

# The Joshua Tree

June 25, 2024

## WOULD YOU LIKE TODAY TO BE DIFFERENT?

This week the Club heard from **Bill Edwards**, Executive Director of the Rescue Mission Alliance of the Victor Valley. Bill has been involved in ministry for 20 years, and for the last 15 years has run the Rescue Mission Alliance, making difference in the lives of both men and women.



The Alliance is a non profit, faith based organization which seeks to provide "Refuge" by providing food, clothing and shelter for those in need. Their mission is also "Recovery" by providing biblically based programs that helps the mind, body and spirit and finally "Restoration" equipping people to live productive and independent lives.

This is mainly done through their year long Recovery Program, that costs between \$12,000 - \$13,000 per person. The costs is covered through grants, foundations, private donors and their thrift store in Hesperia.

After they conclude the program, the work of the Alliance doesn't end there. Next they go into their Transition

Program, which teaches them the tools to get back on their feet and live independently. After the 3 years it takes to get a new life started, 80% of the people who have gone through the program after 5 years are still sober, employed and reconciled with loved ones. The percentage of other programs is around 40%.

People who end up on the street need around 50 touch points to help them develop a relationship where Bill and his team can get them to a point of wanting to change.

One of these touch points include their Shower Truck Program at four locations in the High Desert. In each 3 hour sessions, 50 hot showers are provided and include food, haircut, clothes and hygiene items. This is a great way of building relationships with the homeless community.

Another opportunity is their Emergency Food Pantry, that give away free weekly meals, clothing and hygiene products to struggling families. These giveaways also include pet food and market produce.

An upcoming program will be their Food Truck Program that will be used to start a Culinary Arts program, giving those in their program another way to succeed.

Finally, never underestimate the level of your generosity, no matter how small. Bill has seen firsthand that pair of shoes or even socks can make a difference in someone to change forever!

### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman

**Flag Salute:** Jim Murray

**4-Way Test:** Brad Poiriez

**Fine Master:** Bill Edwards



## BILL'S BANTER

Thank you to myself for coming to speak... just kidding! What an honor to be asked to

not only run the meeting today, but to also to be your speaker. I was happy to share more about the Rescue Mission Alliance and answer all of your questions.



If you are on the new board or just want to see how Rotary is run, please join us on July 8th for Bryan Gillespie's first board meeting at Robar Enterprises.

Movie Night at the Hove's is coming up on July 13th at 6:30pm! Jon and Linda will be showing the 2007 movie "August Rush" and will have dinner for everyone. Please sign up to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert for everyone to enjoy!

Thank you to everyone who came on the Incredible Rotary Conference Cruise. So many great meetings, with many new relationships obtained. Please enjoy the photos posted on our social media pages.

*Bill Edwards*

## July Birthdays

Sam Grandlienard	July 1
Matthew Farias	July 1
Paula Porter	July 5
Donna Wells	July 20
Bo Goulet	July 23
Lynne Cole	July 28

## July Anniversaries

John Kroencke	55 Years
Paula Esteban	25 Years
Ron Hughes	22 Years
Craig Garrick	21 Years
Nancy Noble	20 Years
Kay Marie Gregory	20 Years
Diane Anderson	19 Years
Pam Murray	10 Years
Chris Ackerman	9 Years
Maureen Mills	9 Years

## Wedding Anniversaries

Don & Pam Lager	54 Years
Craig & Barbara Garrick	47 Years
Kirsten & Jaime Acosta	28 Years
Ron & Stephanie Boyd	24 Years
Sam & Emily Grandlienard	19 Years

## CLUB ASSEMBLY Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Please join us for an important Club Assembly to vote on 24/25 Board of Directors and 24/25 Budget.





# CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

## Big Blue Poker Chip



*Stew Anderson had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, and picked a green one and saved the chance for another Rotarian. We will continue next week with 6 chips and \$425 for the one lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.*

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed El Dorado Broadcasters Sales Manager **Walt Alvarez** to the meeting.

## Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Chris Ackerman** donated a couple of Victor Valley Transit bean bag phone holders that will be used by **Stew Anderson** and **Arsalee Morales**. Chris himself won a set of sharpies from



**Mike Johnson** and a sleeve of golf balls from **Jim Murray**, but gave them to Mike. Mike also gave away a 6-in-1 screwdriver that was taken home by **Bill Scott**. Finally **Bill Edwards** brought a couple copies of the book, "Stopping Pain", written by Bill's brother Jonathan Edwards, MD that will be read by **Bo Goulet** and **Jim Murray**.

## Fine Session



**Bill Edwards** was our Fine Master this week and hit **Brad Poiriez** with a \$20 fine since he has not made an appearance to the Club in over a month. In the "No good deed goes unpunished" file, both **Angel Espino** and **Mike Johnson**

were each charged with a \$10 penalty for being on the St. Mary Board of Directors.

## Spoon of Exemption



**Mike Johnson** had another week with the Spoon and once again shared that if you bring \$25,000 to Flagstar Bank, you can get a savings account that pays 5.55% APY for 5 months. The account is a liquid savings account with no fees. This deal expires at

the end of the month so act fast!

It was time to auction the Spoon for the month of July and **Jim Murray** opened the bidding of \$50 for it. **Arsalee Morales** countered the bid for \$75 but Jim took it in the end for \$85!

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$8.00**

*Polio Pig: \$3 + Dice (Stew Anderson) \$5 = \$8.00*

**Collected to Date: \$20,533.33**

**Total equals: 102,045 Doses!**

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!**

**\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2023-2024 .....	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025 .....	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027 .....	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028 .....	<b>Please be Interviewed</b>
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships .....	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership .....	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests .....	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service .....	Bill Edwards

**Members-at-Large:** Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Pam Murray
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts .....	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Joshua Tree Editor .....	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Bryan Gillespie
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship  
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley  
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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>	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, Noon. 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

**July 8:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship  
5:30pm Board Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

**July 13:** **Movie Night at the Hove's**  
Home of Jon & Linda Hove • 6:30pms  
18970 Appaloosa Rd, Apple Valley  
Movie: August Rush (2007) PG



## Upcoming Programs

**July 2:** Brad Letner, Former Club President  
**TOPIC "Patriotism Trends: Are Americans Still Proud to Be an American?"** (Page)

**July 9:** **OPEN**

**July 16:** Dr. Derek King, Superintendent  
Excelsior Charter Schools **TOPIC**  
**"Charter Schools 101"** (Page)

Design & Layout By



Printed By

