



THE JOSHUA TREE



February 2, 2016

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA 

How to Prepare for El Niño

As you can see from our recent storms, El Niño is here and is forecast to make quite an impact in our High Desert. Dana Welbourn, Emergency Manager with the City of Victorville shared a lot of information on not only what an El Niño is, but how we can prepare ourselves.

El Niño is the most powerful climate force on Earth. It is caused by complex weather patterns resulting from variations in ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific waters. It is not a large storm, typhoon or a hurricane, but brings extra moisture to existing storms. In our area, the desert soil can't absorb much water, so that extra moisture in the rains bring on floods and mud slides.

There are ways to protect your home and your family. Check your storm drains and make sure they are cleared of all obstructions. Inspect your roof, or hire a roofing contractor to inspect for loose tiles, holes or other signs of trouble. If you have a retaining wall at your home, inspect for any wall or surface drains.

Having sandbags on hand is another great way to prepare your home. Sandbags can be stacked to keep water from flooding low areas. They can also be used for slope areas around your home to prevent water from eroding the dirt

away. If you are in need of sandbags, please visit any of your local fire stations, they have them on hand ready to give you.

In case there is a flood issue, please be prepared. Make sure you have proper flood insurance, important financial papers, prescriptions and any personal items needed in case you and your family need to evacuate your home. Make sure you have a safety kit prepared in a safe place containing drinking water, canned food, first-aid, blankets, a radio and flashlight.

If you find yourself on the road and you come across any flooded area, please remember to "Turn Around, Don't Drown" Over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just

12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.

To find out more information on El Niño and how to protect yourself and your

family, please visit www.victorvilleca.gov.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Song:	Al Castellucci



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's meeting as we learned a lot about El Niño.

Please don't forget to join us for our February 9th meeting where we will have a Club Assembly to vote for our Rotary president for the 2018-2019 year. You must be present to vote, so please make plans to attend.

We are only a week away from our 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. If you would like to buy a box of Sees Candy for your love, please see **Margaret Cooker** to purchase yours at a discounted price today.

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was already feeling the love in the air to start out the month by only giving out just a couple fines. **Steve Orr** was fined \$10 for wearing a suit that Jim felt was more apt for Spring-wear and **Jim Cox** was fined \$7 for celebrating a Rotary anniversary.

February Anniversaries

Jim Cox	7 Years
Don Lager	16 Years
Steve Orr	3 Years
Kimberly Ramirez	13 Years
Rosanne Weathers	2 Years



Spoon of Exemption: Carol Yule



This week was the start of a fun-filled month with the Spoon, as **Carol Yule** didn't disappoint by starting with a poem that entertained all in attendance. The poem was a promotion for the upcoming Victor Valley College Foundation Alumni Hall of Fame event. Here is the poem:

*The Victor Valley College is hosting once again,
The Hall of Fame event, I hope you all have been.*

*We honored our own John Kroencke, just last year
and this year Janice Olsen,*

I know many of you hold her dear.

Yes, there is a lip syncing contest,

Rotarian couples will be there.

*Doc Stanton and wife Amy, the Yules as well
and four more pair.*

But of course another purpose

is to raise money for student success

and I'm here to ask for one bottle of booze

I wont take less.

*The Rotary booze basket is always a favorite
silent auction gift*

So please, please help me

or I might get miffed

You can drop at Shear Realty location or to Rotary bring

Just one little bottle of wine or liquor

not such a huge thing!

Club Assembly

A Club Assembly will be held during the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9th to determine the Club President for Rotary Year 2018-2019. Voting is limited to active members in good standing who are present at the meeting.



Lucky Blue Dice



Jim Murray gets a chance for the blue dice, but takes one more white dice out of the bag!

4 Dice remain and \$475 ready for one lucky Rotarian at next week's meeting.

Membership Award - January 2016



Our Ignite Membership Promotion was on fire in the month of January, with members bringing guest and potential Rotarians. There were four "Honorable

Mentions", **Dan Munsey, Michael Page, Pastor Paul Earle and Dwight Johnson**. The second runner-up with a \$5 Starbucks gift card was given to **Don Lager** and the winner with 15 points was none other than **Al Castellucci**! Congratulations Al!

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 15-17 at Thousand Pines Camp in the Crestline area. Contact **Teressa Coomes** for more information.

Raffle Prizes

Thank you once again for all of the great raffle prizes this week! **Margaret Cooker** was the big winner this week, taking home a \$25 gift card from Midway, a discount Sees Candy card (which she gave to **Carol Yule**), and a \$20 gift card to El Pescador. An additional two El Pescador gift cards from **Victor Rocha** were given out as well, and both of them were won by **Jim Murray**!

Dwight Johnson donated a bevy of prizes, such as a copy of *The Transparent Leader*, given to **Rosanne Weathers**, a bottle of wine, which will be enjoyed by **Gary Adams**, and Snow Valley ski lift tickets, won by **Robin Cackler**.

A couple of calendars from Life Church were awarded to **Donna Wells** and **Shannon Lewis**, and a few calendars from **David North** at DCB were taken home by **Ben Tafoya** and **Chris Ackerman**. **Kevin Kane** gave out a couple more VVTA Bus USB Drives to **Kirk Riding** and **Jim Murray**, and **Paula Porter** gave a bottle of wine, which will be enjoyed by **Victor Rocha**.

Finally, **Rosanne Weathers** came through with a Go Lunch container to **Mark Taylor**, a small lunch bag to **Kirk Riding** and a large thermal lunch bag to **Ron Kabalin**.

Rotary Guests

We had a few guests join us this week at our Rotary meeting. We were joined by **Renee Rincon** from Choice Medical, **Louise Beulaqua** from DCB, a guest of **David North** and once again, **Jill Wierzbicki**, an intern with the Victorville Fire Department.

Our Stand-in's this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Tony Cooker** for **Dr. Hough**, **Shannon Lewis** for **Marie Langley** and **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$5.00

Collected to Date: \$12,904.16

Total equals: 87,876 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
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
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 Buttelerwerth
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

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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	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.
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 High Desert, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES

- 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 9: Four Way Speech Contest-Club Level (Barnes)**
Club Assembly
STAR students Lomitas & Mojave Vista
- Feb 16:** Matt Howard, Water Resources Supervisor, Mojave Water Agency
Topic: "If El Niño Slams the Desert, will our Dams Hold?"
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- Feb 23:** San Bernardino County District Attorney, Mike Ramos
- Mar 1:** Mary Hennessy, executive Director, Gentiva Hospice **Topic: "Death and Dignity"** (Tafoya)

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