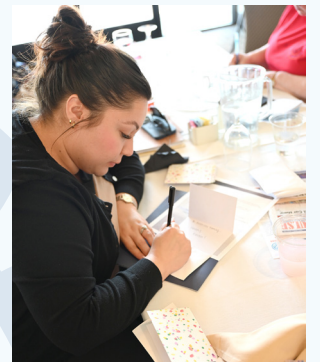


The Joshua Tree

April 15, 2025

GIVE HOPE, ONE EASTER BASKET AT A TIME



This week, the Club once again convened and brought back the Easter Basket service project. The project has changed many times over the years, and 2025 was no different. Now headed up by **Bill Edwards**, this year's baskets were vetted out in advance and were given out the same day as they were put together.

Club members gathered and loaded up Easter Baskets that went to 12 families with 40 children in total. Easter Basket items included chocolate bunnies, mashed potatoes, stuffed animals, canned vegetables, games, Easter candy eggs and \$135 Target gift cards, so parents can continue to care for their families past Easter.

After all of the baskets were made, two teams, consisting of **Ryan McEachron** with **Maureen Mills** and **Bill Edwards** with **Chris Ackerman** delivered the Easter Baskets to homes and families at the Victorville Wellness Center.

It was a good day.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards

Flag Salute: Bryan Gillespie

4-Way Test: Steve Murray

Fine Master: David North

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GILLESPIE'S GAB

Thank you to Stew and Diane Anderson for coming by this week, so we could pay a fitting tribute to you and your wonderful career as a Rotarian. Safe travels and your impact to the Club will be felt for many years to come. Thank you sir.



Our Easter Basket service project went off without a hitch and was a huge success for the families and children that were served. Thank you to Bill Edwards and everyone who donated, put together and delivered the Easter Baskets. A true team effort!

On September 6th we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary as a Club with a big fundraising event at the Spring Valley Lake Community Center! With great food and a look back on our many years as a Club, we will also be giving away \$10,000 that night! We will be selling 100 tickets at \$250 each with one lucky person getting some surprise wealth! We are looking for people to join the event committee, so please let Bill Edwards know if you'd like to be a part of the fun!

Bryan

A Tribute to Stew



Stew Anderson has had an illustrious Rotary career for the past 37 years. Stew became a Rotarian in 1988 with the Rotary Club of Hemet, before moving to the High Desert in 1994 and became a member of the Victorville Club. Stew became Club President in 2001 and then District Governor for the 2005/2006 Rotary year.

In two weeks Stew, joined with his wife **Diane Anderson**, will be moving to Arkansas to be closer to family and grandchildren.

This week Club members including **David North, Chris Ackerman, Steve Murray, Jim Murray, Ben Tafoya, Don Lager, Margaret Cooker, Bryan Gillespie, Angel Espino** and **Bill Edwards** spoke and paid tribute to Stew, thanking him for his impact, not only to Rotary, but personally as well.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Victorville, thank you Stew!



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Big Blue Poker Chip



Stew Anderson had the chance to draw the Blue Chip but picked green and saved the chance for another.

We will continue next week with 5 chips and \$425 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and started by giving **Arsalee Morales** a \$5 fine for being on her phone during the meeting and the same amount was levied against **Margaret Cooker** for arguing with David during the meeting.



Raffle



This week, **Chris Ackerman** brought a Victor Valley Transit travel blanket and a bean bag cell phone holder. **David North** gave away a bottle of wine. **Steve Murray** (or was it **Jim Murray**?) donated a travel bottle of Jack Daniels. **Bill Edwards** gave away a box of Fanny Mae candy, and some home decor...

...And by magic, all raffle prizes were won by **Stew Anderson**!

Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed **Brad Letner**, who attended as a guest of **Steve Murray**, and **Alys Martinez** was at the meeting with **Angel Espino**. In addition, **Penny Edmiston** was in attendance as a guest of **Maureen Mills** and **Stefanie Montoya** was helping as a guest of **Bryan Gillespie**.

We also had a group of spouses at the meeting, including **Lesley Murray** with **Jim Murray**, **Pam Murray** with **Steve Murray**, **Jan Tafoya** with **Ben Tafoya** and of course, **Diane Anderson** with husband **Stew Anderson**!

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. April 22 to President Bryan Gillespie.

Brad Letner

Retired Military

Classification: Military: US Army Retired

Sponsor: Steve Murray

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$32.00

Polio Pig: \$17 + Penny Edmiston: \$10
+ Chip (Stew Anderson) \$5 = \$32.00

Collected to Date: \$21,383.83

Total equals: 103,746 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



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	Please Volunteer
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	Bill Edwards
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

- May 3: Superbuild 2025**
Mexico
See Ben Tafoya for more information.
- May 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- May 20: Read B4K Graduation**
5:00pm • Ralph Baker Center
15456 El Evado Road
Victorville, CA 92394

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Upcoming Programs

- April 22: Congressman Jay Obernolte**
- April 29: Evening Meeting at Havanazucar Cuban Restaurant**
5:30pm at 15550 Main St c14,
Hesperia, CA 92345
- May 6: Ryan McEachron TOPIC**
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