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# THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



January 26, 2016

## Public Service Awards 2016

This week we were blessed to honor those who serve our community, to make it a better and safer place to live. **Sam Lucia**, along with **Teressa Coomes** handled the presentations to four deserving individuals who won the "Bill O' Keeffe Memorial Service Above Self Awards", in recognition of **Bill O'Keeffe** who was a lieutenant with the CHP, Rotarian and a man who epitomized the motto, "Service Above Self".

The first recipient was **Jon Reece**, who is an Engineer for the San Bernardino County Fire Department. Jon is involved in toy drives and fundraising events, for example, he and others travel to various cities to collect donations for burn victims. Recently, Jon organized a group of volunteers to clean up overgrown weeds and put down new rock at the Victorville Veterans Memorial on the base.

The Field Crisis Response recipient was **Robin Cozart**, who is on the Disaster Action Team for the San Bernardino Red Cross. She is also part of their Logistics Team where she helps prepare response vehicles and trailers to be used during fires, has opened and managed shelters and has been deployed to San Diego and Washington State during crisis emergencies.

In the area of Medical, we awarded EMT **Casey Gernon**. Employed by AMR, she needed to respond to an accident where a family of 4's car had rolled over. The father was ejected and had to be air lifted which left the 3 young children alone, luckily with only minor injures. Casey sat in the emergency room comforting and holding the children until family was able to arrive and take them to their mother.

Finally, representing our police force, Deputy **Fernando Caballero** was honored as an officer who works hard in the department on the Gang Team. He normally arrives 2-3 hours before his shift, doing training and case work even before he hits the streets! Officer Caballero is a true example of man with a servant attitude, self-confidence, outstanding performance and a positive impact in our community.

Congratulations to all is deserved, but a more appropriate word for these individuals would be... "Thank You".



## This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Dan Munsey  
Flag Salute: Sam Lucia  
4-Way Test: David North  
Song: Al Castellucci



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## Tafoya Talk...

Thank you to everyone who came out for this week's meeting, celebrating our Public Servants!

Please join us on Sunday, February 7 for a great Super Bowl party! **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** are once again graciously opening their home to Rotarians and guests. Pre-Game fellowship begins at 2:00pm. Their home is located at 16437 Viho Court in Apple Valley. Please sign up with **Margaret Cooker** if you plan to attend and how many guests you will be bringing. Russ and Gaylynn encourage you to bring visitors, so they can experience true Rotary Fellowship.

**Michael Page** spoke to let us know that the Past Presidents and Incoming Presidents have met and will be holding interviews with possible candidates on February 1st to make a recommendation on their selection for our 2018-2019 Rotary Club President. From there the Board will vote on the recommendation and it will be brought forward to our Club Assembly, which will be held at the February 9th meeting. Please attend to cast your vote!

Love is in the air and we are preparing a Valentine's Dinner on Thursday, February 11th at El Pescador Restaurant at the Green Tree Golf Course. Dinner choices will be Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Fellowship begins at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. All ladies in attendance will receive a box of Sees Candy! Cost for the event is \$45 per person.

Finally, we heard this week from **Rikke Sejr Broedsgaard**, Youth Foreign Exchange Student from Denmark. Since she spoke to us in November, she went to Michigan with the Letner's and took a trip to Big Bear with the other Rotary Exchange Students. She is very happy that she was been able to see other parts of the country since her arrival.



## Spoon of Exemption: David North

It was the final week of **David North** having the Spoon, and he chose this time to speak on the passing of **Steve Flannery**. Steve was a big supporter of the Salvation Army. David, as well as his family, have requested that in lieu of flowers or gifts that donations be made to the Salvation Army Victorville Branch. Service information on page 3.

From there it was time to auction off the Spoon for another Rotarian to use in the month of February. The opening bid started at \$50 and it was a battle between **Caroll Yule** and **Rosanne Weathers**, although **Jim Cox** took a turn trying to get it. In the end, Caroll won it at the cost of \$110. Get ready to hear some great poems and sing some funny songs in February!

## Fine Session

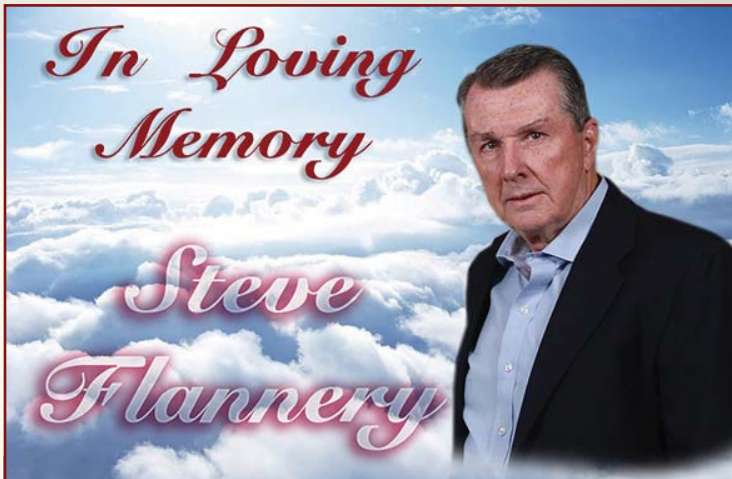
**Dan Munsey** was our Fine Master this week and had four Rotarians all picked out and ready to fine! First up was **Teresa Coomes**. According to the By-Laws, any Rotarian shall not show any favor to one politician or Political Party at a meeting, so she was fined \$30 since she invited **Curtis Green**, **Jim Cox** (both Running for re-election), and **Amanda Meere**, who's boss **Jay Obernolte** is also seeking another term!

**Caroll Yule** was fined \$20 because, according to Dan, there is no photo of her on her website and only has one listing! In the continued debate over the By-laws, and if a President can be fined, Dan tried to fine **Ben Tafoya** \$10, but ended up taking the fine himself.

Can't we all just get along? In the Police vs. Fire match, Dan got the upper hand by fining **Sam Lucia** a total of \$50 in the way of \$10 fines each for misspeaking that Fire Engineer **Jon Reece** was with the Sheriff's Department, using the "S" word at the podium, not wearing a tie, not buying raffle tickets and finally for needing a large font to read his notes at the podium!

## Club Assembly

A Club Assembly will be held during the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9th to determine the Club President for Rotary Year 2018-1019. Voting is limited to active members in good standing who are present at the meeting.



**Steve's memorial service is set for Thursday, February 4th at 11am at Sunset Hills in Apple Valley.**

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers or gifts that donations be made to the Salvation Army Victorville Branch.

## Lucky Blue Dice



**Chris Ackerman had his first ever chance to grab the elusive blue dice this week, only went home with a \$5 winning from another white dice!**

**5 Dice remain and \$450 ready for one lucky Rotarian at next week's meeting.**

## Facilitators Needed

Rotarians work tirelessly to provide an amazing experience to 324 eleventh grade students, and every year there is a challenge to find other Rotarians to join us as engaged Facilitators. This is one of the biggest investments we make as a District, to provide a once in a lifetime leadership and team building opportunity to future leaders not only of America but of Rotary.

Will you please attend Facilitator Training this year and consider spending the weekend of April 17-19 at Thousand Pines Camp in the Crestline area. Contact Teresa Coomes for more information.

## Raffle Prizes

Dr. Hough brought a bunch of beautiful crystal teabag holders and saucers that will be used by **Caroll Yule, Margaret Cooker, Robin Cackler, Al Castellucci and Ben Tafoya**. Dr. Hough also donated a Spider-man trading card set with coin holder that went to **Dan Munsey**, and a Disney Princess puzzle that went to **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight himself brought a Y102 shirt that was won by **Gary Adams** and a bottle of wine, that went to **Ben Tafoya**.

**David North** gave away a few DCB journals that were awarded to **Robin Cackler, Gary Adams and Ron Boyd**, as well as a couple of 2016 DCB calendars that went to **Dwight Johnson and Rosanne Weathers**. Rosanne donated a couple of DVMG Go Lunch packs to will be enjoyed by **David North and Ben Tafoya** and a large thermal lunch bag that went to **Donna Wells**. Finally, the Midway \$25 gift card went to **Al Castellucci**.

## Rotary Guests

Due to the Public Service Awards, we had a full room of guests this week at Rotary. **Sam Lucia** brought 5 members of the Caballero family, as well as **Mara Rodriguez, Liuzy Savage, and Garner Morris**. **Dan Munsey** also had quite a few guests; **Tim Porter, Jill Wierzbicki and Nichole Smith**. **Teresa Coomes** invited a group from the Red Cross, **Evelyn Greaver**, and **Chuck & Georgia Duncan** to support their recipient.

**Gregg Utustan** from Life Church was a guest of **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Al Castellucci** invited **Juli Willy** from Connect Hearing and **Dwight Johnson** brought **Thanai Torres** from Victorville Motors.

Our Stand-in's this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessy**, **Ralph Fernandez** for **Don Lager**, **Curtis Green** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**.

## The Polio Pig....

**Collected this week: \$4.00**

**Collected to Date: \$12,899.16**

**Total equals: 87,866 Doses!**

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Murray
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership .....	Dwight Johnson
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Club Service & President 2016-17 .....	Dan Munsey
Community Service .....	Brad Letner
Youth Service/Scholarships .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service .....	Jim Barnes
International .....	Dan Dever

### Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
Programs .....	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Dan Munsey
Cards and Calls .....	Pam Murray
Newsletter .....	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 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

- Feb. 7: Super Bowl Party**  
Pre-Game at 2:00pm  
Home of Russ & Gaylynn Stringham  
16437 Viho Court, Apple Valley, CA  
Free Event
- Feb 8: Board Meeting**  
DCB Board Room • Hesperia & Silica Road  
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm called to order  
if quorum present
- Feb. 11: Valentine's Dinner**  
Fellowship: 6:00pm • Dinner: 6:30pm  
El Pescador Restaurant • \$45 per person  
Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- 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)
- Feb 9:** **Four Way Speech Contest-Club Level** (Barnes)  
**Club Assembly**  
STAR students Lomitas & Mojave Vista
- Feb 16:** **Mojave Water Agency**

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