

# The Joshua Tree

December 22, 2020

## CAN I HAVE 5 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME?

As 2020 draws to a close, the Club chose to do something different for the final digital meeting of the year. Members were invited to speak about their business for 5 minutes fine free if they came at or under time, or they would incur a hefty fine. Luckily, President **Steve Orr** was in a festive mood and in the end, we learned a lot about some of our members and nobody had to shell out any money.



**David North** has been involved in commercial lending for 25 years, and after many years in the High Desert, he is now at the Bank of George. They are a nationwide lender

and #17 ranked lender in the nation. David loves to lend to small businesses, and he is proud to say that he has lent a quarter billion to area businesses and individuals. The Bank of George, based out of Las Vegas, is primarily a business professional bank of around 100 employees. Being out of Las Vegas, the bank also has a casino gaming specific Discover card, where players can collect winnings directly to the card and use it back for more gambling. Currently they have about 400,000 accounts with the card.



**Stephen Quintero** is the newest member to the Club, and he comes to us from the Adelanto Elementary School District. Stephen is new to the District this year and has been excited to get involved and engage with the community.

Truth be told, Adelanto has some of the lowest test scores in the County and State, so Stephen and his team have been heavily promoting academics, which has been missing from the District in the past. The District oversees 14 schools, and 7,800 students and have a great partnership with both the Victor Valley Elementary School District and the Victor Valley Union High School District. More than anything, Stephen is missing students in their schools and is looking forward to their return.

**Chris Ackerman** is the Marketing Manager and Public Information Officer for Victor Valley Transit but chose to do something different with his 5 minutes. Since he spoke to the Club twice in 2020, once about Victor Valley Transit and most recently in November with his Testimony, Chris used the fact that he is currently working out of his home office to share his love for collecting. Beginning with some of his late father's Civil War and Abraham Lincoln collections, Chris then moved on to his collection of music memorabilia which included original rare concert flyers from the early to mid 80's, rare concert programs and various music collectibles. Finally, Chris shared recently re-released vinyl editions of the two albums his old band Betrayal made in the early 90's, where he was the lead singer...er... screamer.

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### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman

**Flag Salute:** Steve Orr

**4-Way Test:** Everyone

## ORR'S ROARS



*Well, this historic and crazy year is finally coming to an end, and am so thankful to David North, Stephen Quintero, Chris Ackerman, Rob Kilpatrick and Brad Poiriez for sharing their 5 minutes. Members shared*

*with me that they loved the program, and we will definitely do it again.*

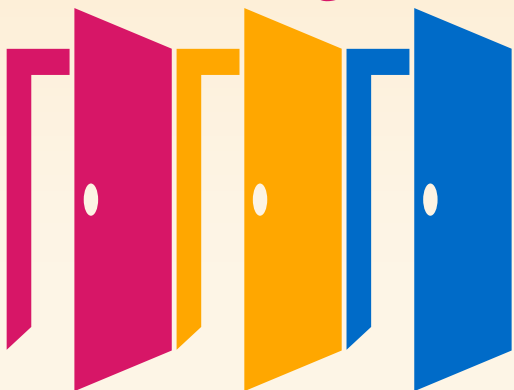
*I also want to thank all of those who have stayed active in the Club during all of our adjustments and changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the course of the year, we went from being inside of El Pescador, over to Zoom, out on the El Pescador patio, back inside, then back on Zoom, and even though I got frustrated at times, we stuck together and unlike other Rotary Clubs, continued to move our Club forward.*

*We have continued to raise funds for our programs and scholarships, fellowshipped at a distance, and stayed true to the 4-Way Test of Rotary. Take a bow.*

*We will be dark next week but will have our annual year end wrap up and this space will be, for one issue, taken over by my friend and Joshua Tree Editor Chris Ackerman. Looking forward to it!*

*And that is it for me for 2020! On behalf of Patty and myself, we wish you all a wonderfully Merry Christmas and Happy (and hopefully Covid free) New Year! See you all in 2021!*

*Steve*



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## 5 MINUTES...

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**Rob Kilpatrick** is a civil engineer with Dave Evans and Associates in Apple Valley. Rob's specialty is land development and traffic engineering and is proud that his company has helped the High Desert expand, grow and keep traffic flowing. Currently, Rob is working with the City of Hesperia, as well as

**Kevin Kane** from Victor Valley Transit on a corridor widening project for I Avenue, a traffic improvement project for the Village in Apple Valley and something he is most excited about, doing civil work for the High-Speed Rail Project. Rob concluded by sharing that the High-Speed Rail stop will be a game changer for the future of the whole High Desert.



**Brad Poiriez** is the Executive Director of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and always has his eye on the 15 Fwy. This is because a majority of air quality is due to the amount of traffic coming up and down the Pass. Along with studying the impact of the traffic and what gets transported, the MDAQMD is also big on the legislative side at our State Capital for continued funding to make our air healthier and cleaner. Brad gave a shout out to Victor Valley Transit who is at the forefront of cleaner air, by switching out and adding electric buses to their fleet. The District covers 200,000 square miles from as far east as Needles, north to Trona and west to the Antelope Valley. Surprisingly, with all of this coverage, the District is still just considered a medium size air district! The great news, Brad concluded, is that our local air quality is constantly improving.

# Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Rotary in the News

If you live in Spring Valley Lake you may have received the latest copy of the High Desert Breeze magazine in your mailbox. The December issue features a great article on the Rotary Club of Victorville written by our own **Margaret Cooker**. The magazine is put out by **Russ Stringham**, so even if you don't live in the area, you can stop by Printmart on Bear Valley Road and pick up a copy or two!



## New Rotarian



This week we welcomed new member **Stephen Quintero** from the Adelanto Elementary School District. Inducted by **Jon Hove**, Stephen has had a very long history of community involvement, so joining the Rotary Club of Victorville was a no brainer for him. Beginning in middle school, Stephen worked with Alzheimer's patients and later worked with pregnant teens. In the area of fundraising, Stephen did

that in his college years at Cal Poly Pomona. Everything about Rotary works directly into how Stephen lives his life and is looking forward to being a big part of the legacy of Rotary.



## SHARE A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE CLUB!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS EDITION OF THE JOSHUA TREE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR MESSAGE TO EDITOR CHRIS ACKERMAN!

Email your message no later than Monday, December 28th to: [Chris@signifydesigns.com](mailto:Chris@signifydesigns.com)



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

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Scholarships .....	Please Volunteer
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership .....	Don Lager
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**Members-at-Large:** Dwight Johnson & Rob Kilpatrick

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Fundraising .....	Bill Edwards
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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

<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, 14165 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

**Jan 11:** Board of Directors meeting  
5:30 pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

## Upcoming Programs

**Dec 29:** DARK

**Jan 5:** Terry Caldwell **Topic: The History of Victorville Part 1 "The Phone Company and the Development of Victorville"** (Page)

**IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART  
TO ANNOUNCE GLEE HEIKES  
HAS PASSED AWAY.**

*Glee was the widow of longtime  
Rotarian Hanley Heikes.  
Glee passed away on  
Monday, December 14th.*

*No Service information has  
been announced. We will share  
information as soon as possible.*

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