

The Joshua Tree

October 26, 2021

LADY NINA COMES TO THE HIGH DESERT



The Rotary Club of Victorville had a very special visitor this week, a Dutch Sheppard by the name of Nina, the newest addition to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department!

Back in the 80's, the Sheriff's Department began using canines for search & rescue, and over the years has grown in the use of dogs for drug detection and much more. Even the Bomb/Arson Unit has a dog. Sheriff Captain and Rotarian **John Wickum** gave an introduction to their latest acquisition.

Previously, we met Raider, a Search & Rescue canine some years ago at a Rotary meeting. Since that time Raider is now retired from service. Due to this it was time to find a replacement, one who

could assist in searching for missing persons as well as criminals. They also wanted to find a dog who could hunt for guns in homes, airports and packages. From there they found Nina.

Office **Joe Carrol** began his career in Barstow, but has been at the Victorville Station for the past three years and is the handler and keeper of Nina. She was bred in Hungary, and trained in the Netherlands, before coming to the United States to meet and work with Officer Carrol for a few weeks to make sure they were compatible together. After that the training begins before she was put into service.

So far Nina has recovered 65 firearms, and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition! She has made searching for weapons much easier, as criminals are getting smarter in hiding firearms. With great scent detection, Nina is also a wonderful replacement for Raider. She is the only gun detection dog in the High Desert. Her olfactory skills are so good that she can be used in bomb and drug detection too. Thank you to Captain John Wickum, Officer Carrol and Lieutenant **Manle Pederson** for introducing us to Lady Nina.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Pastor Paul Earle**
 Flag Salute: **Steve Orr**
 4-Way Test: **Steve Orr**
 Fine Master: **David North**

ORR'S ROARS



Here I am once again filling in for our president who is still out recovering from surgery. Thank you to Sheriff Captain John Wickum, Officer

Joe Carrol, and Nina for coming to visit us this week! It was not only informative, but a lot of fun. We wish all of you safety out on the field.



Thank you to everyone who came out for our Bingo Night Fundraiser. From the photos on this page from Esther Mears, you can see the fun that was had by all who attended. We will have a report on financials from the evening soon.

Speaking of photos, big thanks go out to Chandale Sutton for taking photos this week at or meeting for Chris Ackerman, who was away on business.

See you all next week for our big Teacher Mini-Grant annual event. Rotarians arrive early as the room will be filled up with a lot of wonderful teachers from throughout the region!

Steve



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Bingo Night 2021!

Rotarians, guests and family members had a great time at our Bingo Night fundraiser! Thank you to all who came and supported the Club. Here are some photo highlights! Thank you to **Esther Mears** for the images.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Jim Cox won the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but asked Margaret Cooker to draw in his place. She picked out another white dice and donated the \$5 winnings back to the polio pig.

We will continue next week with 5 dice and \$425 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

Our guests this week included **Chandale Sutton** and **Drew Hininio** who attended with **Pastor Paul Earle**, plus **Kurt Kroencke** came to meeting with his father **John Kroencke**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** and **Simon Herrera** for **Kevin Kane**.

Raffle

Pastor Paul Earle left this week's meeting with some bath balm plus soap from **Esther Mears** at DCB, and Pastor Paul donated a copy of his wife's children's book that found a new home with **Jim Cox**. In addition, **Dwight Johnson** gave away another copy of "Men of Integrity".

Spoon of Exemption

Pastor Paul Earle had his final time with the Spoon and shared information on their food pantry, which is akin to a free supermarket for not only the disenfranchised, but also those in the middle class who are facing a crisis. They have fruits, vegetables, meats, energy bars and more for those in need. Get more information at 760-995-3217.



November Birthdays

Maureen Mills	November 1
Rob Kilpatrick	November 1
Jacob Soares	November 6
Terry Caldwell	November 8
Mary Teran	November 15
Kevin Porter	November 16
Bill Edwards	November 25
Marilyn Buttlerwerth	November 27
Margaret Cooker	November 28

November Anniversaries

Bill Edwards	5 Years
Arsalee Morales	4 Years
Bryan Gillespie	2 Years

Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master and began by penalizing **Bill Scott** \$10 for being late to the meeting and then another \$10 for not listening to David fining him the original amount! **Oscar Garcia** got hit with a \$10 fine for asking **Officer Joe Carrol** about a "Metamucil" dog, and **Pastor Paul Earle** was fined \$10 for his phone going off. Since he is a Pastor and has the Spoon, David made **Rob Kilpatrick** pay his fine. Finally, **Dwight Johnson** was fined \$10 for making David pay \$170 at Bingo Night for a copy of his dad's book that David has been wanting for a while.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$12.00

Polio Pig: \$7.00 + Dice (Jim Cox): \$5.00 = \$12.00

Collected to Date: \$18,393.05

Total equals: 97,900 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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

Nov 8: Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm Meeting
ARMAC Insurance Board Room
Rear Building on Yuma

Upcoming Programs

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: Assemblyman Thurston "Smitty"
Smith** (Page)

Nov 23: TBD

**Nov 30: San Bernardino County Fire Chief
Dan Munsey** (Armstrong)

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