



The Joshua Tree



January 30, 2018

Honoring Those Who Protect Us

The memory of **Bill O'Keefe** is alive and well in our Club as we once again honored those deserving first responders at our annual Public Safety Awards Presentation. Bill was a 30+ year veteran of the California Highway Patrol and epitomized the motto "Service Above Self". Even after his retirement, he continued his work within our Club and throughout the community in many capacities. That is why each year we present deserving individuals with the "Bill O'Keefe Memorial

Service Above Self Award.

Jon Schuler presented **Deputy Asiah Medawar** on behalf of the SB Sheriff's Department. Asiah works in the Victorville

Multiple Enforcement Team (MET), and has been part in many assignments such as patrol, detective work, gangs, undercover and the Sheriff's Recruitment Team. Asiah is also an integral part of the Police and Fire Activities League,

focusing on helping troubled youth in the community. She donates many hours of her time with the program, and in 2017, she was instrumental in starting a program through the city where deputies help assist the homeless reunite with their families.

Ron Walls from the San Bernardino County Fire Department honored **Battalion Chief Dave Meddles** for his work since 1983 in the Department. Since that time he worked his way up the ranks and is currently the Battalion Chief in Battalion 10 Victorville that runs from Bear Valley Road, all the way to Stateline! He is also the Operations



Section Chief for the County Fire Management Team, is a member of the Regional Task Force for Urban Search and Rescue, serves as a Division Supervisor on larger incidents throughout the state, a member of the Training and Safety Committee and teaches wildland classes to fire fighters from other departments.

Thank you Asiah and Dave for dedicating your lives to serve others before self and making our lives much safer. You are both a true inspiration to our Club.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Joe Alvarez**
- Flag Salute: **Arsalee Morales**
- 4-Way Test: **Jon Schuler**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**
- Finemaster: **Jim Barnes**

Dwight's Writes



During my time as your President, I have a lot of Rotary moment's and this week was no different by joining our Club in honoring **Deputy Asiah Medawar** and

Battalion Chief David Meddles in our annual Public Safety Awards.

Russ Stringham

shared with the Club on April 18-21 we will be part of a Rotary Cultural Exchange Program with 5 people from



India coming to the High Desert and we are looking to Rotarians who will give them a place to stay and provide them things to do. Please see Russ or **Ben Tafoya** for more information.

Even though she moved away, the reach of **Dr. Hough** is never too far. **Dr. Hough**

m o v e d to South Carolina and is now the President of



the Cheraw Club and doing great things with the Club that she learned from her years with us. In response, she sent us a Banner we will proudly display.

Finally, my thought of the week is "I can't change the direction of the wind but I can always adjust my sails to reach my destination."

- Jimmy Dean

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed our first responders who came to support their fellow brethren receive their awards. Joining us from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department were **John Wickem, Mario Juarez** and **Mara Rodriguez**.

From the San Bernardino County Fire Department we welcomed **Ron Walls**, along with **David Meddles**. Joining our luncheon today we also had **Laura Goulden** from AAA.

Our Stand-in's week were **Ron Walls** who attended for **Dan Mejia**, and **Robin Cackler** for Pastor **Paul Earle**.

Celebration Tuesday

This week we once again honored four Rotarians by

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for their generous donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Jim Barnes and **Dr. Roger Wagner** were honored for donations over \$2,000 and **Rob Kilpatrick** received 2 stones on his Paul Harris Fellow Pin for over \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Finally, **Donna Wells** was honored for financial giving in the amount of \$9,000 for making the world a better place through the work of Rotary.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$25.00

Polio Pig: \$20.00 + Dice (Roger Wagner): \$5.00 = \$25.00

Collected to Date: \$14,990.81

Total equals: 91,028 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Dr. Roger Wagner won the first chance to draw the Blue Dice, but took out a white dice out of the bag!

We continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

This week **Jim Barnes** was our Finemaster and began by fining **Jon Hove** and **Craig Garrick** both \$10 for all of the money they were out making, which must have been the reason for them arriving late to the meeting. Earlier in the luncheon **Margaret Cooker** almost presented the Rotary Banner from **Dr. Hough** to Past President **Russ Stringham**, that earned her a \$5 fine.

Chris Ackerman was also fined \$5 for being so enthusiastic about the upcoming Valentine's Dinner as was **Rosanne Weathers** for being pessimistic about the dinner.

The final fine went our President **Dwight Johnson**, who left with \$13 less in his wallet for not knowing what our February 13 Rotary program will be.

CLUB ASSEMBLY: FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Please attend the February 13 Meeting as we will hold a Club Assembly to Select our 2020-2021 President and Board for the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

Raffle Prizes

This week's raffle began with **Don Lager's** Midway \$25 gift card that will be used by **Robin Cackler**. Robin also went home with a bottle of wine donated by **Ryan McEachron** and a group of DCB gifts featuring a bottle, pen and ruler, all brought by **Mike Johnson**. **Roger Wagner** also went away with the DCB goodies and **Steve Orr** will enjoy the book, "212 Degrees" given from Ryan.

Rob Kilpatrick has Valentine's Day all wrapped up by winning a mug of candy from **Marie Langley** and a collection of perfume from the Club.

Spoon of Exemption

This week **Dan Dever** had his final time with the Spoon, but was a no-show, so Finemaster **Jim Barnes** raffled off the Spoon for next month.

The bidding was opened and **Don Lager** took the first bid of \$100, but was upped by **Marie Langley** at \$120. From there **Craig Garrick** got involved and took the bidding to \$150! Marie and Craig battled between themselves and in the end **Marie Langley** from Desert Valley Hospital took the spoon for \$200 will have the speak to the Club over the next 4 weeks and be fine free.

We will forward to hearing from Marie and all of the great things at Desert Valley starting next week.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 12 to President Dwight Johnson.

Laura Goulden

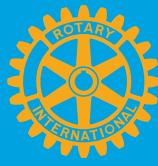
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Insurance Sales

AAA

Classification: Services: Auto Insurance

Sponsor: Steve Orr



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
Community Service	Victor Rocha
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Scholarships	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Rosanne Weathers • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Jon Schuler
R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Rob Kilpatrick
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Four Way Speech Contest	Ryan McEachron
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
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

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 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.
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 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Feb 13: Rotary Valentine's Dinner**
6:00pm • El Pescador Restaurant
(Fellowship at 5.30)
- Feb 24: Foundation Gala**
Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA
Black tie optional - club will reimburse you
the \$119 cost. Register on DacDB

Future Rotary Programs

- Feb 6:** Panel Discussion "Tax Update"
Moderator- Dan Dever CPA,
Panelist - Donna Wells, CPA &
John Hulterstrom, CPA
- Feb 13:** Mark Clair, Director of Dual Enrollment,
Victor Valley College **Topic: "Dual**
Enrollment - one option to reduce
the overall cost of a four year
degree" (Wagner)
S.T.A.R. Students
- Feb 20: High School 4-Way Speech**
Competition

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