



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



February 26, 2019

A VIEW FROM THE TEAPOT



"Good art leaves the viewer momentarily disoriented and fails to confirm what they already know about the world."

At some point in all of our lives, something happens to change us, and this week, **James Quigg**, artist and Daily Press lead photographer, shared with our Club how important it is to recognize those changes and make our lives the better for it!

The art world changed when photography became an artistic expression and broke all the rules way back in 1839! For James, the moment when his life changed happened during the 2016 Blue Cut Fire. As a highly regarded photo journalist, with his work appearing in the NY Times, LA Times, Time

Magazine and US News and World Report, he became a true artist with his projects, "Tragedy Through a Teapot" and more recently, "A Moment from the Object".

During the Blue Cut Fire, James came across certain objects in the rubble and with the use of pinhole photography, turned these items, which were basically ruined, into cameras, capturing not only the devastation of the fire, but the rebuilding and visions of hope. Some of these items from the fire, that captured a series of photos that are so unique, no cell phone or expertise in Photoshop can recreate the flawed beauty of these images include a cookie jar, a toolbox, a van, and yes, the now infamous teapot.

The Blue Cut Fire, changed our Valley forever and did the life of James Quigg. These "flips" in our lives also motivates us to become better people not only to ourselves but to those around us. To have the most impact, we need to recognize them, use them and put them into action. Find out more at quiggphoto.com.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Don Lager
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Finemaster:	Mark Taylor

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TAFOYA TALKS



I've had a great time being your luncheon host the last few weeks, but alas, all good things must come to an end, and what a great way to conclude my run with a great and engaging presentation from **James Quigg** at the Daily Press.

I want to give a shout out to both **Elva Esqueda** and **Cindy Pabla**, our two students who spoke this week at our George Hensel Ethics Speech. These ladies were engaging in their speeches and so passionate on their topics. The lessons they learned and spoke about will serve them well in life.

Margaret Cooker spoke this week about the upcoming Foundation Gala happening in Las Vegas on March 16. The Club has bought 3 tables and we have 4 seats available for any Rotarian what wants them, free of charge!



THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$31.00

Collected to Date: \$16,153.73

Total equals: 93,378 Doses!

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Dwight Johnson

March 5

Todd Sturges

March 25

Jim Barnes

March 27

Steve Murray

March 28

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Terry Caldwell

48 Years

Russ Stringham

27 Years

Steve Murray

15 Years

Manjita Patel

9 Years

GEORGE HENSEL ETHICS

We are all faced with ethical dilemma's at different times of our lives and we heard from two students this week who faced ethical choices during our annual George Hensel Ethics Speech contests.

This year's runner up was **Elva Esqueda** from Adelanto High School who spoke about how the choices we make when faced with ethical questions can affect not only ourselves, but those around us as well. In the end, the truth has a way of coming out, whether good or bad. As the runner up, she received a check for \$100 from the Club.



Our winner this year, and receiving \$200 was **Cindy Pabla**, a Junior at Victor Valley High School. Cindy shared of a time in the 5th grade, when she won a school

art contest, because she chose to plagiarize another artist's work. After she won, she felt so bad and returned her award. This experience will remind her for the rest of her life, the value of being ethical. Congratulations Cindy!

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Terry Caldwell 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 11 Dice and \$275 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION

Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master this week and began by giving **Jim Doltar** a \$20 fine in honor of his Birthday. When it came around to Rotary Anniversaries, **Steve Orr** was given a penalty of \$21 and **Don Lager** was fined \$19 for his 19 years as a Rotarian.

Finally, while not a fine, Mark called up **Dr. Ron Boyd** to the front of the room to give him his \$250 he won at the Super Bowl Pool, and just as quickly, Ron turned around and donated his winnings to the Club Scholarship Program.

RAFFLE

In this week's Raffle, **Steve Orr** donated gift cards from Red Robin that will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells**, **Ben Tafoya** and **Dwight Johnson**. After Dwight has his meal, he will head over to Midway Home Solutions where he will spend the \$25 gift card he also won this week from **Don Lager** and when reading any fine print on whatever he buys, he can use the LED pen light he also took home from **Jim Murray** at Bob's Tire Service!

Dwight..go buy some lottery tickets!

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. March 14th to President Brad Letner.

Matthew Farias

Position: Corps Assistant

Organization: The Salvation Army

Classification: Service: Non Profit

Sponsor: Bill Edwards

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Jim Cox had his final week with the Spoon and shared information in regards to the great Community Programs going on throughout the City of Victorville. The community demands it, so the City provides it! The Park and Recs Department have programs for all age groups and interests such as swimming, dance, martial arts, music, a wide variety of sports and much more! For more information call the Parks and Rec Department with the City of Victorville at 760-245-5551.

From there it was time to auction the Spoon for the month of March, but sadly there were no real takers, so **Kevin Kane** chose to grab the Spoon for just \$50.

ROTARY GUESTS



Along with parents and school officials from our Ethics readers, including Adelanto High School Principal **Ebony Purcell**,

we also welcomed **Don Lager's** daughter and "Right Hand (Wo)man" **Lora Battee**.

Our stand-ins this week were **Kris Reilly** for **Dr. Ron Williams**, and **Matthew Farias** for **Joe Alvarez**.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2018-2019	Brad Letner
President 2019-2020	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
President 2020-2021/Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLA & 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 Buttelerwerth
Corporal At Arms	Arsalee Morales
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

Mar 11: Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Mar 14: Multi-Club Fireside with District Governor John Chase

5:00 pm
Apple Valley Chamber Rotary Garden
Volunteers needed for Set Up & Tear Down

Apr 4: Past Presidents' Dinner

Mama Carpino's, Apple Valley, CA
5:00pm • \$30 (Food & Wine)
Hard liquor/cocktails on your own
Main course choices: Salmon, Lasagna or
Chicken Marsala.
Appetizers: Pizza, Brochetta & Mushrooms
Desert: Gelato

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

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"** (Page)

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