



THE JOSHUA TREE



Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



March 1, 2016

The Grim Reaper Walks into Hospice...

Mary Hennessy is a strong woman. Anyone who chooses to work in the Hospice industry needs to be. Gentiva Hospice provides comfort to your loved one, skilled care, and nursing visits. They even help your family with things like supplies, equipment and hospice medications. Spending your career working with people nearing the end of their lives, needs a brave and compassionate person. Now that the California Death with Dignity Act is in place, it is now even closer.

The California Bill ABX2-15 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown in October 2015.

The bill will go into effect 91 days after the close of a special session in November 2016 which means the bill should go into effect no later than February 2017.



The California Bill closely mirrors that of Oregon's Death with Dignity Act. In that one, a patient with a terminal disease who has been given a maximum of 6 months to live as determined by two separate physicians qualifies to end their life if they so choose. They must be a resident of Oregon, be of a sound mind, go through an extensive examination and must be able to swallow the medication or be able to push the contents of the pill through a feeding tube. The patient must make two separate verbal requests, 15 days apart, to a physician who then documents it in their medical record. After that there are written forms, overseen by two witnesses to go to the next phase. The cost to do this is expensive and is not one to be taken lightly. With a suicide, nothing is guaranteed. With Death with Dignity this method is. The medication used is a 100mg Secobarbital pill, that will put the patient to sleep within 4 minutes and end their life.

In California ABX2-15, the patient must be 18 years or older, have the capacity to make decisions, must have a terminal disease, be a resident of California and voluntarily express their need for the drug, without any influence from anyone else.

Due to a variety of reasons, Hospice cannot be involved in this process. They cannot make the order, be present in any way but can and encourage those patients to be on Hospice.

What Gentiva Hospice can do during this time is be a comfort for the family and handle all duties after the procedure has been done. Caring for a loved one can be very stressful. It can affect home, work and relationships. Gentiva Hospice is there to assist you and your loved one during this challenging time. To find out more on how Gentiva can serve you, please visit their website at www.gentiva.com.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Pastor Paul Earle |
| Flag Salute: | Sam Lucia |
| 4-Way Test: | Alicia Anderson |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |



Be a gift to the world

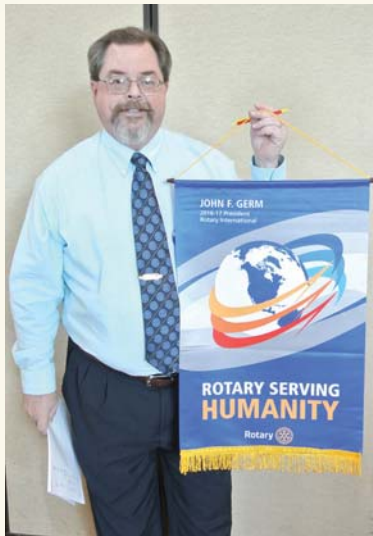


Tafoya Talk...

This week our incoming president, **Dwight Johnson** was our host this week, as **Ben Tafoya** was absent once again. Ben was released from USC Medical

Center on Tuesday, and is now at home resting comfortably. Word is that Ben will be back next week, but please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

We will be having an off-site Rotary meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at Robar Enterprises at the corner of Bear Valley Road and Ridgecrest Road. **Jon Hove** owns quite a few different companies in that complex, so please attend and learn more about a fellow Rotarian's business. As a reminder, this is a construction area, so please wear proper shoes for the location...they will get dirty. Please sign up with **Margaret Cooker** so we have a better idea on how much food to provide.



Easter is just around the corner and it is time once again for the Easter Food Baskets. Due to storage constraints, **Brad Letner** is asking for financial giving instead of canned goods this year. With the money raised, Brad and his team will purchase equal baskets for needy families in the High Desert for this month's Easter Celebration.

Finally, **Michael Page** reminded everyone that time and space is running out to reserve for Congressman Paul Cook's visit on April 5th. Now that El Pescador is fully operational, we are limited for room, so please sign up yourself and any guests as soon as possible with Margaret.

Spoon of Exemption: Pastor Paul Earle



Easter is just a few weeks away and that means that **Pastor Paul Earle** and the staff at Life Church are busy with preparations for some fantastic services in this month.

Today the focus was on teenagers and the high rate of suicide among young people in our High Desert. That is why Life Church is taking a proactive role in leading these young people to Christ with their Teens Club at Mesa Linda School in Victorville. This group gives teens a "sense of purpose and hope", whereas teenagers without Christ will more likely view temporary issues, as the end of life itself.

Rotary Guests

This week our speaker **Mary Hennessy** invited **Lovella Kennedy**, **Cathy Caruso** and **Leslie Martijo**, all from Gentiva Hospice. **Pastor Paul Earle** invited **Robin Cackler** and **Jeff Leach**. **Brad Letner** once again invited **Paul Stich** from Taylion Charter School and **Don Lager** brought his grandson **Brayden Battee**. Finally, we were visited this week by **Dana Utgard** from the Moapa Valley Rotary Club.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Melanie Lovingood** for **Robert Lovingood**, **David Cain** for **Van Young** and **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$38.00

Polio Pig: \$33.00 + Dice (Paul Earle): \$5.00 = \$38.00

Collected to Date: \$12,970.16

Total equals: 87,9008 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Pastor Paul was given the chance to draw the Blue Dice, but only got a white one and received \$5, which he donated to the Polio Pig.

12 Dice remain and \$250 is waiting for another Rotarian next week!

Fine Session

Dr. Ron Williams has been in news a lot lately, doing great things, and received a \$10 for it from Fine Master **Terry Caldwell**. **Caroll Yule** received, after a bit of haggling, a \$4 fine for her performance at the VVC Alumni event. **Doug Robinson** was almost fined because of his speech at the Coldwell Banker Symposium. According to Terry, no one could understand Doug through his braces!

Finally **Todd Turoci** was fined \$10 due to the fact that he made an ultra-rare Rotary appearance this week.

Raffle Prizes

This week it was all about **Robin Cackler** from Life Church who walked away with a handful of raffle gifts! She won a copy of the Don Ferrarese Biography from **Don Lager**, a ticket for the Pets Forever charity event & a copy of "The Transparent Leader I" from **Dwight Johnson** and a DCB journal from **David North**!

Dr. Hough gave out a couple of paper weights that went to **Caroll Yule** and **Melanie Lovingood**, a pair of Go Lunch Packs from **Rosanne Weathers** will be used by **Gary Adams** and **Ron Williams** and a set of golf balls were won by **Margaret Cooker**, who gave them to Caroll. Finally, **Margaret Cooker** from Health Ventures donated a ladies watch that will be worn by **Chris Ackerman**...or his wife... or his mother...



CONGRESSMAN
PAUL COOK

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 to reserve and pay.

You may also use PayPal at
www.victorvillerotary.org "Pay my Rotary Bill"

NO REFUNDS

March Birthdays

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

March Anniversaries

Terry Caldwell	45 Years
Russ Stringham	24 Years
Steve Murray	12 Years
Teresa Coomes	11 Years
Manjita Patel	6 Years
Capt. Sam Lucia	3 Years

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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

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 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.
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

- April 9: District Assembly**
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Rd., Apple Valley
- April 15-17: RYLA 2016**
Thousand Pines Camp, Crestline
Facilitators Needed!
- 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

- Mar 8: Dan Stover Music Contest-Club Level (Yule) - STAR Students Park View, Puesta del Sol & 6th St**
- Mar 15: Mark Carlton, CFA, Trademark Financial Management (Riding)**
- Mar 22: Jim Cox, Topic - The Things I've Learned, Part II (Page) George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest (Boyd)**
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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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