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THE JOSHUA TREE

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

S.T.A.R. Students and Harmonology

This week we had a double program for a room full of Rotarians and guests. First we recognized students from the Endeavour School of Exploration and Lomas Institute of Technology. The presentation was emceed by **Maureen Mills**, the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services with the Victor Elementary School District. She was joined by **Wasey Norri** from Representative **Paul Cook's** Office, **Ross Sevy** representing Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte**, **Rebecca Tennison** with Senator **Scott Wilk's** office and **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** representing Supervisor **Robert Lovingood**.

Over at Endeavour, **Faith Bussee** has excelled two grade levels so far this year and demonstrates an outstanding work ethic. **Gabriel "Isaiah" Eldridge** was tested at a low 3rd grade reading level at the beginning of the school year, and is now reading on a 6th grade level on a regular basis! Rounding out the S.T.A.R. Students at Endeavour, **Brady Sherron** is working hard to improve his grades. He comes in during their lunch recess for math tutoring and to get ahead in his reading goals.

Heading over to Lomas, **Logan Armstrong** has been improving in Math and Language Arts. He began the year

at a below grade level and now is above grade level, all with a "whatever it takes" attitude. Some students have to work harder than others, and **Hunter Felice** is a great example. Even though he continues to improve on his studies, he works hard with a great attitude and a smile on his face. As well, **Malaya Jenkins** has had to face many odds in



her young life, but through it all she has a positive spirit and tremendous work ethic. Our final student recognized was **Natalie Real** who has used optimism and patience to excel in mathematics. Her expertise in problem solving and strategies is helping her succeed in her academics.

After the students, we celebrated Valentine's Day with an entertaining performance from Harmonology. They promote themselves as "Barbershop with a Twist" and that is pretty accurate. The group features **Bruce Jones** on lead vocals, **Dan Madsen** on Tenor, **Dave Eiser** on Bass, and **John Lenhardt** on Baritone vocals. Not only were they extremely talented, but very funny as well. Some of the songs they entertained Rotarians with were "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "Hey Good Lookin" and "Coney Island Baby", which featured some great ad-libbing, geared towards the digital age. To book Harmonology for your next event or party, visit www.harmonolgy.net.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Jon Schuler
4-Way Test:	Maureen Mills
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

It was so nice to see a full room once again and I hope everyone enjoyed the S.T.A.R. Students that were recognized and the fun and entertaining musical stylings of Harmonology.

I am happy to report that only one case of Polio has been reported this year, located in Asia. Rotarians, we are getting so close to eradicating polio from the earth forever!



First lady **Trish Johnson** was back in the kitchen making some delicious (*I have to admit, I did sample some*) red velvet cookies for birthday boy **Kevin Kane**.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Valentine's Dinner. We had a nice turnout and everyone had a wonderful time. Upcoming, we are collecting funds for our Easter Food Baskets, scholarships for high school students going off to college, and now the **Gene Gregory** Scholarship, for students continuing their studies at Victor Valley College.

Please remember we are also collecting canned goods for the needs locally and internationally. Thanks to **Don Lager** who has offered to store all the canned goods at Midway.

Finally, my thought of the week is "*Positive thinkers get positive results because they are not afraid of problems.*"

- Ken Blanchard

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 27 to President Dwight Johnson.

Louise Bevilacqua

Branch Manager

Desert Community Bank

Classification: Banking: Branch Manager

Sponsor: Dwight Johnson

RYLA 2017

The 2017 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Committee is looking for Rotarians interested in meeting the outstanding youth leaders in our District! On the weekend of April 28th to 30th we will be conducting the RYLA conference at Camp Cedarcrest in Running Springs CA. We are looking for Rotarians to serve on our staff as Facilitators to the 300 high school juniors that will be attending the event. If you are interested in this service opportunity please contact the **Teresa Coomes** as soon as possible.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$5.55

Polio Pig: 55¢+ Dice (Dwight Johnson): \$5.00 = \$5.55

Collected to Date: \$13,963.45

Total equals: 88,973 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Lucky Blue Dice



Our President received another chance to win some big money, but Dwight drew a white dice for another member.

Next week, we continue with 11 dice and \$275 for another lucky Rotarian for the blue dice!

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Raffle Prizes

Melanie Lovingood was our big winner this week taking home the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**, a VVTA thumb drive from **Kevin Kane**, a bottle of wine from **Ryan McEachron**, a candy bouquet from **Marie Langley** at DVMG and two boxes of Sees Candy from the Club. Boxes of Sees Candy were also taken home by **Donna Wells** and guest **Anthony Rhoads**, who also won a Athena Jean gift card from **Dwight Johnson** as well as a water bottle from VVTA.

Marie Langley was a double winner, going away with a goodie bag from Desert Community Bank and concert tickets for the Victor Valley Concert Association, courtesy of **Steve Orr**.

Wrapping up the raffle this week, **Kevin Kane** won a bottle of wine from **Ryan McEachron** and the Fine Master himself received a stuffed animal and balloon from **Marie Langley**.

Fine Session



Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master for Valentine's Day and chose to fine those with large wedding anniversaries. Our President **Dwight Johnson** was fined \$29 dollars for 29 years of wedded bliss. **Donna Wells** was charged \$49, **Brad Letner** received \$30 and **Stew Anderson** went home with a \$50 fine.

Even though **Don Lager** has been married 47 years, Ryan rounded it up to \$50 and did the same to **Gary Adams** who was hit with a \$60 fine for 58 years of marriage. **Melanie Lovingood** has been married for 20 years, but **Robert Lovingood** was given a \$60 fine for being gone all the time.

Finally, **Al Castellucci** was fine free, as a celebration for being married for a whopping 69 years!

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Louise Bevilacqua** once again from DCB as a guest of **Dwight Johnson**, **Anthony Rhoads** from Directed Electronics as a guest of **Brad Letner**, as well as government representatives **Wasey Noori**, **Rebecca Tennison**, **Ross Sevy**, and **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** for the S.T.A.R. Student Awards.

Our stand-in this week was **Melanie Lovingood** for **Robert Lovingood**.

Club Assembly

At our February 14th Club Meeting, Rotarians voted to unanimously approve the ratification of the 2017-2018 Board of Directors. The revised Board will consist of:

President 2017-2018:

Dwight Johnson

Incoming President and PEE 2018-2020:

Brad Letner

Secretary/Foundation/Executive Secretary:

Margaret Cooker

Treasurer:

Donna Wells

DIRECTORS:

**Dan Dever • Jon Hove • Kevin Kane • Rob Kilpatrick
Marie Langley • Steve Orr • Victor Rocha
Ben Tafoya • Mark Taylor • Van Young**

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 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	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
Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Alicia Anderson

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Marie Langley • Dan Munsey

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	Teressa 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

May 6: Super Build
1-day Home Building in Tecate, Mexico
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Future Rotary Programs

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)

March 7: Pat Orr, Owner Little Caesars (Local)
Franchises **TOPIC: "Making some
Dough in Franchising"** (Page)



In Loving Memory
A memorial service will be held for
**JoAnn Kroencke at
Sunset Hills Memorial Park
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 • 2:00pm**

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