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# THE JOSHUA TREE

February 16, 2016

Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA



## The Dams will Hold!



Rotarians received a ton of information about our local Cedar Springs and Forks Dams from **Matt Howard** from the Mojave Water Agency. To begin, let's do a bit of math. In this article a CFS (cubic feet per second) is equal to 7.48 gallons of water flowing per second. Got it? Ok, let's continue.

The Cedar Springs Dam at Silverwood Lake was built in 1971 as part of the State Water Project. At any given time, a release of water from the dam will happen in a couple of ways. A cone valve underneath the dam will release 450 CFS during a normal storm. During heavy storms, a 6' x 9' gate under the dam can release approximately 8,320 CFS.

The Forks Dam is located in the Mojave River and serves strictly as a flood control device. It can store around 79,000 acre feet of water

and is approximately 160-180 feet high along its north face. The maximum discharge though its outlet is around whopping 23,500 CFS during an El Niño storm! Unlike most dams, the Forks Dam outlet has no gates, meaning that the overflow is directly dependent on the water behind it.

In 1938, there was a great flood in the High Desert that caused not only millions in damages, 87 lost lives, but incredible strong water flow up to 70,000+ CFS through stream gages located throughout the Deep Creek area, all the way to Barstow. Thankfully, with the dams and new technology, we will not see anything like that in our future.

The Mojave Water Agency is a regional wholesale water provider created by High Desert voters in 1960 and governed by a seven member board of directors. The Agency serves 4,900 square miles in San Bernardino County including Barstow, Lucerne Valley, Yucca Valley, the Victor Valley and surrounding communities. The Agency is also one of 29 State Water Contractors with access to California's State Water Project.

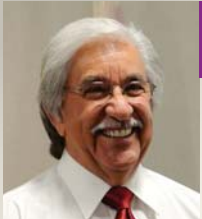
Get more information at [www.mojavewater.org/regional-studies](http://www.mojavewater.org/regional-studies) or [www.mojavewater.org/state-water-project](http://www.mojavewater.org/state-water-project).

## This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Song:	Al Castellucci



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### Tafoya Talk...

A light attendance today due to other events going on in the High Desert, but still a great meeting nevertheless.

Thank you to all Rotarians who attended the Valentine's Dinner last week at El Pescador. It was a wonderful time and the food, as always, was spectacular!

We are proud to once again host **Congressman Paul Cook** to our meeting on April 5th. Please see the ad on page 3 for more information.

Finally, congratulations to **Steve Murray** for being the big winner and drawing the blue dice! I'm looking forward to seeing who the next lucky Rotarian will be!

Finally, next week's Rotary meeting is your final chance to bring a bottle of booze for **Caroll Yule** to make a large "Rotary Booze Basket" for the VVC Alumni Dinner on February 27th. You can also drop off a bottle to Shear Realty offices in Apple Valley and Spring Valley Lake.

### Rotary Guests

Along with a light attendance today, we only had a couple of guests. **Jeff Leach** was a guest of **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Kevin Trudgeon** from the Daily Press was a guest of **Kevin Kane**.

Our Stand-in's this week were **Lance Eckhart** for **Kirby Brill**, **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Tony Cooker** for **Dr. Hough** and **Ralph Fernandez** for **Don Lager**.

### The Polio Pig....

**Collected this week: \$4.00**

**Collected to Date: \$12,918.16**

**Total equals: 87,8904 Doses!**

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

### Spoon of Exemption: Caroll Yule



[www.shearrealty.com](http://www.shearrealty.com)

This week **Caroll Yule** did some well-deserved "self promotion" and handed out some fliers for Shear Realty. For the 26th consecutive year, Shear Realty was once again ranked #1 for total sales volumes in 2015! They sold 1,196 homes with a whopping \$247 million in sales. With six offices to serve you in the High Desert, there is no place else to go, other than the best. Get more information at [www.shearrealty.com](http://www.shearrealty.com).

### Fine Session



This week **Terry Caldwell** was back as our Fine Master, and he really puts a lot of thought into his fines! After our guest speaker shared

how well our local water storage was improving, **Mike Page** was fined \$10 for convincing Terry to pull out his beautiful lawn and replace it with desert landscape.

The remaining Rotarians were given a choice, donate to Rotary OR get a hefty fine next time Terry was Fine Master. **Caroll Yule** is exempt from fines because she has the "spoon" this month, but since the Daily Press is always advertising how successful they are, she was given the choice to donate a fine or be fined substantially once she did not have the spoon. She donated \$20. On that note, **Margaret Cooker** was fined \$10 for sending out an email on Caroll's behalf! **Steve Murray** donated \$20 because when Terry went to Bob's Tires none of the staff knew where Steve was! **David North** donated \$21 because although he is a great person, Terry watched the movie "The Big Short" and is nervous that David is "one of those type" of bankers. Finally, **Sam Lucia** was the only one to take a fine of \$25 for swearing in the new Sheriff bloodhound at VMI, but failed to introduce his superiors at that event!



## Lucky Blue Dice



Those that missed this week's meeting really missed out, as Steve Murray drew the lucky blue dice and went home with \$500!

We will start gain next week with 15 dice (14 white dice and 1 blue dice) and \$200 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

## Raffle Prizes

This week there were a couple of boxes of Valentine's candy, extras from last week's Valentine's Dinner, that went home with **Ralph Fernandez** and **Dwight Johnson**, who also took home, along with **Steve Murray**, calendars from **David North** at DCB.

**Victor Rocha** donated a few \$20 gift certificates to El Pescador, what will be enjoyed **Caroll Yule**, **Robin Cackler** and **Russ Stringham**, as well as a bottle of champagne that was won by **Gary Adams**. Gary also won a \$25 gift card to Midway and finally, **Caroll Yule** will smell even sweeter with a lotion set from Life Church.

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Presents



**CONGRESSMAN PAUL COOK**

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

12:00 noon

Members & Guests\*

\$19.00 in advance

Government Guests & General Public

\$22.00 in advance • \$25.00 at the Door

**Bids Open to Sit at Paul Cook's Table  
to benefit the Rotary Club of Victorville Foundation**

*Bidding not available to Government Guests.*

Call Margaret Cooker at (760) 243-5928 or  
[pdgcooker@verizon.net](mailto:pdgcooker@verizon.net) to reserve and pay.

You may also use PayPal at  
[www.victorvillerotary.org](http://www.victorvillerotary.org) "Pay my Rotary Bill"

*\*Only potential members already in the "pipeline",  
i.e. signed application received and have visited the  
club by March 31st will be comped.*

**NO REFUNDS**

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Murray
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
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### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

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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

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

## CALENDAR DATES

- April 9: District Assembly**  
Sitting Bull Academy  
19445 Sitting Bull Rd., Apple Valley
- April 15: RYLA 2016**  
Thousand Pines Camp, Crestline
- April 21: Past Presidents' Dinner**  
Mama Carpino's, The Village in Apple Valley  
\$20.00
- June 25: Demotion Party**  
4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home, Apple Valley

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Feb 23: San Bernardino County Assistant DA**
- Mar 1:** Mary Hennesy, executive Director, Gentiva Hospice **Topic: "Death and Dignify"** (Tafoya)
- Mar 8: Dan Stover Music Contest-Club Level (Yule) - STAR Students Park View, Puesta del Sol & 6th St**

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- April 5: Congressman Paul Cook**  
\$19 members, \$22 others if paid in advance; \$25 at the door

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