



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

**Rotary**  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# *THE* **JOSHUA TREE**



**JANUARY 10, 2017**

## **Our Growing Real Estate Market**

This week, community leader, honorary Rotarian and owner of Shear Realty, **Caroll Yule**, spoke to the group on the current residential real estate market and what to look forward to in 2017.

2016 was a great year for residential real estate. Market tend to ebb and flow most years, but it stayed strong all last year. Supply and demand still works in real estate. In January of last

year, total homes for sale in the High Desert were 1,231 with the average number of sales per month at 324. Already in January 2017, there are 1041 homes for sale, which is only a 2.4 month supply, and looking to sell about 432 this month.

Most homes for sale currently are in the 200k - 300k bracket



and homes between 100k and 200k follow a close second. While there is a good supply and demand currently, the fact that 88% of homes sold are under the 300k mark, is a bit troubling. If you live in a good neighborhood, and have a home listed under 200k, then you can expect to sell in a couple of days, if not hours, with multiple offers! Above that benchmark, in the 400k - 500k area, you may be waiting a while for a decent offer on your home. That is bad news for the more wealthy homes, but great news for employers who want to hire a larger workforce, and be able to entice possible employees to move here and live in affordable homes. Right now Oak Hills is the best real estate, on both sides of the 15 freeway, for homes in 200k - 300k range.

For 2017, the future looks very bright! Caroll is forecasting an 8-10% growth this year in the High Desert, and nationally, the projection is a 1.4% growth in homes sales and a 4.3% increase in home prices, which is great news for the seller...and the real estate agent! What that means is that although the housing market continues strong, the affordability of housing will decrease. On the other side of the coin, there will be slightly higher interest rates, but the FHA will cut mortgage insurance premiums from .85% to .60%.

Finally, Millennials are becoming a dominate force in the housing market. Half of the U.S. home buyers are under 36 years old and these first-time home buyers account for 47% of sales. This year, 52% of prospective buyers will be Millennials.

To find out more, contact Shear Realty at 760-243-3803 or visit [www.shearrealty.com](http://www.shearrealty.com)

### **This Week's Functionaries**

<b>Invocation:</b>	<b>Sam Grandlienard</b>
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	<b>Sam Lucia</b>
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	<b>Corey Beck</b>
<b>Song:</b>	<b>Al Castellucci</b>

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## *Dwight's Writes*

Like the Prodigal Daughter returning, it was so great to have **Carol Yule** here this week as our speaker, and a room full of Rotarians to hear what she had to report on, our current real estate forecast. Hopefully it won't be too long till we see you again!

Two great events are coming up very quickly! The annual Super Bowl Party at the **Stringham** home will be on February 5th. This is a free event starting at 2:30pm. It is a great day to bring potential members to meet Rotarians in a different setting and to watch the Big Game! A few days later on February 8th, we will hold our annual Valentine's Dinner at El Pescador after a short Board Meeting. Fellowship will begin at 6:30pm with dinner choices of beef, chicken or fish beginning at 7:00pm. The cost is \$45 per person, and hopefully if you come it will be as a couple! Please sign up for both of these events with **Margaret Cooker**.

Congratulations to **Dan Munsey** who is our November Rotarian of the Month! Dan has not been able to receive his honor in person, as he has been busy putting out fires... literally. Dan receives this recognition for putting together two programs as well as being our incoming Rotary President.

The Rotary B4K Reading Program is back from break and volunteers are needed! See **Brad Letner** for details.

Finally, my thought of the week is "*What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.*" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

## *The Polio Pig*

**Collected this week: \$18.00**

**Collected to Date: \$13,910.65**

**Total equals: 88,868 Doses!**

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

## *Spoon of Exemption*



This week **Walter Crippler** from Midway Home Solutions was with us and he had the Spoon! Walter shared a brief description all that Midway sells, such as bedding, furniture, dinettes and appliances. Speaking of appliances, **Don Lager** just got back from the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and shared that Samsung is coming out with washers, dryers, refrigerators and wall ovens that can be controlled and monitored by our smart phones!

## **BECOME A SHELTERBOX RESPONSE TEAM MEMBER!**

**SRT members are the people who actually go out in the field and deliver the disaster relief for ShelterBox. ShelterBox has a multi-step process for identifying and training prospects to become SRT members, and the first deadline is fast approaching:**

**January 22, 2017**

**is the last day to complete the on-line survey.**

**GET MORE INFORMATION AT:**

**[www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org)**

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



**Jim Murray** got a chance for big money, and he wasn't going to share it with **Steve**! He drew a white dice and we wait for another week to see who gets the blue dice!

**Next week, we will continue with 11 dice and \$275.**



## Raffle Prizes

Gary Adams got us started this week by winning a wildlife calendar from **Dwight Johnson**, and from there **Ben Tafoya** went two for two by taking home the \$25 Midway gift card and a water infuser from **Marie Langley**. **Mary Hennessy** brought a couple of Gentiva Hospice goodie bags that went to **Donna Wells** and **Jim Murray**. Jim was also a double winner and will enjoy a Desert Valley Hospital lunch bag.

Rounding out the raffle prizes were a pair of tickets to the Adelanto Grand Prix, courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**, that went to **Rob Kilpatrick** and a combo gift of an Alaska USA Tumbler from **David North** and Buffet coupons from Dwight that will be used by **Jimmie Smith**.

## Fine Session

**Mark Taylor** returned as our Fine Master and started by going after **Sam Grandlienard** over "Gas Shaming". His recent bill commented on "how much your neighbor saves...". Sam was fined \$20 for trying to shame Mark into changing the way he runs gas in his home.

**Ben Tafoya**, making a rare appearance, was fined \$40 for his 40th Rotary Anniversary, but **Jim Murray**, was only fined \$20 for his 40th anniversary, to take back the double fine **Steve Murray** had to pay for his dad last week. **Jon Hove** also celebrates his anniversary and went away with \$33 less in his pocket.

## Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. January 23 to President Dwight Johnson.*

**Jon Schuler**

**Chief of Police - Victorville**

**Victorville Police Department**

**Classification: Law Enforcement: City**

**Sponsor: Mark Taylor**

## Rotary Guests

This week, **Jon Hove** was back and brought his son and VP of Robar, **Harrison Hove** to enjoy the meeting, **Maryjean Miller** from Cruise Planners was with us once again as a guest of **Al Castellucci**, and **Chris Ackerman** brought the owner of the new High Desert Yardbirds Baseball Club, **Andrew Dunn**.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Violette Roberts** for **Brad Poiriez**, **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay** and **Walter Crippler** for **Don Lager**.

## January Birthdays

<b>Dick Cole</b>	<b>January 8</b>
<b>Jim Murray</b>	<b>January 10</b>
<b>Ron Kabalin</b>	<b>January 29</b>
<b>Ryan McEachron</b>	<b>January 31</b>

## January Anniversaries

<b>Tony Cooker</b>	<b>14 Years</b>
<b>Jon Hove</b>	<b>33 Years</b>
<b>Robert Lovingood</b>	<b>25 Years</b>
<b>Kevin Porter</b>	<b>31 Years</b>
<b>Jon Hove</b>	<b>33 Years</b>
<b>Jim Murray</b>	<b>40 Years</b>
<b>Ben Tafoya</b>	<b>40 Years</b>

## Wedding Anniversaries

<b>Brad &amp; Teresa Letner</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
<b>Mike &amp; Sharon Page</b>	<b>22 Years</b>



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2016-2017 .....	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President 2017-2018/Membership .....	Dan Munsey
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2019 .....	Brad Letner
Community Service .....	Victor Rocha
Youth Service/Scholarships .....	Van Young
Vocational Service .....	Alicia Anderson

### Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Marie Langley

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer .....	Paula Porter
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master .....	Al Castellucci
Programs .....	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Brad Letner
R.Y.L.A./TLC/Public Safety Awards .....	Teresa Coomes
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

<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>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- Feb 5: Super Bowl Party**  
Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham  
16437 Viho Court, Desert Knolls  
Apple Valley, CA  
2:30pm • Free Event
- Feb 8: Valentine's Dinner**  
El Pescador Restaurant, Green Tree Golf Course  
Fellowship: 6:30pm • Dinner: 7:00pm  
Cost: \$45 per person  
Beef, Chicken or Fish

## Future Rotary Programs

- Jan 17:** Tony Winkel, Senior Hydrogeologist,  
Mojave Water Agency **TOPIC: "The Hide  
and Seek River"** (Page)  
S.T.A.R. Students from Discover, Del Rey  
and Green Tree East
- Jan 24: Public Safety Awards** (Coomes)



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