



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

**Rotary**  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# *THE* **JOSHUA TREE**

**JANUARY 17, 2017**

## **The Hide and Seek River**

**Tony Winkel** has been called a “Water Nerd”, but in actuality he is the Senior Hydro-geologist for the Mojave Water Agency. He could speak for 6 hours on the history of the Mojave River, which he calls the “Hide and Seek River” because most of its flow is underground, while its surface channels remain dry most of the time, with the exception of the headwaters



terminating in the middle of the desert. When the river does peek its water above ground, the river flow can be seen at the upper narrows between Victorville

and several bedrock gorges in the lower reaches.

The watershed for the Mojave is in Lake Arrowhead and its course runs from Victorville, Barstow, and up to Baker. In fact, if there is a large

enough flood, the river could actually run into Death Valley. The Mojave River is very unique because not

only does it run underground, but instead of flowing toward the ocean as rivers do, the Mojave flows inland, and Apple Valley, then downstream past Barstow at the lower narrows as the river begins its way through Afton Canyon. The river winds down the canyon and seeps into the sand disappearing before it reaches Soda Lake near Baker.

The Mojave River has had quite a history. In 1450, a “Little Ice Age” occurred in the region and throughout different parts of the globe which caused the river to be filled. In the 1800’s, Indian villages ran the length of the Mojave River and during this century, a canal was created, which Tony calls the “Hesperia Ditch” that ran from Deep Creek to where Lime Street Park now stands. In 1936 and 1937 there were a lot of rains in our region and the river started to overflow and flood, but in 1938, we had the largest rain in 70 years, which caused some devastating flooding in the High Desert. Finally, in 1971, the Forks Dam was completed and its sole purposes is for flood control.

There was a lot of information shared by Tony from its watershed, through the Victor Valley, but due to time, we had to stop by the time the river reached Barstow. We will see Tony back soon to continue the history and flow of the “Hide and Seek” River.



### **This Week’s Functionaries**

<b>Invocation:</b>	<b>Van Young</b>
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	<b>Dan Munsey</b>
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	<b>Maureen Mills</b>
<b>Song:</b>	<b>Al Castellucci</b>

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## *Dwight's Writes*

This week was such an informative talk on the history of the Mojave River, that we couldn't fit it into a single meeting! We will have **Tony Winkel**

back soon to continue his discussion on the "Hide and Seek" River.

Time is running out for our two big events in February and we are looking for more Rotarians to sign up for the Super Bowl Party at the home of **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** on Sunday, February 5th, and the Valentines Dinner a few days later on Wednesday, February 8th. Both of these events are a lot of fun and you are encouraged to attend. Contact **Margaret Cooker** to sign up.

The Super Bowl Party is a free event, and the Valentines Party is \$45 per person, with a choice of beef, chicken or fish. **Chris Ackerman** will be on hand to take photos of all couples who attend.



As noted last issue, **Dan Munsey** was our November Rotarian of the Month, but Dan was in attendance this week to receive his pin. Next week I will announce the winner for December.

Finally, my thought of the week is "When we focus on Faith rather than Fear, anything is possible." - Unknown

## *The Polio Pig*

**Collected this week: \$11.00**

Polio Pig: \$6.00 + Dice (Paul Earle): \$5.00 = \$11.00

**Collected to Date: \$13,921.65**

**Total equals: 88,890 Doses!**

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

## *Spoon of Exemption*



This week **Don Lager** returned from the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and shared some interesting discoveries there. Not only will there be great advancements in appliances, and televisions, but most surprising, was his announcement that by 2020, we will have autonomous cars on the road! Studies show there will be 80% less accidents and lower insurance. Stay tuned. The future is calling.

## 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**

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



After an absence, Pastor Paul Earle returns and gets a chance to draw for the money! Another week, and another white dice was drawn for chance next week.

Next week, we will continue with 10 dice and \$300.





## Raffle Prizes

**Gary Adams** started us off this week by winning a bag of Zebra Popcorn from **Marie Langley** at Desert Valley Hospital. **Dan Munsey** was up next as a double winner, taking home a bag of popcorn as well as an Oggi's \$25 gift card from **Dwight Johnson**.

Dwight also donated a bottle of Yellow Tail Merlot that will be enjoyed by Jon Hove, and finally, **Dwight Johnson** was also a winner, taking away a \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**.

## Fine Session

**Terry Caldwell** was our Fine Master this week and began by asking **Dan Munsey** what he would pay as a fine for the parcel tax needed for Victorville residents to receive needed upgrades for the Fire Department. Dan offered \$90. Our speaker this week ran long on his talk about the Mojave River, and was stopped when he began to talk of Barstow, so **Mike Page** was fined \$5 for stopping before Terry's city! **Van Young** has been showing off photos of his 10 grandchildren on Facebook and was fined \$10 for the infraction.

**Jon Hove** was asked what he would pay for 33 years of marriage, but Jon has only been married 10 years to Linda Hove (*Terry confused it with Jon's Rotary Anniversary*), so he offered \$10. Finally, **Gary Adams** was hit with a \$10 fine for his constant raffle winnings.

## Rotary Guests

This week, **Al Castellucci** invited **Ciros Manganaro**, owner of All Around Handyman, **Alicia Anderson** had **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office and **Pastor Paul Earle** brought **Brian Huist** from Shear Realty. We also had **Matthew Cabe** and **James Quigley** from the Daily Press with us.

Our stand-ins this week were **Jon Schuler** for **Sam Lucia**, and **Lisa Kiplinger Kennedy** (*A guest invited by Dwight Johnson*) for **Dr. Roger Wagner**.

## S.T.A.R. Students

This week we honored S.T.A.R. Students from Del Rey, Discovery School of the Arts and Green Tree East Leadership Academy. The presentation was emceed by **Maureen Mills** and included recognition and Certificates from our elected officials, handed out by **Wasey Noori** and **Jim Barnes**.



At Del Ray, **Jacob Oriz** has gone from a 5th grade reading level to a 7th grade level, as well as perfect attendance!

Over at Discovery, **Brandon Contreras** has advanced two levels on his state exams in Language Arts. Speaking of state exams, **Madeline Herdlein** has obtained perfect scores in reading and writing, and nearly perfect in math. **Emilio Pena** is devoted to completing all work that is required and has shown great leadership skills.



At Green Tree East, **Heriberto Ontiveros** has gone from a struggling student to a high achieving one, and now tutors other students! **Melody Williams** is writing across genres while using complex levels of thinking, and finally, **Jada Woods** has gone from failing ALL of her classes to passing them, by becoming a dedicated and hard working student.





## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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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
<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 24: Public Safety Awards** (Coomes)
- Jan 31: Text TOPIC: "Text"** (Page)
- Feb 7: Mary Hennessy, Executive Director  
Gentiva Hospice TOPIC: "Palliative and  
Hospice care, a matter of timing"**  
(Page)
- Feb 14: Four Way Speech Contest Club Level"**  
(Anderson, A)  
STAR students Lomitas and Mojave Vista

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