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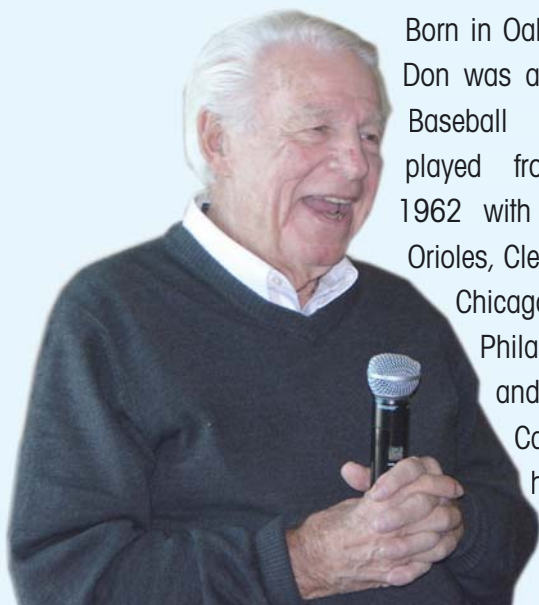
January 2, 2018

I'm Not a Star, But I was There...

To ring in the new year, Rotarians this week were regaled with entertaining stories from local icon and former Major League pitcher **Don Ferrarese**. Don not only spoke about baseball, but also his time as owner of Hugo's Deli in Victorville, a real estate agent and the Don Ferrarese Children's Foundation.

Don has had four careers in his lifetime. He was the owner of Hugo's Deli for 22 years, a Major League ball player for 15 years, a real estate agents for 33 years and during all of that time he has been a baseball coach for 53 years.

Born in Oakland in 1929, Don was a Major League Baseball pitcher who played from 1955 to 1962 with the Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, Philadelphia Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals. He holds three records in baseball.

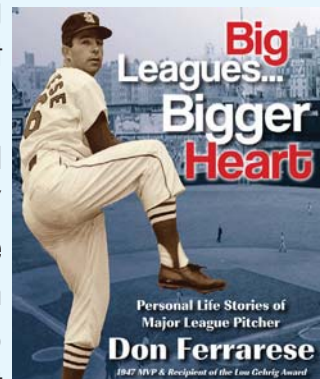


First, he walked 209 men in one season, then in the San Antonio Texas League, he pitched four consecutive shut outs and finally, is tied with Babe Ruth for hitting three doubles in one game.

One of the great stories Don shared was the family business of Hugo's Deli in Victorville. One day he came in the restaurant and a man was very upset as he had been waiting for his Pumpernickel, Cream Cheese and Ham sandwich for 45 minutes. Don went to the kitchen to get it right way, but even after serving it to the table, the man still complained and continued to berate Don and his staff. When the man tried to finally eat the sandwich, Don grabbed him by the arm and said, "I don't want you to eat MY food" and threw him out! The man outside, getting into his Rolls Royce, said, "I'll own this place by the end of the day!", Don responded with, "Good, I don't want it anymore!"

Nowadays, Don is the name behind the Don Ferrarese Charitable Foundation, started by ten friends who each put in \$10,000 to start the non profit. Going into their 13th year, they have awarded \$4,000 scholarships to 132 students, through different fundraising events that take place throughout the year.

Don has a biography entitled "Bigger Leagues...Bigger Hearts" which tells more than what he was able to share in his time with us. You can pick it up for \$24.95 and find more information about the Charitable Foundation at don-frse.com. All proceeds from the book go directly into the scholarship fund.



This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Mike Johnson |
| Flag Salute: | Chris Ackerman |
| 4-Way Test: | Bill Edwards |
| Song: | Kevin Kane |
| Finemaster: | Kevin Kane |

Dwight's Writes



A new year is now upon us and let me wish you all a safe and prosperous 2018! We have some great things planned this year and I am so excited we will be on the journey together!

Attendance was a little low this week, but for those who came were wildly entertained by some great stories of baseball, deli meats and scholarships, all from the great **Don Ferrarese!**

Speaking of attendance, **Jon Hove** gave a "Membership Moment" and reported that for the last two meetings, we are averaging back down to 38%. Please try and remember to get the most out of your Rotary experience by not only attending our weekly luncheons, but by also invited a potential member!



Congratulations to our District Governor **Raghada Khoury** and everyone who made the Rotary Rose Parade float a winner! It won the Princess Trophy and was very exciting to see our D.G. on the TV!

Finally, my thought of the week is "Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you're tired. You quit when the gorilla is tired." - Robert Strauss



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Spoon of Exemption

Dan Dever had his first week with the Spoon and welcomed everyone to Tax Season, his favorite time of the year! Dan let everyone know that there are a few changes this year, but these changes will not affect everyone. Please see Dan or your regular tax consultant for more information.



January Birthdays

Dr. Roger Wagner	January 8
Jim Murray	January 10
Ron Kabalin	January 29
Ryan McEachron	January 31

January Anniversaries

Al Castellucci	52 Years
Jim Murray	41 Years
Ben Tafoya	41 Years
Jon Hove	34 Years
Kevin Porter	32 Years
Ron Wilson	27 Years
Robert Lovingood	26 Years
Kirk Riding	24 Years
Tony Cooker	15 Years
Capt. Jon Schuler	1 Year

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.25

Polio Pig: \$11.25 + Dice (Bill Edwards): \$5.00 = \$16.25

Collected to Date: \$14,915.59

Total equals: 90,878 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Lucky Blue Dice



Bill Edwards got the first chance for the Blue Dice in the New Year, but drew white, so the pot grows next week. We'll continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session



This week **Kevin Kane** reluctantly was our Fine Master, and began by first by fining our own President **Dwight Johnson** for giving his daughter's life story during Don Ferrarese's talk. Kevin then made **Bill Edwards** fine free, and instead asked Bill to share things needed for their new location. First and foremost they need volunteers, as well as toilet paper, supplies and any financial support, but the biggest need is volunteers.

Kevin ended his Fine Session by asking questions about Tuesday's "National Days". In the end **Jon Kroencke** was hit with a \$5 fine in honor of "National Buffet Day" for knowing a buffet used to be called a Smörgåsbord.

Raffle Prizes

This week the Club raffled off a box of Sees Candy that went to **Steve Orr**, and **Craig Garrick** was a big winner this week as he took home some Cranberry Bars and Mary Kay "Journey" perfume!

Finally, **Mike Johnson** gave out a package of DCB notebooks, calculators and 2018 calendars that will be used by **Bill Edwards** and our guest speaker, **Don Ferrarese**.

Rotarian of the Month(s)

This week our President **Dwight Johnson** did some final housekeeping of 2017 by announcing the Rotarian of the month for the final quarter of the year.

For October, the honor has been given to **Ben Tafoya** for not only his hard work in helping secure the International Global Grant for the water project Ensenada, Mexico, but also for serving two terms as Past President.

November was awarded to **Brad Letner** in response to his Oregon trip, which allowed the Read B4k Program to go from Club Level to the District Level.

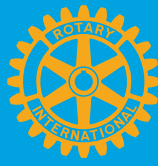
For the final month, **Mike Page** was given the recognition for December, for his hard work not just our weekly Program Leader, but also in charge of the Past Presidents gatherings and meetings.



It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of former member Robert "The Bob" Hove on Friday December 15 at home under the care of Hospice following a bout with pneumonia at Thanksgiving.

Memory to his life will be January 10th at 3:00pm

Church of the Valley: 20700 Standing Rock Ave, Apple Valley, CA 92307



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
Community Service	Victor Rocha
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Rosanne Weathers • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Teresa Coomes
R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Ryan McEachron
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Four Way Speech Contest	TBD
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman

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

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:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, 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

- Jan 8: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Jan 22: Past Presidents Meeting/Dinner**
5:30pm • El Pescador Restaurant
- Feb 4: Super Bowl Party**
2:00pm • Home of Brad and Teresa Letner
18501 Niagara, Spring Valley Lake
More info coming soon

Future Rotary Programs

- Jan 9:** Dr. Riad Abdelkarim, St. Joseph Health / St. Mary VP Medical Affairs / CMO
TOPIC- "The Evolution of Hospitals"
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- Jan 16:** Craig Garrick, President, CEO ComAV LLC
TOPIC- "Employing Hundreds to Manage Billions of Dollars in Aviation Assets" (Page)
S.T.A.R. Students
- Jan 23:** Todd McLaughlin, Director of Branch Banking, Flag Star Bank (Johnson)
- Jan 30:** Public Service Awards

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