



# The Joshua Tree



**March 13, 2018**

## **An Update on the High Desert Corridor**

The Club received an update from High Desert Corridor Special Projects Coordinator and Rotarian **Ryan McEachron** on how the project is moving forward.

The project, which will create the newest freeway in over 20 years, will be 63 miles that will connect LA County and San Bernardino County with a route from the Palmdale/Lancaster area, all the way to the High Desert, coming through Adelanto, Victorville and Apple Valley.

The project has completed cooperation with public entities and environmental work has been done. Next Right-of-Way issues need to be worked out and financial plans need to be

completed to cover estimated costs. Going along with the freeway system will also be a Metrolink line with an existing station already in Palmdale, adding stops in Adelanto and Victorville. This will be the first extended Metrolink service to the Victor Valley and a great benefit for LA commuters.

The corridor will also provide another avenue going North from Victorville; a High Speed Rail Line to Las Vegas. In 2016, Las Vegas attracted over 42.9 million visitors, with approximately 29% from California. Out of that percentage, 80-85% came from Southern California, which means most of them came way of driving up the 15 freeway as you can tell most Friday's going northbound and Sunday's going South. For international visitors, many arrive via LAX and sightsee in Southern California before taking the Vegas drive. Right now final work is underway to obtain a Federal Railroad Administration Record of Decision, which should happen in the third quarter of this year.

There has proven to be a huge demand for the High Desert Corridor and HSR with an annual estimated ridership of 3 million round trips by 2021, and rising to 11 million by the time the full corridor is operational around the year 2035.

As mentioned before, another big part of making this a reality is mapping and preserving the whole corridor for rights of way. Ongoing is mapping the parcels and finding ownership. Most of the area is privately owned and just open space, to make sure no homes or businesses are affected from the building of the Corridor.

Many more facts were given, including financials, so if you want to find out more, please visit [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov).



### **This Week's Functionaries**

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| <b>Invocation:</b>  | <b>David North</b>    |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | <b>Maureen Mills</b>  |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | <b>Brad Poiriez</b>   |
| <b>Song:</b>        | <b>Al Castellucci</b> |
| <b>Finemaster:</b>  | <b>Terry Caldwell</b> |

## Dwight's Writes



It is always great to hear from a fellow Rotarian and this week **Ryan McEachron** was incredibly thorough and informative with his update on the High Desert Corridor.

Congratulations to **Azuree Morris** for becoming a Rotarian this week! You'll make a wonderful addition to our Club!



So far we have raised \$620 for our Easter Food Baskets and only have about another week to go! We will have our Club Service Project on March 27, where we will put the baskets together, so please make sure you come to next week's meeting ready to donate funds for the baskets.

Speaking of next week, don't forget we will be meeting for an off-site at Midway Home Solutions. **Don Lager** is always a great host, and next week will be a guaranteed great time!

**Rosanne Weathers** shared that the fundraising event committee has already met and this year's event (replacing Wine, Jazz and More) will be a Mardi Gras themed extravaganza to be held on September 29th. Please see Rosanne if you'd like to join the committee.

Finally, the thought of the week is "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."

- Albert Einstein

# ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Rotary Guests

This week, along with a room of families and school administrators for the S.T.A.R. Students, we welcomed **Ryan Orr** from Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District who was a guest of **Brad Poiriez** and **Lovella Sullivan** from Victor Valley Global Medical Center, who attended for the Induction of **Azuree Morris**, and as a guest of President **Dwight Johnson**. We also welcomed a visiting Rotarian, **Lorraine Baa**, from the Rotary Club of St. Thomas, located in the Virgin islands, who attended with **Marilyn Buttlerwerth**.

Our single Stand-in this week was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

## New Rotarian

It was another celebration this week as we welcomed the newest Rotarian into our Club, **Azuree Morris**. **Mike Page** handled the induction duties as Azuree received her Rotary Pin and Badge from her Sponsor, our President **Dwight Johnson**.



Azuree, a proud mother of three, is the Director of Human Resources for Victor Valley Global Medical Center and has lived in the High Desert for the last two years.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$18.00**

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Dice (David North): \$5.00 = \$18.00

**Collected to Date: \$15,089.50**

**Total equals: 91,225 Doses!**

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

## Lucky Blue Dice



White again! David North got a shot at the big money, but once again the Blue Dice stayed in the bag.

We continue next week with 7 dice and \$375 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

## Fine Session

**Terry Caldwell**, our Fine Master this week began by calling out **Dr. Ron Williams** for sitting on the opposite side of the room he normally sits on and asked him to share the latest news, which was that the District once again won the Governess Award for the third straight year. Next Terry called on **Maureen Mills** to share that the VESD is working on a 21st century modern school that will have studios instead of classrooms and will be ready for the 2019-2020 school year. No fine was administered to either Rotarian. Also saved from a fine was our President **Dwight Johnson** who answered 3 questions about the Club correctly.

A \$5 charge was given out to **Craig Garrick** for constantly being in the Daily Press for all of the great things going on at ComAV. Next on the chopping block was fellow Fine Master **Ryan McEachron**. After claiming there was no rules of fining a fellow Master a few weeks back, Terry got his revenge on his own fine from Ryan by giving him a \$20 penalty.

The final round of fines were given to a whole table. After being accused of showing favoritism, that Terry doesn't fine the "old guys" enough, the retiree table consisting of **Al Castellucci, John Kroencke, Jim Murray** and more, all received \$5 fines.

## Raffle Prizes

Raffle gifts this week began with **Mike Johnson** giving a large goodie bags off DCB swag that went home with **Corey Beck** and **Dr. Ron Williams**.

Our regular winners were not left out. **Robin Cackler** will use the \$25 Midway Gift Card she won from **Don Lager** and **Gary Adams** took home a WUHSD pen and lanyard from **Dr. Ron Williams**. **Donna Wells** took home a \$25 Visa Gift Card from **Steve Orr** at Heritage, as did **Ryan McEachron**, who ended the raffle by winning the Alaska USA Bag from **David North**.

## S.T.A.R. Students

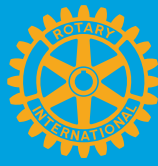
This week we honored S.T.A.R. Students from Brentwood and Galileo Academy with **Jim Barnes** and **Maureen Mills** handling emcee duties. Handing out certificates were Victorville **Mayor Gloria Garcia, Chris Nunez** from Jay Obernolte's office, **Susan Drake** from Robert Lovingood's office, **Kim Messenger** from Congressman Cook's Office, and our own President **Dwight Johnson**.

From Brentwood we acknowledged **Abrair Amir, Shyanne Caldwell, David Camacho** and **Ralph Guerrero**. Over at Galileo, the Club honored **Gabriel**



**Martinez, Andrew Rodriguez, Sofia Sandate** and **Grace Wade**.

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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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

### Mar 22: Fireside at ARMAC Insurance

5:30pm - 8:00pm  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville  
FREE Event

### April 9: Board of Directors Meeting

5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

## Future Rotary Programs

### March 20: Offsite: Midway Home Solutions

**March 27: Dual Program Day**  
**#1 Club Service Project:**  
**Rotary Ester Baskets**  
**#2 Mike Johnson, DCB: "Update of Flagstar Transition"**  
Winning George Hensel Ethics Essay reading

### April 3: OPEN

**April 10: District Governor Elect Jon Chase**  
(Letner) STAR Students

### April 17: OPEN

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