



ROTARY  
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HUMANITY

Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# THE JOSHUA TREE

JANUARY 31, 2017

## Return to the Hide and Seek River

This week we continued to follow the path of the Hide and Seek River with **Tony Winkel**, Senior Hydro-Geologist with the Mojave Water Agency.

Our journey began on January 17th beginning with the Mojave River Forks, through Spring Valley, Rancho Verde (Kemper Campbell Ranch), Huntington's Station (Old Town Victorville), Oro Grande and up to where we began this week, the Grapevine Station which became Barstow. Originally called Grapevine Station, then Waterman (after the Waterman Mines, and then finally Barstow after railroad tycoon William Barstow Strong. In the early 1900's when a lot of water flowed through the area, it made the region a perfect spot for a railroad yard.

Have you ever driven up to Vegas and seen those

houses built in the middle of the desert with nothing around and wondered, "Why would anyone build a house there"? Tony provided us the answer. In 1938, there was a great flood in the valley that wiped out a good portion of the vegetation and brought forth sand along the Mojave River and destroyed communities, and just a few of those landmarks of history still stand today.

A great example of this is Hawley Station near Minneola. In 1885, Hawley offered sports, a dancing pavilion, shade trees, and green fields along the River, now a desert wasteland, wiped away by the 1938 flood.

Our next stop was Camp Cady, which was an Army Camp built in 1860 to protect against Indian attacks. There are still a few homes built along this area.

Four miles down from Camp Cady is the next location, appropriately titled the 4 Mile Water. There was once some surface water there, due to the large clay bedding and still keeps some vegetation to this day. Another mini oasis lies 9 miles from Camp Cady is called, you guessed it, 9 Mile Water. Due to major fault lines, it creates a condition that brings water close to the surface for vegetation to grow.

Our final stops along the Mojave River are Afton Canyon and Cave's Station. The Cave's Station is very unique because there were three caves where pioneers would stop on the trail along the River and use for covering for their wagons. One cave still exist today for visitors.

You can tell **Tony Winkel** has a great passion for water and he shared some great history this month with us on the Hide and Seek River.



### This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Jon Schuler
Song:	Al Castellucci

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## *Dwight's Writes*

This week we made it to the end of the Mojave River with **Tony Winkel** from the Mojave Water Agency. We had a lighter than normal crowd, but those who attended, got to hear some fascinating stories on the history of the River.

We "kickoff" this Sunday with the Annual Super Bowl Party at the home of **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** and it will be a lot of fun! **Don Lager** has a Super Bowl Pool going on and you can buy a square for either \$50 or \$20. You have eight ways to win each quarter, and the big winner can receive \$500 for the \$20 pool or \$1000 for the \$50 pool! If you would like to attend the party, but have not signed up, the time is now to now to contact **Margaret Cooker**, so we have an accurate head count.

Unlike the Super Bowl Party, the sign ups for the Valentine's Dinner on February 8 at El Pescador are now closed. For those of you attending, we look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to **Kevin Kane**, who was our December Rotarian of the Month! Kevin not only handles the Public Relations for the Club, but also hosted an off-site meeting and assists with our raffle drawings each week. Congratulations and well deserved Kevin!



Don't forget **Donna Wells** has only received one bottle of wine for our Liquor Basket for the Victor Valley College Alumni Hall of Fame event coming up on February 25th. I ask all of you to bring a bottle of something to next week's meeting.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Make sure you don't die with your music still inside you." - Les Brown

## *Spoon of Exemption*

**Don Lager** had his final week with the Spoon and chose to share a memory of the late **Gene Gregory**. In 1986, Gene "The Silver Fox" Gregory was President of the Victorville Chamber of Commerce, and Don then had Midway Home Solutions located on 7th Street.

One day, Don was working in the store and saw two nicely dressed gentlemen enter his store, and right way he knew they were salesmen of some sort. It was Gene and **Bill O'Keefe** trying to get Don to join the Chamber, even though Midway was already a member!



It was then time to raffle off the spoon for February, but since we had a light crowd, there was not a lot of takers this time, so **Mark Taylor** started the bidding off at \$50, and then **Van Young** came in and upped it to \$55. Since there were no other takers, Van received the Spoon for 4 weeks in February.

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



**Our President Dwight Johnson** received the chance for the big money and asked **Van Young** to hold the bag. Unfortunately, he drew white and gave his \$5 to the Pig!

**Next week, we continue with 13 dice and \$225 for another lucky Rotarian for the blue dice!**



## Raffle Prizes

This week, **Marie Langley** brought more flavored popcorn that went to **Steve Orr** and the upcoming District Governor **Raghada Khoury**. The \$25 Midway Gift Card was won by **Donna Wells** and **Dwight Johnson** took home a \$25 Gift Card from Athena Jean Hair Salon.

Dwight himself donated a couple of calendars, with **Marie Langley** receiving a Regan Ranch calendar and **Mark Taylor** won a NRA Wildlife calendar.

## Fine Session

**Terry Caldwell** was back as our Fine Master this week and began by putting our latest member Sheriff Captain **Jon Schuler** under the hot lights. Terry noticed that while Jon was doing our 4-Way Test this week, had not fully memorized it yet and asked the Captain what he wanted to pay for the infraction. Unable to come up with a figure, Fire Captain **Dan Munsey** requested he be fined \$28, which was accepted.

Next up was our President, **Dwight Johnson**. Last week, Terry was embarrassed that he incorrectly fined Jon Hove for wedding anniversary. Unfortunately the number was for his first marriage, not his current one. Terry got his information from the 2011 Rotary book. Since Dwight is our current leader, he was given a choice, to accept the fine or give it to one of the Board members or officers from 2011. Dwight chose to take responsibility and gave himself an \$8 fine.

But, Terry was not done just yet. He felt that the 2011 Directors and offers should take responsibility, so \$8 fines went to **Margaret Cooker**, **David North**, **Ben Tafoya**, **Steve Murray**, **Dan Dever**, **Teressa Coomes**, **Russ Stringham**, **Mike Page** and **Gary Adams** for not fixing the book!

Finally this week, **Van Young** had little **Naomi** with him last week, but since **Marie Langley** took her from Van, Terry considers that Marie was technically employed as a babysitter, and Van was charged \$10 for not paying her for her services.

## February Birthdays

<b>Kevin Kane</b>	<b>February 14</b>
<b>Dan Munsey</b>	<b>February 20</b>

## February Anniversaries

<b>Don Lager</b>	<b>17 Years</b>
<b>Kimberly Ramirez</b>	<b>14 Years</b>
<b>Jim Cox</b>	<b>8 Years</b>
<b>Steve Orr</b>	<b>4 Years</b>

## Rotary Guests

We had light attendance today, but were honored to have Apple Valley Rotarian and 2017-2018 District Governor **Raghada Khoury** in attendance.

Our stand-in this week was **Yvonne Hester** for **Kirby Brill**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$20.00**

*Polio Pig: \$14.00 + Dice (Dwight Johnson): \$5.00 +  
Raghada Khoury (Guest): \$1.00 = \$20.00*

**Collected to Date: \$13,950.65**

**Total equals: 88,948 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

- Feb 7:** Mary Hennessy, Executive Director  
Gentiva Hospice **TOPIC: "Palliative and Hospice care, a matter of timing"**  
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- Feb 14:** STAR students Lomitas and Endeavor
- 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)

### CLUB ASSEMBLY

WE WILL BE HOLDING A CLUB ASSEMBLY  
ON FEBRUARY 14 TO APPROVE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS FOR 2017-2018.

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT IN GOOD STANDING  
HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

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