

# The Joshua Tree

December 31, 2020

## 2020: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Well, things started out normal enough. The Rotary Club of Victorville began another year of regular meetings at El Pescador, planning for fundraising events and S.T.A.R. Students. As Covid-19 began to creep into the national consciousness, the Club continued on with an eye on the pandemic in other parts of the world. In February the Club held an Ethics Essay and their annual Valentine's Dinner, but March 3rd, the Board of Directors knew the time had come and it was time to close down in-person meetings and hunker down with the Stay-at-Home Order.

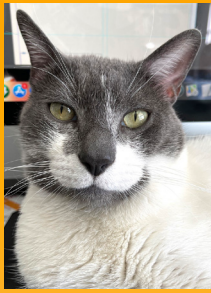
The Club came back meeting online in April and May to a much smaller group, and were thrilled to be back inside once again in June, but it was to be short lived. One month later, the Club was moved outside on the El Pescador Patio, where the meetings were focused on how Coronavirus was affecting businesses and industries. Once the heat got too much to handle, and no promise of being back indoors, the Club moved back to online only meetings.



Yes, many things did change. There were no Teacher Mini-Grants, Music Scholarships and the ReadB4K graduation had to be done as a drive-thru ceremony, but all was not lost. The Club welcomed great new Rotarians including **Jessica Perez, Tina Escareño, Charles Gehrke, Stephen Quintero** and others. The Club had a couple of great off-site meetings at Midway Home Solutions and Com AV, plus special informative meetings, history lessons and of course, The Griz.

The new year will bring additional challenges, political divisions, Covid mandates and more, but whatever comes, if all members of the Rotary Club of Victorville stay true to the 4 Way Test, then there is nothing to stop them from succeeding.

## EDITOR'S NOTE



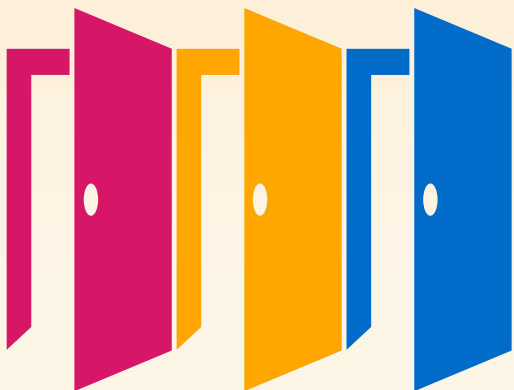
Good day Rotarians, your favorite Newsletter Editor here! Welcome to our annual year end issue, which basically means that we have no meeting this week!

While this year has brought significant challenges in not only how we kept our Club moving forward but how we work and live. Even though 2021 will be here in a matter of hours, no end seems to be in sight, so we will ring in the new year with Covid still very much at the forefront.

I was thankful for this year to have the opportunity to address the Club not once, but three times! I was able to share with all of you wonderful job at Victor Valley Transit that I would not have without being part of Rotary (Hi Kevin!), my journey that God has taken me on (Hi Mike & Ron!), and finally, sharing my music memorabilia collection last week. I was so glad President Steve chose to do the "5-minute speech" meeting, that was a lot of fun.

Sadly, sometimes I do truly think absence makes the heart grow fainter, and am saddened to not see as many Rotarians at our meetings lately. I know it is hard not meeting in person, but I feel the Club will struggle in the new year unless we all rededicate ourselves to the Club's mission in 2021. Please consider taking the time on Tuesday's and joining us on Zoom.

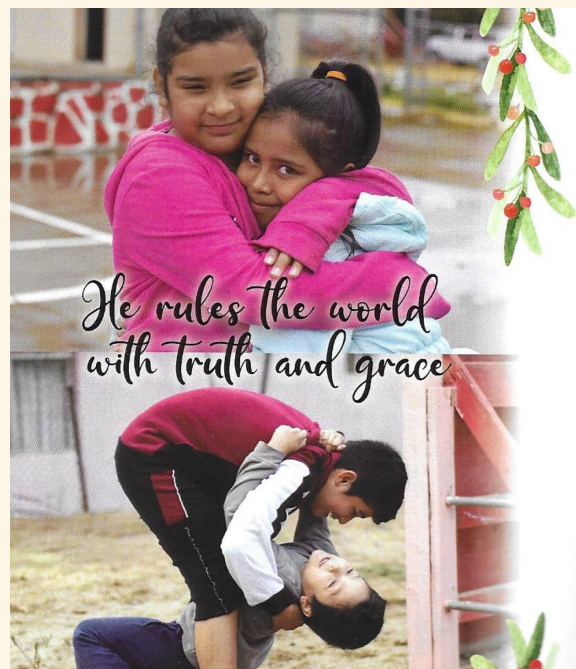
*Chris Ackerman*



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## LOVE FROM MEXICO

Over the Holiday Season, we received a lovely Christmas Card from the Orphanage we support in Ensenada, Mexico. We wanted to share this with our members, so you know how much your support goes to those in less fortunate circumstances around the world. Thank you Rotarians for your generosity and support.



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Holiday Messages



*To my fellow Victorville Rotarians  
It is an honor to be a part of this club with you and to see the 'Service Above Self' motto in action. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a happy, safe (hopefully Covid free) New Year.*

*God Bless You All,  
David North*

*2020 has been a very difficult year but we have made it through it. Here is to 2021 and the opportunity for all us to be back together in person. May God bless you all and bless this new year upon us.*



*Ryan S. McEachron*

## January Birthdays

<b>Jessica Perez</b>	<b>January 8</b>
<b>Jim Murray</b>	<b>January 10</b>
<b>Ryan McEachron</b>	<b>January 31</b>

## January Anniversaries

<b>Jim Murray</b>	<b>44 Years</b>
<b>Ben Tafoya</b>	<b>44 Years</b>
<b>Jon Hove</b>	<b>37 Years</b>
<b>Kevin Porter</b>	<b>35 Years</b>
<b>Ron Wilson</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
<b>Robert Lovingood</b>	<b>29 Years</b>
<b>Kirk Riding</b>	<b>27 Years</b>
<b>Keith Metzler</b>	<b>2 Years</b>

## Happy New Year



As this most unprecedented year in recent times comes to an end, the DACdb team recognizes and is thrilled to be partnered with the best Rotarians. The word "pivot" became one of the most used words in 2020, and we observed so many Rotarians "pivoting" to keep their missions moving forward. Rotarians do not let even a pandemic stand in the way of making the world a better place. The team at DACdb is thrilled to have played a piece of this in supporting your work and easing your Rotary life.

We wanted to take a moment to say thanks to all the new clubs and districts that have joined the DACdb platform in 2020. And of course, our continued thanks to our long-term customers as well. We are so grateful to all of you for the trust you place in our program.

This new year, 2021, brings new expectations. The same is true for DACdb as we continue to listen to our customers and make ongoing enhancements to our software so that we can continue to make your work in Rotary easier. If an enhancement will make your experience with DACdb better, it will probably also improve the user experience of all our customers. So, keep the feedback coming so that we can improve our product offering.

Wishing you and your families an incredibly happy, safe, peaceful, joyful, and fulfilled 2021.

Your DACdb Team



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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

<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

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

## Photos of the Year...

*Sorry... I had to do it. Blame David North!*



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