

The Joshua Tree

October 27, 2020

THE LEGACY OF JIM COX

The legacy of **Jim Cox** is unlike many in our community. He has served with the City of Victorville for over 50 years, twice as City Manager in 1969 and 2009, plus two terms on City Council, and much more, including being fired in 1972, but brought back 2 weeks later with a long term contract! He served a two-year term as Mayor until his appointment as Mayor Pro Tem in December 2014, which continued until 2018.



Jim took some time to share the importance of the Mojave Water Agency and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, plus sung the praises of the Fire Department, Sheriff Department and the Southern California Logistics Airport. Another success for Jim is the area parks. Currently Victorville has 19 parks on 360 acres of park land. He stated that the city has one of the best Parks Departments in the State.

The City has been good to Jim, but challenging as well. Beginning his career with Victorville 1967, Jim has been very pleased to have witnessed the tremendous growth of the city over his many years. But with the growth of population also means challenges, such as needing more funds to run the city, and Jim recognized not his accomplishments, but having a wonderful team over the years to make Victorville what it has become today. In terms of costs, 47.9 million from tax dollars is spent to make the City better each year.

Jim sees his role over the years as someone who works for the people, so he makes sure both his home and cell number are readily available to all residents. The interesting thing is that after so many years, people have only been using the opportunity to call him recently. Over the last year Jim receives calls from residents on an almost daily basis.

Do we have too much Government? The truth is, shared Jim, "Anybody should not have anymore government than I need." Basically what that means that it is easy criticize your government officials. It has been getting hard and harder to be a council member, which may explain why he has chosen not to run for reelection on the Council in 2020.

Jim had one final message, "Get Involved." One of the challenges he faces is dealing with changes in what people want and believe, and how the media reports about Victorville. Recently, the media reported that there was a 100% increase of murders in June, but the truth is there was one murder and none last year during the same month! Other challenges include the growing homelessness situation, abandoned vehicles, and reckless driving.

Looking ahead, Jim continues to see growth continue. People continue to move up here because there is a better quality of life, and the next step is getting companies to move here. Many areas have simply run out of room, and Victorville has plenty.

Jim Cox is a leader, a visionary, an icon, and a trusted friend. What a legacy to have.

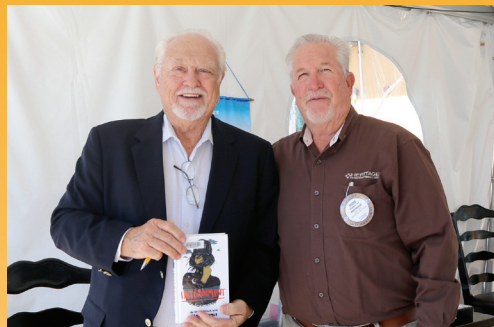
This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Bill Edwards |
| Flag Salute: | Brad Poiriez |
| 4-Way Test: | Rob Kilpatrick |
| Finemaster: | Ryan McEachron |

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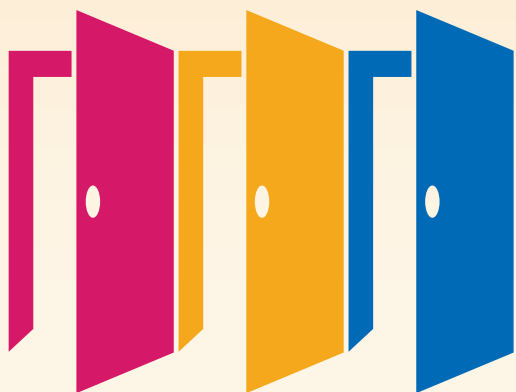
What a great history Jim Cox has had with the City of Victorville and I was so happy to have him share the successes and challenges he has faced throughout his 50+ year career.



Bill Edwards shared that on Tuesday next week we will have a few auction items that will go live online for about six weeks as a fundraiser for our Club. I encourage every Rotarian to bid on these items, share on your social media pages, and help raise the necessary funds we need. There are several trips, another load of gravel from Robar Enterprises and potentially another Home Makeover from Midway Home Solutions.

Margaret shared that the District 5300 Peace Conference "Peace Out of Chaos" was fantastic and that the "Peacemaker of the Year" award went to Mark Maloney, who was last year's Rotary International President.

Steve



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COMAV VISIT NEXT WEEK



18438 Readiness St, Victorville 92394

**Tour of the Planes including cockpit visits,
but no flying them!!**

Come for all or part of the time.

Fellowship: 11:30am • Luncheon: 12 Noon

Contact Margaret if You are Attending!

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Rob Kilpatrick had the opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but took out a white one and saved the opportunity for another Rotarian.

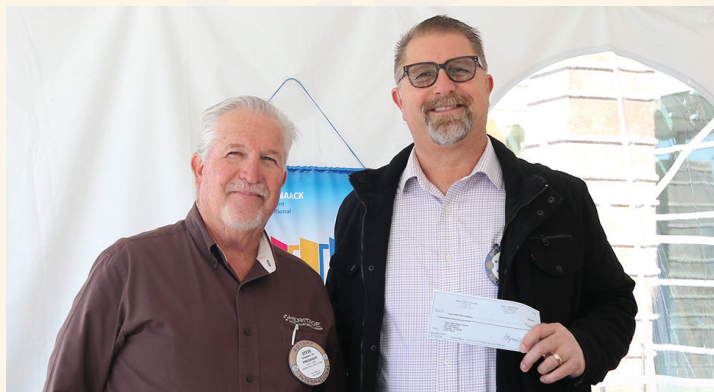
We will continue next week with 7 dice and \$375 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed back guest of **Terry Caldwell** from the Adelanto Elementary School District, **Michael Krause**. Our only Stand-In this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Giving Back



Our Club was honored this week to present **Bill Edwards** a check in the amount of \$325 for the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, as they are getting ready for their busiest time of the year with feeding those in need for Thanksgiving and their annual toy drive.

Raffle

Jim Murray will enjoy a box of Sees Candy that was donated by **Margaret Cooker**, and **Brad Poiriez** will enjoy a night out with a restaurant gift card he won from **Steve Orr**. Our guest this week, **Michael Krause** from the Adelanto Elementary School District, went home with a bottle of wine and **Rob Kilpatrick** will be doing some shopping with the \$25 Midway gift card and Halloween tumbler from **Don Lager**.

November Birthdays

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

November Anniversaries

Bill Edwards	4 Years
Arsalee Morales	3 Years
Bryan Gillespie	1 Year

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and only had one fine and was to honor the return of **Jim Murray**. Ryan fined him \$10, but Jim raised it to \$20.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick): \$5.00= \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$17,566.23

Total equals: 96,246 Doses!

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

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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 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

Nov 9: **Board of Directors meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Upcoming Programs

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!** (Coker)

Nov 17: **OPEN**



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