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Club of Victorville, CA 

THE JOSHUA TREE

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Comfort During Life, Comfort at the End of Life

Mary Hennessy and the staff at Gentiva Hospice have both a heartbreaking and hugely rewarding career. This week she spoke to Rotarians on the differences in Palliative Care and Hospice Care and reasons why people tend to confuse them.

Palliative care provides comfort during one's life and Hospice provides comfort at the end of life. Palliative care is there for us during our lives as whole person care that relieves symptoms of a disease or disorder, whether it can be cured or not. Until the mid-20th Century, practicing physicians were limited with surgery and palliative options. In the modern age of medicine and the discovery of antibiotics, palliative care became a reality and has helped in prolonging

a person's life span as well as overall improvements in health.

The first Hospice Care Facility was in France in 1442, as a home to take care of the dying. There was no modern medical equipment and was primarily a place for spiritual needs that was perceived as a home for the poor and destitute. **Dame Cicely Saunders, MD** is known as the founder of modern hospice care. As a nurse and social worker she felt the manner in which doctors managed pain and other symptoms during the dying process could be improved. The pain she referred to was more than physical, but emotional, spiritual and social as well. She founded the St. Christopher's Hospice in London in 1967 and the industry began to grow from there.

In 1983 hospice became a Medicare member benefit and in 1996, The Hospice Medicare Benefit was passed by Congress and is now a permanent benefit. This allows more and more people to be in comfort at the end of their days, and surrounded with love, instead of fear. The industry has grown tremendously over the last 10 years and there are now more Hospice Care Facilities than ever before.

Hospice is seen as "a good death". Instead of spending one's final days in a hospital room surrounded by medical equipment and being woken up every 2 hours by a nurse to take tests, hospice allows the person at home with family and comfortable in their own surroundings.

Thank you to Mary and all of her staff for the work that you do for this inevitable situation, the ending of life.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Jon Schuler
4-Way Test:	Corey Beck
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

First off this week, I want to thank **Mary Hennessy** on her informative presentation on the differences between Palliative and Hospice Care.

If you didn't attend, which by the size of attendance was many Rotarians, you missed a great meeting. You get more out of your membership when you join us for our Tuesday luncheons.

Russ Stringham is heading up our canned food drive. Please look through your pantries and bring in canned goods for those less fortunate. **Don Lager** has graciously offered to store the food, as we look for a suitable cause to donate to.



We are holding another opportunity drawing for a 1986 1oz Gold American Eagle Coin as a fund-raiser to raise more money for our different community and international projects. Tickets will be \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Only 300 tickets will be sold, and once they are sold we will hold

the drawing. If we do not sell all of them, the winner will be drawn at the Demotion Party in June.

Donna Wells has been busy collecting bottles of booze, making our liquor basket for the VVC Alumni Gala on February 25th, but still needs more. Please bring them to our Valentine's Dinner or to next week's meeting

Brad Letner is once again heading up our Easter Food Baskets for needy families this April. We will make 10 baskets and are looking for financial commitments to make it happen. A commitment sheet will be going around and all donations are due at our Tuesday meeting, April 11th.

Finally, my thought of the week is "*Wouldn't now be a good time to do a random act of kindness?*"

- Gail Lynne Goodwin

Spoon of Exemption

Van Young began his month with the Spoon and shared a recent meeting with City officials. When asked some of the biggest needs in our community, Van told them about our seniors.

Seniors are a large part of the Victor Valley and have no support. Many seniors live by themselves, and rarely leave their homes because they don't drive and lack family support. In Van's work with seniors, he is pained to hear stories of men and women raising their children, and once the children grow up, they move out and disappear. Van also sees more and more seniors actually having to raise their grandchildren!

The bright side is when the Salvation Army deliver food boxes and get to spend time with these individuals he sees the joy on seniors' faces that someone is coming to visit them

If you'd like to donate or volunteer with the Salvation Army, please see Van.



Lucky Blue Dice



Mr. Lucky, Gary Adams got a chance at big money but unfortunately came up short this week with a white dice!

Next week, we continue with 12 dice and \$250 for another lucky Rotarian for the blue dice!



Raffle Prizes

This week our speaker, **Mary Hennessy** brought a Gentiva Hospice travel bag that went to **Gary Adams** and he also took home a \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**. Continuing on, Don then went away with an Adelanto Grand Prix shirt from **Dwight Johnson**.

Dwight also donated a bottle of Merlot that was won by **Ron Hughes**, and a 2017 calendar that will be used by **Dr. Roger Wagner**.

Fine Session

Kevin Kane was not thrilled to be the stand-in Fine Master this week, but got through it perfectly. First on the chopping block was a \$10 fine to **Margaret Cooker** who interrupted **Dwight's** introduction of **Kevin**.



When she argued her case, it went to \$15.

Al Castellucci was given a \$5 penalty for not knowing that Tuesday was "National Fettuccine Alfredo Day". It was also "National Periodic Table Day", and when **Steve Orr** was asked to name two elements, he said, "Fire and Ice". He received a \$10 for that one! After the Club was aware of an issue with people putting DacDB emails in their Spam folders, **Dwight Johnson** was hit with a \$10 fine, due to it also being "Safe Internet Day".

Finally, when **Russ Stringham** spoke about our newest opportunity drawing, he said, "Each ticket is \$25 or 4 for \$100". Russ went home with a \$5 fine for not knowing how to use a calculator properly to make it more enticing to purchase more tickets (*it's actually 5 for \$100*).

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Louise Bevilacqua** from DCB as a guest of **Dwight Johnson**, VVTA Facilities Manager **Ron Ziryes** as a guest of **Kevin Kane**, as well as **Nathalie Young**, wife of **Major Van Young**.

Joining our speaker today were **Joy Marquez**, **Ernice Ulna** and **Cathy Caruso** from Gentiva Hospice.

Our stand-in this week was **Amy Stanton** for **Dr. Paul Stanton**.

Rotary and Peace Corps

In 2015, Rotary International and Peace Corps formalized a service partnership to help enhance our club and district service activities locally and around the world. Rotary International wants to hear from Rotarians with experience working with Peace Corps! Have you served as Peace Corps Volunteers or worked with Peace Corps in other capacities?

Rotarians who qualify are asked to take a short survey. Please contact **Dwight** or **Margaret** for the online link.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$7.25

Collected to Date: \$13,957.90

Total equals: 88,962 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

CLUB ASSEMBLY

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

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



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

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 8: Valentine's Dinner
El Pescador Restaurant, Green Tree Golf Course
Fellowship: 6:00pm • Dinner: 7:00pm
Cost: \$45 per person
Beef, Chicken or Fish

Future Rotary Programs

- Feb 14:** High Country Harmonaires Performance
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)
- Feb 28:** Four Way Speech Contest Club Level
(Anderson, A)

NO SPAM!

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