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# THE JOSHUA TREE



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Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA



## 50 Years of Growing Education

2016 is going to be an incredible year for California State University San Bernardino as they celebrate 50 years of educational success. This week, President Dr. Tomas Morales shared all of the great plans this year and in the future for CSUSB. Dr. Morales sees educational as an economical engine that drives the economy. When the campus began 50 years ago, they had 300 students and 100 teachers and administrators. The latest semester saw the student body upwards of 20,000 students spread across two campuses, San Bernardino and Palm Desert, with around 1600 of those students commuting from the High Desert. The campus provides over 2,000 local jobs and provides \$2 million to the local economy.



For their 50th Anniversary, there will be a year of special events, such as speakers, concerts, art exhibits and much more. They will also be looking at new ways to partner with the community to set a master plan for the next 50 years.

The campus works hard to open the doors for college and graduation by working hard with students and their families, to not only be financially assisted, but be college ready. Their Summer Bridge program is a 4-week course offered to 1600 Freshmen to help them to be Math and English ready, with courses on such topics as finance and how to be a success in college. At the end of the program, around 1,000 of those students are fully enrolled and at a math level ready to be a success. Due to programs such as this, a majority of graduating students are the first in their families to graduate from college!

With a vast array of courses offered, such as Business, Natural Science, Biochemistry, Engineering, Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Sports and so much more.

In addition to courses, the school has donated over 80,000 in volunteer hours to 75 local agencies.

The future is bright at CSUSB with a Master Plan for expansion, with new housing and dining commons, as well as creating a world class center of learning.

2016 and beyond truly does look bright for Cal State San Bernardino! If you would like more information on the campus or how you can be involved, please visit [www.csusb.edu](http://www.csusb.edu).

## This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Kevin Kane
Song:	Al Castellucci



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### Tafoya Talk...

This week was an education-filled Rotary meeting, with S.T.A.R. Students, and Dr. Morales, President of Cal State San Bernardino. **David North** even got into the act!

I want to express a big congratulations to **Victor Rocha**, who took home the honor of Business of the Year as part of Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's Top Chamber Awards event held on January 9th. El Pescador was awarded this honor through the High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Great Job Victor on your continuing dedication to our local business community!



The Super Bowl is almost here! NFL Teams are playing their final playoff games in the next couple of weeks, and the big game party will be held on February 7th at the home of **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham**! Stay tuned for more information and further details once Russ gets back from Hawaii.

Finally, please make your reservations now for our Valentines Dinner on Thursday, February 11th at El Pescador Restaurant at the Green Tree Golf Course for our annual Valentine's Dinner. Dinner choices will be Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cost for the event is \$45 per person. Stay tuned for time and more details.

### Spoon of Exemption: David North

**David North** continued on our education theme this week by using his "Spoon-Time" to promote another organization David is part of, The Victor Elementary Education Foundation. The Foundation funds students with two years of tuition and books at approved colleges to qualifying 6th graders who meet the scholarship criteria. The Foundation started in 2007 and have awarded 17 students scholarships, about 5-6 per year. The Foundation is always looking for local individuals and businesses to donate time and funds to support this worthwhile program, to help break the cycle of poverty through education.

### The Polio Pig....

**Collected this week: \$7.00**

*Patricia Frederick Principal Irwin Academy: \$1*

*Christina Zuber STAR mom: \$1*

*Donna Wells (Dice): \$5*

**Collected to Date: \$12,894.75**

**Total equals: 87,857 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

### Fine Session

**Mark Taylor** was back as our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Victor Rocha** \$25 for winning "Business of the Year" by the High Desert Hispanic Chamber, due to all of the increase business he will receive through it. **Doug Robertson** was fined \$5 for his mention on the promise of a new satellite college campus, and **Ben Tafoya** was fined \$39 for his anniversary of 39 years as a Rotarian.

Finally, **Mark Taylor** is looking to get rich and spread the wealth. He has promised that, if he wins the Powerball Lottery, then he will donate \$1 million to **David North's** Victor Elementary Education Foundation. It is now in print, so it must be true...

## Rotary Guests

We had another full house this week as we welcomed 11 parents and school administrators for our S.T.A.R. Students, all guests of **Jim Barnes**. We had **Steve Hunt**, Editor of the Daily Press as a guest of **Kevin Kane**, and we once again welcomed **Jill Wierzbicki**, a guest of **Dan Munsey**. **Al Castellucci** brought two potential members this week, **Maryjean Miller** a local travel agent, and **Richard Matley** from SSVC.

Our fill-in's this week also included **Robin Cackler** for Pastor **Paul Earle**, **Curtis Green** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Jackie Jauragui** in for **Maureen Mills**.

## Raffle Prizes

**Donna Wells** was the big raffle winner this week taking home a note pad from **Dr. Hough** and a fancy new pen from **Steve Orr** at Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group. **Ben Tafoya** also won a pen, **Chris Ackerman** received reflective bands from **Dr. Hough** and **Gary Adams** went away with a DCB Journal Book from **David North**.

## S.T.A.R. Students



This week we once again were honored to be able to award deserving students from Discovery

School of the Arts and Irwin Academy. **Jackie Jauregui** from VESD was on hand to emcee the proceedings along with representatives from our local politicians, **Amanda Meere** for Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte**, **Curtis Green** from Supervisor **Robert Lovingood's** office, **Wasey Noori** for Congressman **Paul Cook** and **Rebecca Tennison** from **George Runner's** office.

From Discovery School of the Arts we honored **Evalina Azevedo** first off. She has been a responsible student in all of her classes and is described as kind, dependable, easy going and a hard worker in all her classes. **Elizabeth Cortez** has a true passion to want to learn new things and has

## Lucky Blue Dice



After success in the Raffle, **Donna Wells** thought she had the Blue Dice in the bag, but no deal, she drew a white one and \$5.

**7 Dice remain and \$400 ready for one lucky Rotarian at next week's meeting.**

grown in her confidence level. **Hunter Peavler** is a great student. Many of his classmates admire him and his ability to communicate effectively with them and his teachers. Lastly, **Luis Piceno** has made great strides academically over the last few years and shows great leadership qualities with his fellow students and teachers.



Over at Irwin Academy of the Performing Arts, **Jonathan Garcia** is not only a great volunteer and communicator, but also works very hard to improve his grades. **Alyssa Murga** takes great pride in her schoolwork and enjoys all aspects of school. She is also a multi-instrumentalist who plays drums, violin, bells, piano and more. Lastly, **Frederick Weaver** has developed an interest in reading and strives to reach all of his goals in his schoolwork.

Congratulations to all of these great students and their success!

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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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 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 High Desert, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

- Jan 25: Past President's Meeting**  
5:30pm  
Green Tree Clubhouse / El Pescador
- Feb. 7: Super Bowl Party**  
TBA - at the Stringham's Fellowship at 2:00pm
- Feb. 11: Valentine's Dinner**  
Time TBA • El Pescador Restaurant  
Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu  
\$45 per person

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Jan 19:** Donna Nash, Director of Cardiovascular and Neurovascular Services **TOPIC: "Cardiovascular Services St. Mary Medical Heart and Vascular Disease, Meeting the Needs of Our Community"** (Page)
- Jan 26: Public Service Awards** (Coomes)
- Feb 2:** Dan Munsey, Fire Chief City of Victorville and Dana Welbourn, Emergency Manager, City of Victorville **TOPIC: "What exactly is this 'El Niño' Anyway? - The Science and How to Prepare Your Home and Business"** (Page)

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