



The Joshua Tree



February 27, 2018

A Pathway to Success

As parents (and grandparents), we spend many hours worrying about our teenagers on a variety of issues, and one of those questions we ask ourselves is will they be successful in life, how will they (and we) afford college for them and so on. Thankfully there are answers and choices in place thanks to Victor Valley College's Dual Enrollment Program.

Mark Clair, the Director of the College's Dual Enrollment Program spoke to the Club this week and shared some information about this partnership between the college and

local high schools. Nationwide, only 32% of students leave high school properly prepared for a 4 year University

and locally, only 16% leave high school college or career ready. This program will dramatically change that.

The Dual Enrollment Program brings college courses directly into the high schools. The benefits of this include the fact there is no transportation needed, and the classes, including textbooks, are free of charge. A student who participates will earn their high school diploma and gain college credits simultaneously as well as gain an early start to an Associates or Bachelors Degree. Another great aspect to the program is that it allows complete access to VVC's campus services, including the library, math success labs and tutoring.

The Program allows the high schooler to explore various career opportunities before they even graduate high school as well as building their self confidence and creating the pathway to a career or future transfer to a 4 year college or University. The work ethic in high school and college are vastly different and this program will give students and early view, to be better prepared as they enter VVC full time after graduation.

Currently there are 600 students and only a handful of high schools taking part in this program, but Mark is meeting with schools on a constant basis to bring the participation numbers up with our local schools. Any student can do a concurrent enrollment while in high school with the college, but they have to get to the college and pay for the classes and textbooks themselves. This program provides all those costs at no charge, but the high school must participate in the program.

For more information, please visit www.vvc.edu.



This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Roger Wagner |
| 4-Way Test: | Chris Ackerman |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Terry Caldwell |

Cooker's Corner



With our President **Dwight Johnson** absent this week, I was happy to fill in and take part in this week's meeting. We had a wonderful speaker in **Mark Clair** from Victor Valley College and great reports from our Members.

I received a membership report from **Jon Hove** that our invited guests have increased, and will inevitably lead to more memberships, so keep up the good work everyone!

Last weekend Rotarians from all over gathered at the Queen Mary for the Foundation Gala and our own **Donna Wells** was selected as the Foundation Member of the Year! I was proud to present Donna with her certificate at this week's meeting. Did you know Donna donates part her donations to the Foundation to allow others to become Paul Harris Fellows?



Finally, the thought of the week is "Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working."

- Pablo Picasso

**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Rotary Guests



This week **Steve Orr** invited **Brad Smith** from Private Mortgage Funding and **Patrick Jones** from Sartrick Pest Control, and even though their sponsor **Dwight Johnson** was absent, we had potential members **Azuree Morris** from Victor Valley Global Medical Center and **Valene Vetack** from Choice Medical Group in attendance. Our only Stand-In this week was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

March Birthdays

Dwight Johnson	March 5
Todd Sturges	March 25
Jim Barnes	March 27
Steve Murray	March 28

March Anniversaries

Terry Caldwell	47 Years
Russ Stringham	26 Years
Steve Murray	14 Years
Manjita Patel	8 Years

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Dice (Robin Cackler): \$5.00 = \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$15,049.25

Total equals: 91,145 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Robin Cackler (i.e. Lady Luck) , won the opportunity to draw some big money, but it was not to be this week, as the Blue dice once again stayed in the bag.

We continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was our Fine Master this week and again gave Rotarians a chance to pick their fine amount, or have it be chosen for them. As usual **Mike Page** was the first to be picked on, by getting up and leaving early from the Victor Valley College Foundation Gala this past weekend. A \$15 fine was offered and accepted.

Speaking of the Gala, the College Foundation raised \$120,000 last Saturday night and **Dr. Roger Wagner** offered a \$50 penalty, as did **Craig Garrick** for being on the front page of the Daily Press last week. **Bob Basen** also agreed to a \$50 fine for promoting the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Symposium while he was supposed to just introduce guests, with the provision that \$5 would be deducted from any Rotarian who went with the free tickets Bob was offering.

(Note: Terry was spotted at the Symposium, so the fine is reduced to \$45)!

The final Rotarians taking a \$50 fine this week were **Steve Orr** for his "Merchandising of Heritage" at the Gala and **Russ Stringham** for bragging about how good the skiing is in Southern Utah.

Spoon of Exemption

Marie Langley was absent again this week so **Terry Caldwell**, was left, sans Spoon, to offer it up for the month of March. **Rosanne Weathers** started the bidding at \$25, but soon it became a battle between **Robin Cackler** and **Craig Garrick** for the silverware. In the end, Robin gained the Spoon for the sum of \$110!

Raffle Prizes

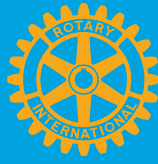
Lady luck was in the house again this week, and **Robin Cackler** went away with a tumbler from **David North** at Alaska USA, a bottle of Sparkling Organic Pear Juice from **Terry Caldwell** and a Valentine's box of Sees Candy from the Club. Boxes of Candy were also taken home by **Craig Garrick** and **Gary Adams**. Gary also won a thermal lunch bag from **Steve Orr** at Heritage, as did **Terry Caldwell** and **Donna Wells**.

Foundation Gala

Last weekend, our members joined 702 other Rotarians at the Queen Mary for the 2018 Foundation Gala honoring women in Rotary, and hearing from speaker **Jennifer Jones!** Thanks to **Rosanne Weathers** for the great photos!



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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, Quigley's, 2841 Lenwood Road, 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 12: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Mar 22: Fireside at ARMAC Insurance
5:30pm - 8:00pm
17177 Yuma St., Victorville
FREE Event

Future Rotary Programs

March 6: Joe Manners **Topic: "History of Oro Grande"** (Lager)

March 13: Ryan McEachron, Special Projects
Coordinator High Desert Corridor **Topic:**
"High Desert Corridor - Moving Forward"
S.T.A.R. Students

March 20: Offsite: Midway Home Solutions

March 27: Dual Program Day
#1 Club Service Project
#2 Mike Johnson, DCB: "Update of Flagstar Transition"

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