



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



February 19, 2019

HOW TO GET DOWN THE CAJON PASS IN 30 MINUTES

The title of this piece was a running joke throughout this week's presentation, as we heard from San Bernardino County 1st District Supervisor and Club Rotarian **Robert Lovingood**. Robert shared the latest happenings in the County took a variety of questions from Club members and guests.

Supervisor Lovingood has successfully advocated for \$1 million in additional funding for Sheriff's operational overtime to conduct specialized crime sweeps. These special funds are helping the Sheriff's Department conduct targeted enforcement operations on repeat offenders. These sweeps are a proven and effective way to keep the pressure on and deter criminals.



San Bernardino County has launched several programs aimed at reducing repeat criminal offenses. The Sheriff's Reintegration Pilot Program provides classes and supervised work assignments for inmates nearing the end of their sentences. The "Stepping Up Initiative" is helping reduce the number of mentally ill adults in jail. We also launched a program to systematically measure what programs are effectively reducing recidivism and which ones aren't.

The Board of Supervisors provided funding for the "New Hope" program, which helps newly released jail inmates establish themselves in a new and stable life. The all-volunteer program is managed by Abundant Living Family Church in Hesperia and provides clothing, food, cell phone access and transportation to the individuals who are released. The initial results are encouraging.

On Thursday of this week, Supervisor Lovingood hosted the fifth "Made in the High Desert" Manufacturers event at the fairgrounds, in partnership with Pathways to Success. The event connected local manufacturers with local students and classroom curriculum designers to better link local job needs with local schools. He has also been working and supporting the County's Vision2Succeed program to strengthen the career skills of our local workforce.

Rotarians know our County is in the best hands, with people like Robert and others looking out for the best interest of the people in their district. Stay update with everything County wide at www.sbcounty.gov

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Dr. Ron Williams**
- Flag Salute: **Capt. Rick Bessinger**
- 4-Way Test: **Jim Murray**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

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TAFOYA TALKS



It was wonderful to have Rotarian, friend and San Bernardino 1st District Supervisor **Robert Lovingood** speak to the Club this week and share a lot of information about what is going on in our County and how it affects the High Desert.

Please don't forget that Scholarship time is just around the corner and we are still looking for you to help our deserving students. We are needing financial contributions for our scholarships and also Rotarians to read student essays, who are applying for scholarships. Please see **David North** for more information on how you can help.

Jon Hove shared this week that we are almost to 10 new members, but we have slowed down in recent weeks with invited guests. Please don't forget to invite any and all potential members to our meetings, and encourage them to be a part of the best Rotary Club in the District!

As a final reminder, the 29th Annual Rotary District 5300 Peace Conference is coming up this Saturday at the University of LaVerne. One great part of this day will be the Rotary Champions for Peace Program, where the District will recognize and honor youth who have brought peace into the world by their demeanor and actions. Please make your plans to attend this weekend, \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. The Conference is from 8:30am - 1:00pm.

See you all next week as we will hear from Daily Press photographer James Quigg and also the George Hensel Ethics Contest.

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Jim Cox had the Spoon in hand this week shared with the Club about sponsorship opportunities within our City. The City has many programs for youth, families and the community



as a whole for businesses to get behind and make the City a better place for all. Some of these events include Community Clean Up Days, Bark in the Park, Movies in the Park, Public Works Day, the Spring Festival & Egg Hunt, Veterans Day Ceremony, the annual Fall Festival and Festival of Lights and Tree Lighting.

Other ways to leave your mark on the history of the City is to donate to the Civil Rights Memorial Plaques, or purchase a personalized "Legacy Brick", that will make up the foundation of the Legacy Courtyard project. These Legacy Bricks are available for \$150 - \$300 and will be unveiled at this year's Fall Festival on October 5th.

RAFFLE

In this week's Raffle, **Greg Benson** was a big winner as he went home with a Starbucks gift card from **Don Lager**, and a bottle of wine from **Ryan McEachron**. Don himself went home with a San Bernardino County Sheriff Baseball from **Capt. Rick Bessinger**, as did **Brad Poiriez**. Rick also donated a Sheriff's water bottle that will be used by **Dr. Ron Williams** and finally, **Melanie Lovingood** will enjoy playing a Calico electronic vintage football game she won from **Jim Murray**.

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$16,133.73

Total equals: 93,316 Doses!

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



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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Ben Tafoya had a turn to get the big money, but came up short and took another white dice out of the bag.

We will continue next week with 12 Dice and \$250 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION



Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and began by giving our speaker **Robert Lovinggood** a whopping \$100 fine for being absent too much from Rotary meetings. Next Ryan asked **Donna Wells** how much money he would be getting back in taxes, or better yet, how much would he have to pay? Donna told him more this year so she was fined \$20.

Since **Raghada Khoury** came to our meeting to hold an induction, and the inductee was not able to make it, she went away with a \$10 penalty. Others fined \$10 this week were **Bill Scott** for not being late, **Kevin Porter** for being on time, and **Keith Metzler** for leaving the meeting early.


Finally, Ryan ran into **Marie Langley's** husband and children this weekend so she was fined \$10 for each member of her family, for a total of \$40.

ROTARY GUESTS

This week we welcomed once again **Dulce Caescio** from Kindred Hospice, who was a guest of **Lauretta Tkaczyk**, and were also pleased to have **Harrison Hove**, who attended with **Jon Hove**. In terms of "Rotary Elite", we were pleased to have Past Club President **Teresa Coomes** and former District Governor **Raghada Khoury** join us.

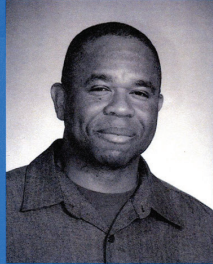
Our stand-ins this week were **Melanie Lovingood** for **Robert Lovingood**, and **Sarah Rojas** for **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.

ROTARY CLUB OF BARSTOW



LET'S ROAST PAUL COURTNEY!

Roast & Toast him in support of Rotary charities!



Fun Night of Comedy!

DRAFT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019
6PM TO 9PM
BCC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Ticket: \$100 (includes dinner for 2)
Individual ticket: \$60
Tickets available at the Barstow Chamber
For more information call 760.577. 0683
No-host Bar ~ Intended for Mature Audience

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 22nd to President Brad Letner.

Geoff Hinds

Position: CEO

Organization: San Bernardino County Fair

Classification: Administration: CEO

Sponsors: Dwight Johnson and Steve Orr

Former member of Tulare, CA Rotary



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2018-2019	Brad Letner
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Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Dr. Breada Leach
Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Jon Hove

Members-at-Large:

Mark Taylor • Dan Dever
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards.....	Rick Bessinger
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Teresa Letner
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 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, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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 23: **Rotary Peace Conference**
8:00am • La Verne College
Registration now open

Mar 11: **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

Feb 26: **George Hensel Ethics Contest** (Boyd)
James Quigg, Chief Photographer, W Daily
Press **TOPIC: "Tragedy through a
Teapot - a look at the Blue Cut
Fire"** (Page)

Mar 5: **Dan Stover Music Contest**

Mar 12: **District Governor John Chase**

Mar 19: **4-way Speech Contest**

Mar 26: Kirt Mahlum, Retired San Bernardino County
Court Commissioner **TOPIC: "Part 2
What was I thinking, perspectives
from almost 20 years on the Bench"**
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