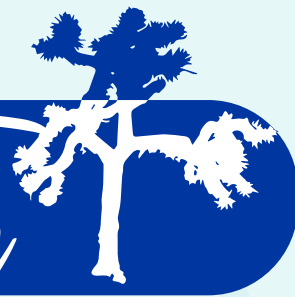




# The Joshua Tree



**December 3, 2019**

## ANOTHER BRICK IN TRUMP'S WALL

Will building "Trump's Wall" really prevent the rampant rise in modern slavery? According to Victor Valley College's **Kevork Kazanjian**, it may not totally eliminate it, but it sure will help. While most people think "Civil War" when they hear the word slavery, it is sad to say that modern slavery does exist, and human trafficking is on the rise. In the 2019 version of Libya, they still hold slave auctions, and the slave trade is rampant in Europe and the Middle East.

Back in America, the southern border that separates the United States and Mexico is 1,954 miles, but only around 1,100 has a fence or wall, but a wall a 13-year-old could get over. Last year 1 million people were arrested crossing the border and close to 19,000 are trafficked in through force, fraud or coercion.

While most people relate human traffic with prostitution; which is true; it also applies to forced labor. Many people are brought over from impoverished countries and put into forced labor, with the threat of deportation if they report them.



The need for a border wall began way before President Donald Trump. The United Nations in 2016 declared the need for a Border Wall to curb human trafficking and even earlier in 2010 Obama started the Blue Campaign, which was an anti-trafficking and border wall initiative. Sadly, now all that is talked about is "Trump's Wall" as a negative.

Do you remember a few months ago when there was the uproar of children being separated from adults when caught by ICE at the border? The reason, according to Kevork, is because many children are trafficked over to be sold into prostitution and labor, and they were separated to make sure those who claim to be their parents actually were.

Some of the worst regions for modern slavery in Eastern Europe are The Netherlands, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria... and they have open borders. The EU is essentially the United States of Europe, where is it simple to cross from one "state" to another. People are brought in from third world countries into Europe and put to work with threats and intimidation to keep them quiet.

Back here at home, a border wall is not the be all end all to modern slavery, but it will help a lot. In fact, Israel put up a border wall, and once they did, smuggling and human trafficking plummeted. A wall will force migrants to funnel through specific points of entry and make it easier to catch these criminals.

**This Week's Functionaries**

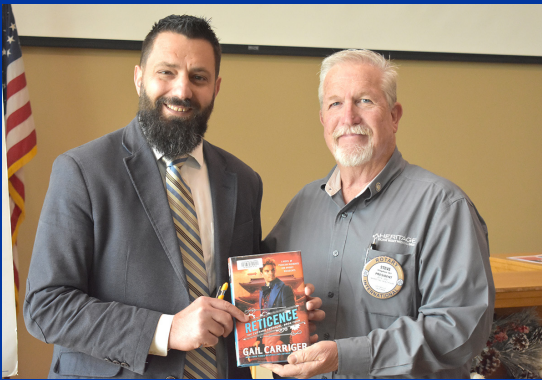
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| <b>Invocation:</b>  | <b>Chris Ackerman</b> |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | <b>Greg Benson</b>    |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | <b>Kevin Kane</b>     |
| <b>Finemaster:</b>  | <b>David North</b>    |

## ORR'S ROARS



Well folks, here we are, the final month of 2019 and we started off with a bang! Not only did we have a great meeting with Kevork Kazanijian from VVC and the important discussion of modern slavery and ways to curb

it, but I was so pleased with all of you who gathered for our annual Christmas Party this week! Thanks to Ben Tafoya, Bill Edwards and everyone else who was involved in making the event such a great success.



Next week we will have a triple bill of Debbie Betts from VESD talking about school bonds, our final group of S.T.A.R. Students of 2019, and we will hear from a few students from the recent TLC camp, to talk about their experiences. Don't miss out!

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## Raffle

**Bill Edwards** was the big winner this week by leaving the meeting today with a tool from Bob's Tire, a box of chocolates from **Kevin Kane** at VTA and a 2020 DCB calendar from **Esther Mears**. Esther herself won a set of golf balls from **Dwight Johnson** and some divots from **Kevin Kane**.

A couple of VVTA "to-go" coffee cups will be used by **Greg Benson** and **Jim Murray**, while **Don Lager** went away with two great raffle prizes, a bottle of Merlot from Dwight and a Greiner Platinum Detail certificate from **Coleen Luque**.

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master again this week and began his session by fining our President **Steve Orr** \$20 for having his phone on during the meeting, and the same amount went to **John Kroencke** in celebration of his upcoming birthday.

**Jim Murray** was in attendance and had to leave the meeting with some bad news to deliver to his son **Steve Murray**, that Steve will have to pay a \$20 fine since we never see him anymore. In the same vein,

**Terry Caldwell** was given a \$20 penalty because his partner **Kevin Porter** was late to the meeting as normal.

Finally, **Jon Hove** celebrates 37 years at the helm of Robar, which resulted in a \$37 fine.



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## Big Blue Dice



*Bill Edwards got the chance for the Blue Dice but he drew a white and we go forward with another chance next week.*

*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 were introduced to the new owner of Victorville Chevrolet Cadillac (formally Rancho Motors) **Jacob Soares**, who was invited by **Don Lager**.

Our stand-ins this week were **Ian Rapier** from Life Church for **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Stefanie Montoya** from Options for Youth for **Bryan Gillespie**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$24.00**

*Polio Pig: \$19.00 + Bill Edwards (Dice): \$5.00: Total: \$24.00*

**Collected to Date: \$16,904.05**

**Total equals: 94,919 Doses!**

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

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## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| President 2019-2020 .....                | Steve Orr        |
| Immediate Past President .....           | Margaret Cooker  |
| Treasurer .....                          | Donna Wells      |
| Executive Secretary .....                | Margaret Cooker  |
| Publicity/Public Relations .....         | Kevin Kane       |
| Club Service .....                       | Bill Edwards     |
| Community Service .....                  | Paul Earle       |
| International Service .....              | Ben Tafoya       |
| Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....          | Arsalee Morales  |
| Vocational Service .....                 | Dr. Bowtie Brian |
| Grants/Speech Contests .....             | TBA              |
| Scholarships .....                       | David North      |
| George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest ..... | Ron Boyd         |
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| Billing Officer .....                    | Esther Mears     |

### Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Jon Hove • Rob Kilpatrick

### Positions & Committee Chairs

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| BOD Secretary .....                 | Marilyn Buttelwerth                          |
| Programs .....                      | Mike Page                                    |
| Public Service .....                | Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley & Greg Benson |
| Sergeant At Arms .....              | Arsalee Morales                              |
| Dan Stover Music Contest .....      | Marie Langley                                |
| S.T.A.R. Students .....             | Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler                     |
| Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts ..... | Steve Orr                                    |
| 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

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|-------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY:</b>    | San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon   |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>   | Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m.<br>Empire Lakes Golf Course<br>Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m.,<br>Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia<br>Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room<br>at Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd<br>and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd,<br>Adelanto at 8am.<br>San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,<br>Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m. |
| <b>THURSDAY:</b>  | Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs<br>Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel<br>San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m.<br>Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon   |
| <b>FRIDAY:</b>    | San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.   |

## Calendar Dates

**May 1-3 2020: Assembly and District Conference**  
Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3  
Westin Pasadena  
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101  
(626) 792-2727

**June 6-10 2020: International Convention**  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Register through DaCDB

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

**Dec 10:** Debbie Betts, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Victor Elementary School District **TOPIC: "School Bond on the 2020 Ballot; Building Better Foundations"** (Orr)  
S.T.A.R. Students (Mills)  
Teen Leadership Camp students (Morales)

**Dec 17:** **Christmas Program University Prep School Choir** (Johnson)

**Dec 24:** **DARK** (Christmas Eve)

**Dec 31:** **DARK** (New Year's Eve)

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