



ROTARY  
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HUMANITY

Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# THE JOSHUA TREE

JANUARY 24, 2017

## Helping Those in Need

This week was our Annual **Bill O’Keefe** Public Service Awards hosted by retired San Bernardino County Sheriff Captain **Mark Taylor**. This award ceremony, put together by **Teressa Coomes**, is named in honor of **Bill O’Keefe**, who exemplified “Service Above Self” his entire life.

Our first recipient from the Red Cross was **Norma Alvarez**. During the recent Pilot and Blue Cut fires Norma was



very active in the establishment of shelters working with displaced people and being heavily involved in providing food and logistics for the shelter clients. Norma also volunteers with the Domestic Violence Shelter assisting victims and their children who are coping with the trauma of domestic abuse.

Not present this week, but still recognized were paramedic **Leonardo Lara** and Emergency Medical Tech **Drew Brown** with AMR. During a emergency response they were involved in a traffic collision when a driver of a stolen vehicle did not yield and crashed

into them and fled the scene. Both were injured, but **Drew Brown**, with an injured leg, helped his partner and others in the collision.



**Andy Glenn** is a certified Level 2 Fire Mechanic with the San Bernardino County Fire Department. As a Field Mechanic, Andy

has demonstrated his ability and adaptability to make repairs in the field to keep the Fire fleet rolling, and has the skills to diagnose and undertake complex repairs in the field.

Finally, **Mara Rodriguez**, is the Sheriff’s Service Specialist- Media Relations Officer with the Victorville Police Department. Mara is not only responsible for media relations, but is also for all press releases, community events, social events, station events and tours and public information. Mara has positive impact on her community through her self-confidence, outstanding performance, great communication skills and service above self attitude.



Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients, thank you for helping those in need.

## This Week’s Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Bill Edwards
Song:	Marie Langley

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## *Dwight's Writes*

This has definitely been a week of Rotary highs and lows. We are deeply saddened by the passing of our own **Gene Gregory** last week. Please keep **KayMarie Gregory** and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Service information is located on page 3 of this issue. After that we were hit with more sad news, as **John Kroenke's** wife **Jo Ann Kroenke** has also passed away, while in rehab after suffering a broken leg. Please also keep the Kroenke family in your prayers. Service information will be shared once we receive it.

The Super Bowl is almost here and it's time choose your side, Falcons or Patriots and join us at the Stringham house on Sunday, February 5th for our annual party! Please sign up with **Margaret Cooker**.

Our Valentine's Dinner will be just a few days later on Wednesday, February 8th and time is running out to sign up. Please contact **Brad Letner** this week at [bradletner@yahoo.com](mailto:bradletner@yahoo.com) to make sure you have a seat for you and your valentine.

**Donna Wells** shared this week that the Victor Valley College Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Gala will be held on Saturday, February 25th and once again we will have our Rotary liquor basket as an auction item. Please donate a bottle of booze to make our basket the biggest ever!

I wanted to end my column by giving a special thanks to **Marie Langley** for being our Song Master this week, filling in for the absent **Al Castellucci**, who was taking care of his ailing wife. Marie led the assembled group in a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America".

Finally, my thought of the week is "*Intelligence is knowing which path to take; wisdom is taking it*" - Unknown



## *New Member*

This week, new Sheriff **Captain Jon Schuler** became the newest member of the Rotary Club of Victorville. Past District Governor **Stew Anderson** led the proceedings and was accompanied by

**Mark Taylor**, who sponsored Jon.

**Jon Schuler** moved to the High Desert in 1991 and began as a deputy for the City of Hesperia. He and his wife have two children who both work for the Sheriff Department.

At the three Rotary meetings he has attended, he was most impressed with the S.T.A.R. Student presentations, giving accolades to kids, who normally would not receive any recognition. Jon's passion is to improve the quality of people's lives, in his work, in the community and now through Rotary.



Welcome to the Rotary Club of Victorville!

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



**Well, Dan Munsey said if he won the \$300 for picking the Blue Dice, then he would buy lunch for the whole Fire Department garage. Well, lunch is on Dan!**

**Next week, we start again with 14 dice and \$200.**





## Raffle Prizes

Marie Langley continued to donate some great gifts for our members. A "Property of Desert Valley Hospital" hat will be worn by Pastor Paul Earle, and a coffee cup with lanyard was won by Ryan McEachron.

Although Don Lager was absent this week a pair of \$25 Midway gift cards will be used by Bill Edwards and Dan Munsey.

## In Loving Memory Gene Gregory



**Memorial Services will be held  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
11:00 a.m.**

**Jess Ranch Community Church  
11537 Apple Valley Road  
Apple Valley, CA**

His wife KayMarie has requested in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Gene's memory to:  
**The Victorville Rotary Foundation**

*Please contact Margaret Cooker for details.*



## Rotary Guests

This week we had a room full of guests for our Public Service Awards luncheon. From the Red Cross we had Charles and Georgia Duncan, Robin Cozart and Erin Fox.

Our Fire Department was well represented by Tim Porter, Dale Sandoval, Pat Mullholand, Bob Cox, and Greg Rostler. The Fire crew was rounded out with family members Christiana, Gail and Christina.

Over at the Police table were Chris Fisher, Randy German, Brian Roper, Jerry Davenport, Lana Tomlin and Dan Rodriguez, husband of recipient Mara Rodriguez.

Finally, the guest that captured everyone's heart this week was 1 year old Naomi, who attended as a guest of Major Van Young.



## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$9.00**  
**Collected to Date: \$13,930.65**  
**Total equals: 88,908 Doses!**

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

## BILLING OFFICER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Rotarians, we are still in need of a volunteer to help us in the billing chain for proper checks and balances. It does not require a lot of your time, only 1 - 2 hours per month, but provides a valuable task. Please see Margaret Cooker for more info.



## 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 2018-2020 .....	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 .....	TBD
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 31:** Tony Winkel, Senior Hydro-geologist,  
Mojave Water Agency **TOPIC: "The Hide  
and Seek River PART II"** (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
- Feb 21:** Kevork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty  
Undergraduate Studies, CSUSB and  
Model United Nations Instructor at Victor  
Valley College **TOPIC: "The Trump  
Phenomenon - the Prediction Came  
True"** (Wagner)

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