



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



March 12, 2019

TAKING THE TIME TO PAUSE...

This week we were honored to host the current District 5300 Governor **John Chase** to our Club! While he had his time with us, we met a man who is truly passionate about Rotary, and that passion is infectious.

One of the first topics Governor Chase spoke about was RYLA, which is coming up March 29th -31st, and echoed the comments earlier in the meeting by **Steve Murray** on how you will truly find your "Rotary Moment" by being a Facilitator, but expanded on that by sharing stories of kids who had their lives changed because



someone sponsored them for RYLA. As well, the Governor touched on the importance of Membership and reminded those in attendance that membership is not a spectator sport. We need to ask people, first who a right fit to our Club, and ask them to help on a project, invite them to a Rotary Luncheon, take the time to get to know them and see if they are good for the future of our Club.

In regards to our Club specifically, John told us that we are the opposite of a lot of Rotary Clubs in the District, which is both good and bad. One one end, the membership is up among women in the District, but we are not growing in that area, while our under 50 demographic is up higher than other Clubs, which is great news for the future of the Victorville group.

Finally, Governor Chase gave one last piece of advice. Stop. Take a Breath. Pause. Look at the impact we have made and share it with others. We spend so much time as Rotarians moving from one service project to the next, without taking the time to pause and reflect on the change we are not only making in our local community, but throughout the country and across the world!

Whether it's Read B4K, RYLA, Easter Baskets, Scholarships, Angel Tree, Super Build, S.T.A.R. Students, we are truly making a huge difference to not only the lives, but a brighter outlook for others that need our help. Be proud of your role as a Rotarian in Victorville.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Margaret Cooker**
- Flag Salute: **Mark Taylor**
- 4-Way Test: **Ben Tafoya**
- Finemaster: **Mark Taylor**

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ORR'S ROARS



What an honor to host this week's meeting where we got to hear some great advice and true Rotary passion from our District Governor **John Chase**.



Dwight Johnson spoke about our annual Easter Basket Drive. Last year we filled 8 baskets from your donations with household supplies for local families in need. Please sign up and give to this worthwhile cause we provide each year.

It was also great to have Past D.G. **Raghada Khoury** with us this week as she gave the Club some information about this year's Regional Group Project, which will be 30,000 food

baskets to feed our local needy! The best thing about this project is that the food stays here in the High Desert! We are about \$1,000 short of our goal to feed 30,000 local residents, so if you know of a company that would like to sponsor, please let me know.

Finally, a couple lessons from my late father: "If someone is making fun of you, let them; someone else is being left alone" and "If you're 35 and still wearing a name tag, you've picked the wrong career".



THE STORY BEHIND THE SHOES



If you were paying close attention when District Governor **John Chase** was speaking to the Club this week, you may have noticed his shoes did not match his outfit. When it was pointed out to your editor by **Dwight Johnson**, I asked former D.G. **Raghada Khoury** for an explanation. The following day I got the answer in an email directly from Governor Chase:

"We spend a lot of time preparing to be governor – training, planning, leadership team selection, preparing presidents and getting to know the district. The role I wanted to fulfill as governor is one where I hold in very high regard the business of Rotary, while at the same time not taking myself too seriously – to remember the fact that if the leader isn't having fun then no one is likely having fun.

The chucks, which are not a very comfortable shoe, remind me to have a good time and to not take myself too seriously. What started



out really as something I was going to wear from time to time has taken hold – I have worn them to nearly every club visit and I believe, for the most part, have been well received. I think the shoes, and the fact that I rarely wear a tie has made me more approachable and put my fellow Rotarians at ease as we strive to Be The Inspiration for others."

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$27.00

Polio Pig: \$22.00 + Dice (Margaret Cooker): \$5.00 = \$27.00

Collected to Date: \$16,199.73

Total equals: 93,470 Doses!

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

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Margaret Cooker won the chance to get the big money, but picked white and donated her \$5 back to the Polio Pig.

We will continue next week with 9 Dice and \$325 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION



Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master and began his fine session by penalizing **Jon Hove** \$10 for arriving to the meeting late. From there, **Steve Murray** was hit with a \$15 fine, in honor of his 15 years as a Rotarian and

finally, **Dwight Johnson** got a belated birthday gift of a \$25 fine in celebration of his special day!

THE TARNISHED BRASS



District Governor John Chase honored two of our own this week, and presented them as Tarnished Brass Members for their years of service and dedication to Rotary, and as former

District Governors. **Margaret Cooker**, served as D.G. for the 2001-2002 year, was the first female Governor in the District!

Stew Anderson was Governor for the 2005-2006 Year and helped collect 49,000 books for libraries throughout the District.

Congratulations to you both and well deserved!



ROTARY GUESTS

Joining our District Governor this week, we welcomed former D.G. **Raghada Khoury**, as well as potential member **Matthew Farias** from the Salvation Army.

Our Stand-in's this week were **Jason Montana** for **Don Lager** and **Martial Haprov** for **Brad Poiriez**.

RAFFLE

In this week's Raffle, It looked like it might be a 3-way race on which Rotarian could grab the most raffle prizes! **Craig Garrick** started it off by taking home the \$25 Midway gift card from **Jason Montana**, and a golf pack from **Kevin Kane**. **John Kroencke** took home a few goodies in the form of a El Pescador gift card and a homemade hot sauce kit from **Kevin Kane**. But outdoing both of them was **Ben Tafoya** who took home an El Pescador gift card, a Copy of the "Transparent Leader III", an El Pescador mug/gift card set and a airplane clock from **Crag Garrick** at ComAV!

Other Rotarians winning prizes included **Ron Williams** to will also be reading the book by **Dwight Johnson**,

Sr., Matthew Farias won the mug/gift card set from El Pescador and **Dwight Johnson** received a cheese and meat carving set, or as **Mark Taylor** called it, a beautiful murder box...



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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 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

- 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
- Apr 8: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Apr 8: Regional Competition for Dan Stover and the 4 Way Test Speech Contests**
5:30 pm • El Pescador
- April 30: 5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting**
5:30 pm
Château Chang, Victorville

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Mar 19: 4-way Speech Contest** (Tarango)
- 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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