



ROTARY  
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Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA



# THE JOSHUA TREE

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## The Trump Phenomenon Grows...



In June 2016, Model United Nations instructor at Victor Valley College, **Kevork Kazanjian** spoke to our Club, predicting that Donald Trump would win the Presidency. This week, he told the Club that he was just as shocked as anyone that he actually won. The question now, is how exactly did this outsider become President of the United States?

The first thing to clear up, is yes, Hilliary did in fact win the popular vote by almost 3 million, but, what is not being reported, is that number comes

predominately, if not all from California, and all it did was solidified her with winning California electorate, which was already a Blue State.

What the Democratic Party did not expect was the Rust Belt of the United States. Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have previously been Blue States, but surprising turned Red in this election. Democrats were so sure that Clinton would receive all of Obama's votes that they did not even bother to campaign in those states. Kevork claims the reason why Trump won there was due to the audience he chose to campaign to, the working class.

While Clinton focused on social issues in her campaign, Donald Trump instead focused on jobs and economics, which allowed him to gain back Regan Democrats to the Republican Party. On top of that, the NAFTA Agreement, made trouble for democrats in those areas.

The other state Trump needed to win was Florida. Barrack Obama went to Florida six times to campaign on her behalf. The problem with that is, Obama is not popular down there. Obama's decision to relax the U.S. embargo on Cuba by allowing American tourists to bring back unlimited quantities of Cuban rum and cigars, as well as his decision to abstain for the first time in a United Nations vote against the U.S. embargo on Cuba, have probably pushed many undecided Cuban Americans in Florida to vote for Trump.

But the most important demographic for Trump's victory, were the sleepers. The sleepers were those who kept quiet, some out of fear for retaliation against losing their jobs or even violence, but just went in to polling places and quietly voted for Trump. The pundits and pollsters were caught by surprised and never knew what happened.

The next four years will be quite interesting to say the least, as the world sees what comes next from our fiscal conservative, but social liberal President.

### This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation:  | <b>Chris Ackerman</b>   |
| Flag Salute: | <b>Sam Grandlienard</b> |
| 4-Way Test:  | <b>Jim Murray</b>       |
| Song:        | <b>Al Castellucci</b>   |

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## *Dwight's Writes*

We have had a very busy Rotary week and I am very glad to share some of our accomplishments with you.

This week we presented **Catherine Abbott** from the Victor Valley College Foundation with a check for \$500 from our Rotary Foundation for two new football helmets for the team this year.



I was honored to present **Ben Tafoya** with a 100% Foundation Giving Banner from his year as Rotary President. I received this from Past District Governor **Randy Pote** at the latest President Elect Training in Los Angeles. Ben also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the "End Polio Now, Make History Today" campaign, for our financial support.

We received a wonderful note from **KayMarie Gregory**, widow of **Gene Gregory**, for the love and compassion showed by our Club during this difficult time for her.



Finally this week, our Club was recognized by the Unforgettables Foundation at their 2nd Annual Unforgettable Hearts Awards Luncheon last week in Apple Valley. We were recognized as an outstanding Club for giving and volunteer work.



Finally, my thought of the week is "Don't ruin a perfectly good day today by thinking about a bad day."

- Unknown

## *Spoon of Exemption*



**Van Young** was back with us this week and came with a backpack in tow. The reason for the pack was to emphasize disaster preparedness. There have been a lot of local disasters lately from massive fires to torrential rains in our area.

Van reminded us to make sure we carry extra water in our cars, extra supplies at home and teach our kids to be prepared and where to go in case they are separated in a disaster situation.

## *2017-2018 Rotary Theme*



This week, our President **Dwight Johnson**, presented the Club with the new Theme for the 2017-2018 Rotary Year, "Making a Difference".

As well, Dwight showed us the globe he purchased at the President Elects Training Seminar, which was personally signed to him by 2017-2018 Rotary International President **Ian Risely**.



## *The Polio Pig*

**Collected this week: \$23.00**

*Polio Pig: 18.00+ Dice (Donna Wells): \$5.00 = \$23.00*

**Collected to Date: \$13,986.45**

**Total equals: 89,019 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*



## Raffle Prizes

Starting off the raffle this week, **Ryan McEachron** donated a bottle of wine that went to **Steve Murray**. Steve also took home a Heritage cooler/goodie bag from **Steve Orr** that were also won by **Victor Rocha, Don Lager** and **Dr. Ron Boyd**. Ron also took home a Whiskey Barrel gift card and Kat Country shirt from **Dwight Johnson**.

Dwight also donated a Tilted Kilt gift card and a 96.3 shirt that was won by **Dr. Roger Wagner**, who also won a Alaska USA shopping bag from **David North** and a Gentiva water bottle from **Cathy Caruso**.

In the final round of raffle prizes, **Catherine Abbott** won a DCB goodie bag from **Louise Bevilacqua**, **Amy Stanton** went away with a Midway gift card from **Don Lager** plus a VCA mug from **Dr. Ron Boyd**, and **Steve Orr** took home a mug as well and a VVTA shoulder bag from **Kevin Kane**.

## March Birthdays

<b>Dwight Johnson</b>	<b>March 5</b>
<b>Diane Anderson</b>	<b>March 14</b>
<b>Todd Sturges</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Jim Barnes</b>	<b>March 27</b>
<b>Steve Murray</b>	<b>March 28</b>

## Lucky Blue Dice



**Donna Wells** had a chance to get the Blue Dice, but came up with white and donated her \$5 win to the Polio Pig!

Next week, we continue with 10 dice and \$300 for another lucky Rotarian for the blue dice!

## Rotary Guests

This week, **Louise Bevilacqua** attended once again from Desert Community Bank as a guest of **Dwight Johnson**, as was Victorville City Council member **Blanca Gomez**.

**Catherine Abbott** from the Victor Valley College Foundation attended with our speaker **Kevork Kazanjian**.

Our stand-ins this week were **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessy** and **Amy Stanton** for **Dr. Paul Stanton**.

## Fine Session

**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master once again and began by asking **Steve Murray** how many tires he has sold so far this year, due to the rains and flooding. Steve guesstimated 300, so he received a \$30 fine. Since the 15 freeway had collapsed during the recent rains, Ryan then asked **Jon Hove** how much concrete he would sell. Jon let Ryan know that sadly, would probably not come from him, so he was just given a \$10 fine.

**Catherine Abbott** from the Victor Valley College Foundation told Ryan that he must attend the Hall of Fame Awards Gala this weekend, but Ryan is still waiting for his tickets, so **Dr. Roger Wagner** was handed a \$20 fine.

In the final fine of the day, **Mike Page** was asked for an update on the new hospital next to the freeway. Mike had no update, so he was hit with a \$50 penalty!

## March Anniversaries

<b>Terry Caldwell</b>	<b>46 Years</b>
<b>Russ Stringham</b>	<b>25 Years</b>
<b>Steve Murray</b>	<b>13 Years</b>
<b>Teressa Coomes</b>	<b>12 Years</b>
<b>Manjita Patel</b>	<b>7 Years</b>



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2016-2018 .....	Dwight Johnson
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### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelerwerth
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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

<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
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	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 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)

**March 14: Dan Stover Music Contest Club Level**  
(Yule) - S.T.A.R. Students from  
Brentwood, Puesta del Sol and 6th Street  
Prep.

**March 21: Heather Forsythe, San Bernardino County**  
Sheriff Detective **TOPIC: "Terrorism Early Warning Group"** (Schuler)



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