey (Armstrong)**

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