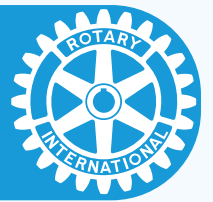


The Joshua Tree



October 29, 2024

A BLOOMIN' ONION AMONGST FRIENDS

A great evening was had by all at our 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting at Outback Steakhouse! Great food, drinks and fellowship! Plus Game 4 of the World Series on the TV's made it even more exciting!

Joining the festivities were President **Bryan & Wendy Gillespie, Walt Alvarez, Arsalee Morales** and **Matt Pedroza, Angel & Karessa Espino, Chris Ackerman, Bill & Marianne Edwards, Steve & Pam Murray, Ben & Jan Tafoya, Rob Kilpatrick**, plus **Dan & Kris Dever** with their son **Christopher Dever**. Finally, we welcomed a true guest to the Evening Meeting, **Ruth Zamitiz** and her mother **Aurora Millan**. Ruth was invited by **Margaret Cooker**, after a referral from Greater High Desert Chamber CEO **Mark Creffield**.



GILLESPIE'S GAB



Thanks to everyone who came out for our 5th Tuesday at Outback! As always, the food, drinks and fellowship were

wonderful and everyone seemed to have a great time. In addition, I was very pleased to see Steve Murray able to join us for the Evening Meeting! A Bloomin' Onion brings everyone together!



Our annual event, the Teacher Mini-Grant Luncheon is next week! Please make your plans to come out and join us for this, always, special event.

The High Desert Veterans Appreciation BBQ is on November 9th and is a joint event with the Apple Valley Club. Please make your plans to join us. Volunteers are still needed for the event, so please see Bill Edwards if you'd like to volunteer.

Please join us from December 13 - 15 for an annual visit to the orphanage and water tank project with our sister Club in Enseñada. Please see Ben Tafoya for more information.

Bryan



HIGH DESERT VETERANS APPRECIATION BBQ

**NOV 9TH 2024
11AM-3PM**

LOCATION: 

**SINGH PERFORMING ART CENTER
22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308**

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE YOU. LUNCH IS FREE FOR VETERANS.

FOOD PROVIDED BY	CLASSIC CAR SHOW	LIVE MUSIC
		

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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Progress Towards Ending Polio Continues



Eradicating polio around the world is still an attainable goal, Rotary International President **Stephanie A. Urchick** and public health experts said as they commemorated World Polio Day in the city where the vaccine was developed.

"I know it is a question of when polio will be eradicated, not if," Urchick told the audience at a livestream event on 24 October that was hosted by the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.

"Our Action Plan talks about improving our impact. That's really where our polio eradication program shines," Urchick added. "Millions of children won't get this crippling disease. Billions of U.S. dollars won't be spent on ancillary health care costs as a result of this disease. We have made so much progress."

World Polio Day raises awareness and funds for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's work to eliminate the disease. Since Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, the number of wild polio cases has decreased by 99.9%. The event highlighted Rotary's continuing efforts toward complete eradication.

Polio remains endemic in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2024, increased case counts of wild poliovirus and the first case of paralytic polio in Gaza in 25 years served as a reminder that until the disease is fully eliminated everywhere, it remains a threat to children everywhere.

Despite the challenges, **Michael K. McGovern**, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, said he remains confident as ever that global eradication is within reach. "We're in a bumpy period, but we're going to get this done by continuing to focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan and doing the things that were done so successfully by Rotarians," he said.

November Birthdays

Rob Kilpatrick	November 1
Maureen Mills	November 1
Terry Caldwell	November 8
Mary Teran	November 15
Kevin Porter	November 16
Bill Edwards	November 25
Margaret Cooker	November 28

November Anniversaries

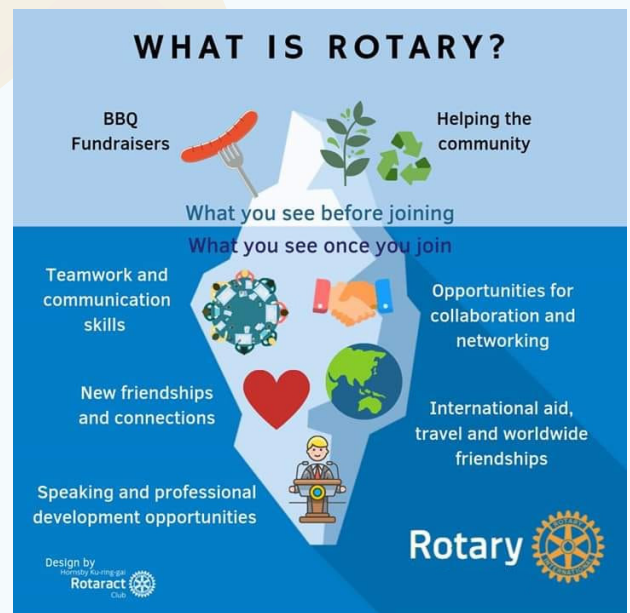
Bill Edwards	8 Years
Arsalee Morales	7 Years
Bryan Gillespie	5 Years

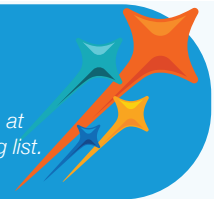
Partner Birthdays

Denny Wells	November 11
Linda Scott	November 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Leslie Murray	62 Years
Bill & Marianne Edwards	36 Years
Mike & Sarah Johnson	21 Years
Matthew & Rosa Farias	10 Years





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Youth Services/Ethics Essay	Ron Boyd
Club Service & Membership	Bill Edwards
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
Vocational Service	Please Volunteer
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Member At Large, Young Leaders Contact.....	Arsalee Morales
Member At Large, Special Projects	Rob Kilpatrick

Members-at-Large: Bob Basen, Darron Poulsen, Angel Espino

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD/PP Secretary.....	Pam Murray
Special Billing	Esther Mears (TBD)
Public Service Awards	Please Volunteer
Teacher Mini-Grants	Angel Espino
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Angel Espino
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Read B4K	Please Volunteer
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
Food Baskets.....	Please Volunteer
Interact (Junior Rotary).....	Please Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Fundraising	Stefanie Montoya
S.T.A.R. Students	Angel Espino
Club Learning Facilitator.....	Please Volunteer

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

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:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	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
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

- Nov 4:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Nov 9:** **High Desert Veterans Appreciation BBQ**
11:00am - 3:00pm
Singh Performing Art Center
22311 Bear Valley Road
Apple Valley, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Nov 5:** **Teacher Mini-Grants**
- Nov 12:** **Supervisor Paul Cook** (McEachron)
- Nov 19:** Mark Creffield CEO and Shannon Shannon, President, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce **TOPIC "Update on the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce"** (Montoya)
- Nov 26:** Lt. Col. Tony Marshall, USAF Retired **TOPIC "More Stories as a Fighter Pilot and my Time in the USAF and Vietnam"** (Page)
- Dec 3:** Bobby Clemmer, Fire Chief, City of Victorville **TOPIC "My Background and Vision for the Victorville Fire Department"** (McEachron)

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