

The Joshua Tree

October 20, 2020

THE RETURN OF THE GRIZ...

Local historian **David “Old Town Griz” Drylie** with the Hesperia Recreation and Park District made a return visit for part two of his three part series on the History of Hesperia, this time for the years 1900-1950.

Delving into the 1900’s, two families that are part of Hesperia’s history were the Hedricks and the Walters clans. In 1912, Frank Columbus Hedrick, as the lead water installer, made his mark by taking the original 14” water pipe and adding a 30” pipe from the Spillway to Lime Street Park, giving Hesperia the water flow the area needed. The Walters family was special, as they opened one of the first general stores, “The Walters Store” in 1914.

The White Hotel in Hesperia was unique due to its other name, “The White Disease”. This was because people came to his hotel to heal from tuberculosis in part due to our dryer climate.

Speaking of hotels, Griz shared the reason for closing of the Hesperia Hotel in 1926. During his presentation he showed a 1912 AAA Road Map when the only route was on the old National



Highway, right where the hotel was located. In just a few years, Route 66 was opened and very few people used the old highway and with less travelers, left the hotel with no other option, but to close.

In 1926 the Stratton family built a structure on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd, which served as a destination type stop, run by Leroy Stratton. This building still stands today and is the third oldest building in Hesperia. It is now home to the Hesperia Museum.

Griz shared a photo from 1936, from the Bear Valley Road Bridge, which runs over the Mojave River going in and out of Jess Ranch. The photo was a collapsed bridge with a car half-deep in water due to a major flood, when we had over 50” of rain fall within 4 days that year.

Going into the 1940’s is when the Tatum family came to add their piece of history. The clan were White Rose Potato farmers out of the Lake Perris area and farmed not only the Mesa but throughout Hesperia, even running cattle across Hwy 395!

Here is a great piece of trivia for you. Did you know that the area what we now know as the Hesperia Target Shopping Center used to be a fueling station and landing strip for Tri-Motor airplanes!

Finally, Old Town Griz teased that 1950’s began another chain of events that shaped the Hesperia we know today, but the Club will have to wait until he returns again to find out.

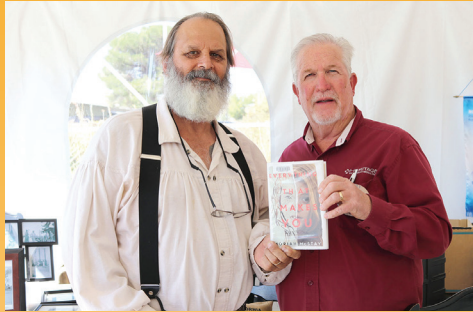
This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** Jessica Perez
- 4-Way Test:** Arsalee Morales
- Finemaster:** David North

ORR'S ROARS



Thanks to everyone who came out this week to hear from the Griz once again and find out more about the rich history of our beloved Hesperia! I know I am looking forward to his final visit soon.



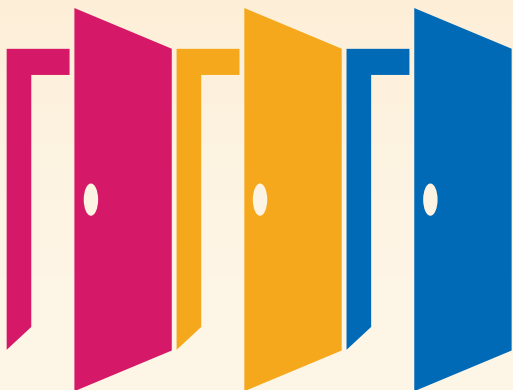
Once again this year our Club is a sponsor in the District 5300 Peace Conference titled "Peace Out of Chaos". The Conference was held on Saturday, October 24th, and our own Margaret Cooker attended.

Bill Edwards shared that we are still wanting to get the next round of auction items online as a fundraiser for our Club. I encourage every Rotarian to donate something to the auction, so we can raise more money for the programs we support for the betterment of our community and beyond.

Our next Past Presidents' Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, October 27 due to El Pescador being closed on Monday's.

Finally, we are hoping to have a Zoom visit next month from our District Governor Greg Jones. Please stay tuned for more information.

Steve



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Fine Session

David North returned as our Fine Master this week and began by stating how great it was to see Captain **Rick Bessinger** back with the Club. David could not help but notice that the first time Rick comes back to a Rotary meeting it was to collect a \$1,000 check. Instead of making the head of our police pay his \$20 fine, David had **Dwight Johnson** pay for it!



Next up was **Jessica Perez**, who received a \$20 penalty for mouthing off to the Fine Master, and President **Steve Orr** received the same for not reading an email from JT Editor **Chris Ackerman**, who told Steve he wouldn't be at the meeting and please pick up the Rotary newsletters. (Two weeks worth of issues next week! - Ed.)

Giving Back



This week, our Club presented Sheriff Captain **Rick Bessinger** with a check in the amount of \$1,000 for the Victorville Police & Fire Activities League. We are so honored to be able to financially assist this worthwhile program in our community.

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Steve Orr had the opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but took out a white one and donated his \$5 back to the Polio Pig.

We will continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed back guests of **Terry Caldwell** from the Adelanto Elementary School District, **Stephen Quintero**, **Kenon Mitchell**, and **Michael Krause**.

Spoon of Exemption

Arsalee Morales had her first week with the Spoon and shared that Apple Valley Communications currently has a special till end of November and possibly through December. A home or residential security system usually costs \$250 + monthly monitoring, but now it is only \$99 + monitoring which includes a panel, keypad, wireless communicator (*from your home to their monitoring center*), wireless motion detector and key vob.

Please contact Arsalee if you'd like to take advantage of this incredible deal.

DISTRICT NEWS

District 5300 announced their selection of Past RI President Mark Maloney as Peace Maker of the Year

Raffle

Both **Dwight Johnson** and **Dan Dever** were big winners this week, taking home a few gifts each! Dwight went home to read a copy of "The History of Hesperia" that was donated by our speaker, **The Griz**, and a \$25 Walmart gift card from our President **Steve Orr**. **Dan Dever** took home a \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card from **Don Lager**, a Women's Expo goodie bag plus restaurant discount card from **Dwight Johnson**, and a bottle of peach flavored Jim Bean, also from Dwight.

Don Lager also took home a Women's Expo bag, and **Jessica Perez** also left the meeting with a \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card and Halloween Tumbler.



Jessica donated a bag of soaps and lotions from Bath & Body Works which will be enjoyed by **Arsalee Morales** and **Margaret Cooker** will really enjoy her prize, a box of Sees Candy, donated by...herself!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$15.00

*Polio Pig: \$5.00 + Arsalee Morales \$2 + Jessica Perez \$3
+ Dice (Steve Orr): \$5.00= \$15.00*

Collected to Date: \$17,548.23

Total equals: 96,210 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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 & Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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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

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 27: Past Presidents' Meeting

5:30 pm
El Pescador Patio

Nov 9: Board of Directors meeting

5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Upcoming Programs

Oct 27: Jim Cox, City of Victorville

Topic: "My 50 years with the City of Victorville, Past, Present and Future"
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Nov 3: Offsite at ComAV: allow 2.5 hrs for photo ops in planes (**NO FLYING!**) (Page)

Nov 12: Julian Vaughan, Political Affairs Ambassador, The Borgen Project **Topic: End Global Poverty NOW!** (Cooker)

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