

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



February 11, 2020

SAVE, PROTECT AND VOLUNTEER

Our Rotary Club honored First Responders and volunteers at our annual Bill O' Keeffe "Service Above Self" Public Service awards, honoring Police, Fire, Paramedics and Volunteerism. Fire Chief **Greg Benson** and Sheriff Captain **Rick Bessenger** were on hand the lead



the proceedings, and Victorville Mayor **Gloria Garcia** and 1st District Supervisor Representative **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** were on hand out to hand out proclamations.

Honoring our firefighters, we met Battalion Chief **Ron Meyers**, a 35+ year veteran of fire service who was instrumental in the design and implementation of their new Tiered Response System, making the Department more effective and efficient. We also recognized Battalion Chief **Moses Neal**, who has been in fire service for over 30 years. Moses takes care of all the fleet vehicles within the Victorville Department, as well as a specialist in Urban Search & Rescue, and Hazardous Materials.

We recognized from AMR **Nick Tsakalos** who was absent due to being in Paramedics School, but partner **Matthew Hinig** was on hand to accept in his honor. Nick has been with AMR Victorville for 4 years and volunteers his time at many events including school

career days, drills at Victor Valley College and much more.

Continuing with volunteers, the Club next recognized **Brenda Bridges** from the American Red Cross. When Brenda is not the Captain of the local Disaster Action Team for local Red Cross assistance, she travels from Hawaii to Florida and all points in between to work on hurricane, wildfires, earthquake, floods and even volcano disaster assistance!

Finally, Rotarians honored Deputy **Michael "Tyler" Roth**, a Deputy Sheriff from the Victorville Department. Tyler is a leader in criminal arrests and investigations. He is so good he once caught a criminal from looking though his Facebook feed and finding the gun and clothes he wore during the crime in selfie's! He also works as Resource Officer for Victor Valley High School, working in the Gang Unit, he has identified and monitored juvenile gang members.

Thank you to all of our recipients for working tirelessly in protecting us, keep us safe and being there in times of trouble and need. **Bill O' Keeffe** would be proud.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**

Flag Salute: **Stefanie Montoya**

4-Way Test: **Don Lager**

Finemaster: **Jim Barnes**

ORR'S ROARS



I always love to see a packed room honoring not only our first responders, but students, who know ethically the difference between right and wrong! Thank you to all that we honored

this week through our Club. Thanks to Dr. Ron Boyd, plus Capt.



Rick Bessinger and Chief Greg Benson for leading the Public Service ceremony.

We are still looking for donations for this year's scholarships, so please don't delay in helping our local students get to the next level in their career aspirations a little easier.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 20th for this year's Demotion Party, to be held at the home of Don and Pam Lager. More details soon.

Have a wonderful Rotary week!

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Ethics Essay

Dr. Ron Boyd was on hand this week to present to the Club this year's Ethics Essay Award winners from our local area. Each winner received a check for \$200 for their fabulous essays.



The first student was **Joshua Martinez** from Options for Youth, who presented an entertaining essay on dangers telling lies to get ahead. Over at Victor Valley High School we heard from **Jessica Rodriguez** who did an ethics essay on plagiarism. Also, from Victor Valley High we heard from **Amari McNeal** who spoke about how when one lie starts, it can expand to something greater than one's self. There was a lot of participation in our Ethics Essay Contest this year, but these three were the best of the best!

Raffle



Don Lager was a big winner this the raffle this week, taking home a pack of chocolates from **Kevin Kane** at VVTA and a set of earrings from **Jim Doltar**. **Don Lager's** Midway \$25 gift card went to **Kevin Kane** and a VVTA utility tool will be used by **Keith**

Metzler. Finally, **Steve Orr** brought a Heritage clock that went to guest **Jennifer Welch** from **Ron Boyd's** office and a phone Pop Socket that will be used by Mayor **Gloria Garcia!**

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Big Blue Dice



Don Lager won the opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but he drew white and saved the money for another.

We will continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

Joining our room full of parents, Public Service Officials and First Responders, we also welcomed **Jessica Carrillo** from A Magic Moment Cupcakes who was a guest of **Steve Orr, Jennifer Welch**, who attended with **Dr. Ron Boyd** and **Coleen Loque**, who came to film our meeting as a guest of **Arsalee Morales**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Martial Haprov** for Brad **Poiriez** **Stefanie Montoya** for **Brian Gillespie** and **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** for **Robert Lovingood**.

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was the Fine Master this week and recognized those who work tirelessly by giving their fines for others to pay! First, Jim started with himself by taking a fine that should have been for **Don Lager**, for giving up his seat at the luncheon. **Kevin Kane** earned a \$15 penalty for his upcoming birthday, plus not having a badge on, but **Rob Kilpatrick** will be paying it instead. Finally, **Bill Scott** took a \$15 fine for **Chris Ackerman**, who put the wrong newsletter in this week's eblast.

Others getting fined were **Steve Orr** in the amount of \$15 for not minding his own business and **Kirsten Acosta** for arriving at the meeting at 11:59am, so her fine was \$1 less, in the amount of \$14!

Rotary Club of Apple Valley's **BOOZ n' BINGO**

PRIZES, BOOZE, BINGO, OH MY!

Get your game on while giving back to a noble cause!

February 29th, 2020

5:30pm

Apple Valley Senior Center

13188 Central Rd. Apple Valley, CA 92308

\$40 per event ticket
(Includes dinner and a drink)

Proceeds will fund scholarships for local students!

Tickets available online:

www.applevalleyrotary.com

Must be 18 years old to play bingo

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The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$31.00

*Polio Pig: \$24.00 + Chuck & Georgia Duncan: \$2.00 +
Dice (Don Lager): \$5.00 = \$31.00*

Collected to Date: \$17,121.91

Total equals: 95,355 Doses!

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



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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 Adelanto 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, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs 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 13

Valentine's Dinner

6pm • El Pescador Victorville

May 1-3

Assembly and District Conference

Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

June 6-10 International Convention

Honolulu, Hawaii
Register through DaCDB

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Feb 18:

Sid Hulquist, **Topic: "Desert Wildlife, History and Landscapes"** (North)

Dan Stover Music Contest - Club Level
(Tentative)

Feb 25:

Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell Banker
Real Estate Solutions, **Topic: "A New
Horizon for Real Estate in the High
Desert"** (Basen)

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