



The Joshua Tree

March 31, 2026

A 5TH TUESDAY EVENING MEETING AT BJ'S

Over 20 Rotarians celebrated a 5th Tuesday Evening meeting this week at BJ's Brewhouse in Restaurant Row in Victorville with great food, fellowship and drinks! The biggest moment of the night was then **Jon Hove** ordered a "Lucky Ducky", a drink with seemed like a little bit of each type of alcohol a ceramic bathtub with a little rubber ducky! Joining Jon was his wife (and obvious designated driver) **Linda Hove**, **Ben & Jan Tafoya**, **Brad & Teresa Letner**, **Chris Ackerman**, **Dr. Derek King**, **Steve & Pam Murray**, **Jim & n Leslie Murray**, **Arsalee Morales**, **Jim Cox**, **Mike & Sharon Page**, **Bill & Linda Scott**, plus **Bryan Gillespie**, who brought his son **Jeffrey Gillespie**.

Our next 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting is scheduled for June 30th, so mark your calendars now!





MURRAY'S MINUTE

Thank you to everyone who came out and attended our 5th Tuesday meeting at BJ's Brewhouse! It

was great to have so many Club members and their families join us for these rare events. The next one is June so don't miss out!



Our big 50/50 drawing is still growing, with half going to one lucky winner. Let's grow that pot of money and give Brad Letner a big financial push to start his presidency in July.

Do you have your foursome yet? Please be a part in our joint golf tournament with the Apple Valley Club on May 2, 2026. This event is a great opportunity for fellowship and raise much needed dollars for the programs each Clubs serve. Sign up your foursome, become an event sponsor and donate a raffle prize!

Steve

In Loving Memory...



The Rotary Club of Victorville is saddened to share the passing of Past President **Chuck Utgard**, who faithfully served during the 1992-1993 Rotary year. Chuck was a dedicated and active leader whose

impact on our club will not be forgotten. He recently endured the loss of his beloved wife, **Krissy Utgard**, on February 8. Several of our members traveled to Overton, Nevada on March 21 to attend her memorial service, where we had the opportunity to spend time with Chuck and his daughter, Dana. It is with deep shock that, just four days later, we learned of Chuck's passing as well. Chuck will be laid to rest with military honors at the Veterans Cemetery in Henderson, Nevada, alongside Krissy, who was also honored there last month. Memorial service details will be shared once they become available.

We also mourn the passing of **Phyllis Fox**, beloved wife of Past President **Terry Fox** (1982-1983), who passed away on Friday, March 20, following complications from a stroke. Terry and Phyllis were both deeply involved in the Rotary Club of Victorville for many years, and even after Terry's passing in 1995, Phyllis remained a devoted supporter; attending events, sponsoring activities, and keeping his legacy alive within the club. She especially cherished the Past Presidents Dinner, where she could reconnect with dear friends. Most recently, she joined us at the club's 75th Anniversary celebration, even making it on stage as one of the final participants in the evening's drawing. Phyllis held a special place in our Rotary family and will be greatly missed. Services will be held at Sunset Hills Memorial Park on Wednesday, April 15, beginning with a wake from 11:00-11:30 a.m., followed by the service from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., a graveside at 1:00 p.m., and a reception to follow on site.

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



March Birthdays

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| Darron Poulsen | March 6 |
| Diane Anderson | March 14 |
| Don Kennard | March 15 |
| Todd Sturges | March 25 |
| Steve Murray | March 28 |
| Bryan Gillespie | March 28 |

April Birthdays

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| Trish Johnson | April 1 |
| Linda Hove | April 11 |
| Bill Scott | April 15 |
| Mattie Brown | April 16 |
| Alicia Anderson | April 23 |
| Russ Stringham | April 23 |

March Anniversaries

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| Russ Stringham | 34 Years |
| Terry Caldwell | 31 Years |
| Manjita Patel | 16 Years |
| Steve Murray | 22 Years |
| Angel Espino | 2 Years |

April Anniversaries

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| Paula Porter | 16 Years |
| Rob Kilpatrick | 19 Years |
| Sam Grandlienard | 10 Years |
| Ryan McEachron | 26 Years |
| Todd Sturges | 15 Years |
| Bill Scott | 25 Years |

Partner Birthdays

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| Lynae Kilpatrick | March 6 |
| Mark Anderson | March 17 |

Partner Birthdays

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| Gaylynn Stringham | April 8 |
| Jaime Acosta | April 17 |

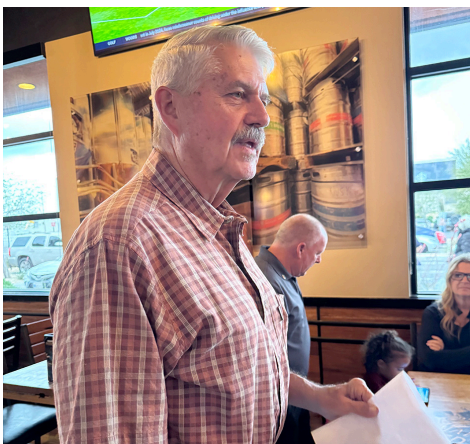
Wedding Anniversaries

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| Dan & Kris Dever | 66 Years |
| Chris & Leeann Ackerman | 30 Years |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Russ & Gaylynn Stringham | 31 Years |
| Dr. Derek & Marsha King | 21 Years |

Spoon of Exception



Jon Hove had his final time with the Spoon this week, and began by reminding everyone that the Steel Division of Robar Enterprises, Endura Steel, will be celebrating 55 years in 20206 and the Fabrication portion will honor their 45th Anniversary this year too.

After that, we had one final round of Fun Facts: Did you know that Ancient Romans invented a type of concrete that has lasted for more than 2,000 years, stronger today than when it was first poured.

In addition, Jon shared that the first concrete highway was built in 1909 and the word "quarry" comes from the Latin word "quadraria" meaning a place where stones are squared.

The Spoon will be auctioned off for April at next week's meeting.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| President 2025-2026 | Steve Murray |
| President 2026 - 2027 | Brad Letner |
| Immediate Past President/Club Service | Bryan Gillespie |
| Executive Secretary/Grants | Steve and Pam Murray |
| Treasurer | Darron Poulsen |
| Youth Services/Ethics Essay | Please Volunteer |
| Foundation..... | Darron Poulsen |
| Club Service & Membership | Bryan Gillespie |
| International Service..... | Ben Tafoya |
| Youth Service | Ryan McEachron |
| Community Service | Arsalee Morales |
| Vocational Service..... | Angel Espino |

Members-at-Large: Bob Basen, Ron Boyd, Steve Murray, Ron Boyd, Rob Kilpatrick

Positions & Committee Chairs

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| BOD/PP Secretary..... | Pam Murray |
| Scholarships..... | Please Volunteer |
| Special Billing | Esther Mears (TBD) |
| Public Service Awards..... | Please Volunteer |
| Teacher Mini-Grants | Angel Espino |
| Special Projects..... | Rob Kilpatrick |
| Dan Stover Music Contest..... | Angel Espino |
| Joshua Tree Editor | Chris Ackerman |
| Read B4K | Brad Letner |
| Grants..... | Please Volunteer |
| Food Baskets..... | Ben Tafoya |
| 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

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| 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 2 Rotary Golf Tournament
Apple Valley Golf Course
\$100 per Player • \$400 per Foursome

Upcoming Programs

April 7 Tony Winkel, Principal Hydrogeologist,
Mojave Water Agency, **Title: "A Tale of
Two Damns and a (mostly) Dry River,
Part 2"** (Page)

April 14 Mary Villa, Health Insurance Counseling
and Advocacy Counselor, Outreach
& Education Coordinator **Title:
"Medicare"** (Espino)

April 21 Trevo Samorajski, Reserve Deputy
Sheriff/Search and Rescue Team Lead
**Title: "Wrightwood Flooding and
Damage"** (Page)



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