



Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



The Joshua Tree

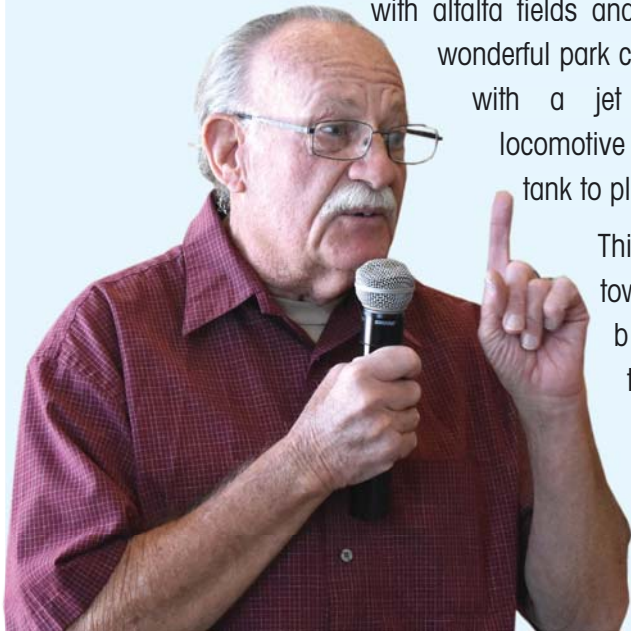


March 6, 2018

The History of Oro Grande

In the space between Victorville and Helendale, you will find the "blink and you'll miss it" town of Oro Grande, that has a very long and rich history, according to **Mayor Joe Manners** who visited our Club this week.

Joe, a Polio survivor, shared that Oro Grande began 150 years ago as a gold and silver mining town, although the area was more rich in silver than gold. Joe has been a part of Oro Grande for 72 years, and shared many photos with Rotarians and guests. Growing up, the town was rich with alfalfa fields and had a wonderful park complete with a jet plane, locomotive and tank to play on.



This small town also boasts the fact that they have the

oldest cemetery in San Bernardino County! The cement plant was begun by a woman named Mrs. Potts, who recognized the minerals in the area and went home to England to get funding to start the plant, which was originally called "Golden State Cement".

The population of Oro Grande has changed a lot over the years, from 3,000 during the Gold Rush to 600 nowadays, but that has not stopped them from celebrating their history with the free Oro Grande Days which will take place on April 7th and 8th featuring live music, a car show, cemetery tours, old west gun fights and much more. Join them in April to see the rich history for yourself.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Pastor Paul Earle
Flag Salute:	Arsalee Morales
4-Way Test:	Alicia Anderson
Song:	Al Castellucci
Finemaster:	David North

Dwight's Writes



We have a rich history here in the High Desert, and it was great to hear from **Joe Manners** all about the little community of Oro Grande.

Don't forget Rotarians we are still collecting canned food for those in need through **Don Lager** at Midway. Thanks to **Stew Anderson** for bringing in a whole case of Ramen noodles. Please make sure you collect or buy some dry food and cans for our community.

We just received some Rotary International non-stick car cling stickers for your vehicles. Please get one from **Gary Adams** or **Margaret Cooker** for only \$1.



I was honored to present my friend **Steve Murray** with a

Paul Harris pin with 4 sapphires for his continued work within Rotary. Not only is Steve a Past President, but is currently serving as Assistant Governor and next year will be the Executive Assistant Governor.

Finally, the thought of the week is "Smile, laugh, give out good vibrations, share your happiness, it's contagious."

- Alex Elle

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Guests

This week our guests consisted of fellow co-workers, and some even closer. Arsalee Morales invited fellow staffer **Josh Mallett** from Apple Valley Communications and **Pastor Paul Earle** had **Lt. Chandale Sutton** from Life Church at his table. Finally, **Jon Hove** had his son and head of Endora Steel, **Harrison Hove** in attendance.

New Rotarian



It was a celebration day at our Rotary meeting as we welcomed a new Member to our Club. **Stew Anderson** was on hand to lead the proceedings as he invited **Valene Vetack** up to the podium with her sponsor, **President Dwight Johnson** as he inducted her as the newest Rotarian in the world!

Valene is the Director of Member and Provider Services for Choice Medical Group and also enjoys riding, reading and photography.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$22.25

Polio Pig: \$17.25 + Dice (Alicia Anderson): \$5.00 = \$22.25

Collected to Date: \$15,071.50

Total equals: 91,189 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Alicia Anderson had the winning ticket and got the chance to win some big money, but she drew white.

We continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by praising **Craig Garrick** for having his life right with God, because Craig dared to battle for the Spoon, against **Robin Cackler** at Life Church last week and received a \$5 penance. Speaking of the Spoon, **Marie Langley** was given a \$10 fine for not being at the meeting last week to hand over the Spoon, missing 2 of her 4 weeks with it, and not waving back to David at their kid's school!

Kevin Kane was next, receiving a \$20 fine in celebration of 20 years at VVTA, while **Steve Orr** received a \$5 penalty for having trouble introducing guests last week, saying he couldn't find his glasses, although the photo in the Joshua Tree last week showed them in his hands! **Stew Anderson** was not exempt this week as he was given a fine of \$10 for making the new member inductions way too long!

After that it was time to test the knowledge of some Rotarians if they knew what was fact or fiction about Daylight Savings. **Russ Stringham** and **Don Lager** had to pay \$10 each for not knowing their questions, while **Mike Page**, **Dr. Ron Boyd** and **Chris Ackerman**, got off with no fines, for knowing their Daylight Savings (this Sunday) trivia!

Spoon of Exemption

Life Church had their first week with the Spoon and although **Pastor Paul Earle** was in attendance, he gave the Spoon to **Lt. Chandale Sutton** to speak on the Church's behalf.

A little over one year ago, Chandale was working in retail before God shifted his life dramatically and he became part of Life Church, and helped them move from being a Mobile Church, having services at Mesa Linda School to their own permanent building on Industrial last year.



Currently the Church is doing a series of teachings on "Being a Difference Maker", for everyone from children to adults.

Easter Sunday is less than a month away on April 1st, and Life Church will have a sunrise service at 6:30am, plus additional services at 9:30am and 11am.

Raffle Prizes

David North gave away an Alaska USA Tumbler that will be used by Steve Orr while guest **Lt. Chandale Sutton** continuing the luck of Life Church by leaving the meeting with two prizes, a \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager** and a bottle of Blue Zinfandel wine from **Jim Murray** at Bob's Tires.

Finally, **Chris Ackerman** and family will be enjoying court side seats and parking for the AC Clippers game on March 20th, thanks to **Jim Mettler** at Cal Portland Cement.

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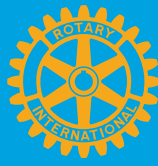
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The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

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 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"**
Winning George Hensel Ethics Essay reading



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