



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



January 15, 2019

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

This week the Rotary Club gave a little back to those to risk their lives to protect ours, the first responders at our Bill O’Keeffe Public Safety Awards. Rotarian **Captain Rick Bessinger** led the proceedings as three individuals were honored for their bravery, and passion for their positions. On hand to hand our proclamations were **Wassi Noori** from Congressman Paul Cook’s office, **Chris Nunez** from Assemblyman Jay Obernolte’s office and Victorville City Council member and fellow Rotarian **Jim Cox**.

Rotarian and Victorville Fire Chief **Greg Benson** was up first as he honored Emergency Management Coordinator **Dana Wellborn**, for his work in training over 400 staff and members of the community with the life-saving “Stop the Bleeding” training.



County Fire Chief (and former Club member) **Dan Mejia** came up to the podium to recognize Captain and Battalion Chief **Josh Sprague** as lead instructor in the latest fire saving techniques. Homes are built

differently now, with different technology, and Josh teaches other firefighters who to work around in these types of homes and the dangers to look out for.



Finally, Rick himself honored Deputy Sheriff **Vincente Quiroz** for his investigative ability not only during his time as on the streets of Victorville but now with the Child Protective Services/Adult Protective Services follow-up unit. This unit protects the lives of the children and elderly, by putting countless numbers of child and senior



abusers behind bars.

Thank you to all these great first responders for all of the tireless and selfless work you do. **Bill O’Keeffe** would be very proud.

This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation: **Jim Mettler**
- Flag Salute: **Jim Doltar**
- 4-Way Test: **Jim Cox**
- Finemaster: **David North**

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HOVE'S HAPPENINGS



Honoring those who save lives is another way to give back, and that is exactly why the Club did this week with our annual Bill O' Keefe Public Safety Awards. Thank you to all recipients for your tireless work and dedicated service to our community.

RYLA is coming up soon and facilitators are needed! The camp will take place March 29-31 and it is always a guaranteed tremendous experience for Rotarians. Please see **Rob Kilpatrick** for more information.

Our Valentine's dinner and party will be at El Pescador on Monday February 11, following our Board Meeting. **Arsalee Morales** and Pastor Paul Earle shared that this year's event is entitled "Casino Royale" and will be a black and white tie affair, with casino themed games with the biggest winners getting special prizes, a DJ, dance floor and much more! See Arsalee and Pastor Paul to sign up!



The Club is seeking a Chair for our Fall Fundraising event for this year. If you feel up to the task, please see Arsalee.

Finally there will be a Past President's meeting on January 28th at 5:30pm at El Pescador. This is going to be a special meeting so it is imperative for all past presidents to attend.



In Loving Memory



Tony Cooker

Memorial Service

Monday, January 28, 2019 • 12:45pm

**Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA**

Fellowship at the Dragon House

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Pastor Paul Earle had another week with the spoon and shared with the club that they are currently in their "Multiply" series over at Life Church. The first part of the series focused on making disciples and responding to the call to make a difference in people's lives. So many people resist to saying "Yes" to the next stage of their life and responding to the call of God and this series is focusing on that response when the Lord calls you. Find out more at www.lifechurchhd.com.

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$16,041.49

Total equals: 93,131 Doses!

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

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Dr. Breda Leach got a chance at the big money this week but took another white dice out of the bag.

We will continue next week with 10 Dice and \$300 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION

David North was our Fine Master this week and began the session by calling out all L.A. Chargers fans. David is no fan of the New England Patriots and fined all Charger fans \$5 for letting the Patriots win last weekend. **Donna Wells** was given a \$5 penalty for being at the meeting when David felt she should be getting ready for the tax season and not being properly prepared. Donna fought the fine, as she has been out the last couple weeks in tax training classes. Next on the fining block were **Dwight Johnson** and **Dr. Breda Leach** who were each fined \$20 for having nothing to say in their reports at the beginning of the meeting.



Finally something happened 10 years ago Tuesday and Rotarians were asked if they knew. Anyone who didn't know was fined \$10. Those penalized included **Dr. Ron Boyd**, **Dr. Breda Leach**, **Terry Caldwell**, **Steve Orr** and **Captain Rick Bessinger**. The answer you ask? 10 years ago Tuesday was the "Miracle on the Hudson River".

NEW ROTARIAN



Another week and another new Rotarian has been inducted into our club. **Mike Page** handled the induction duties this week as we welcomed **Oscar Garcia** from Elementum Services into the club. Joined by his sponsor **Dr. Breda Leach**, Oscar was welcomed into the club with a rousing round of applause from members in attendance. Elementum Services is a local company that has been around for almost 10 years and they specialize in water, fire and wind damage restoration services. Oscar now shares a very unique distinction with the club as he is our 60th member inducted!

MEET A ROTARIAN



In the next installment of "Meet a Rotarian" this week we met **Dr. Ron Boyd** and it was a perfect time for an introduction for the doctor. With over 13 years of experience Dr. Boyd just closed escrow on a new location on Navajo and Highway 18 in Apple Valley. Congratulations Dr. Boyd and we wish you many great successes at your new location.

ROTARY GUESTS

With the passing of **Tony Cooker**, we welcomed Tony's son **Robin Cooker** who attended in support of **Margaret Cooker**, and **Pastor Paul Earle** brought **Ann-Marie Hernandez** to the meeting.

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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

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 Adelanto 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 Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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

- Feb 3: Super Bowl Party**
2:30pm
Home of Russ & Gaylynn Stringham
16437 Viho Court, Apple Valley
- Feb 11: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Feb 11: Valentine's Dinner Party**
6:00pm • El Pescador
- Feb 23: Rotary Peace Conference**
8:00am • La Verne College
Registration now open

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Jan 22:** Dr. Etheridge **TOPIC: "Responding to Mental Health Challenges at Home and the Workplace"** (Earle)
- Jan 29:** **Evening Meeting at Rusty Bull**
- Feb 5:** Bud Green **TOPIC: "What you don't know about the 40,000 babies born with heart defects each year in the USA!"** (Page)
- Feb 12:** **Star Students Full Program**

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