



The Joshua Tree



March 20, 2018

Everything is Going Electric!

Our own **Don Lager** has been a fixture in our community for many years and Rotarians have heard the wonderful success story of this iconic family business here in Victorville, but when you are actually sitting in Midway Home Solutions, as the Club did at an off-site meeting this week, the story takes on a whole new meaning. Midway began on Midway Street in Victorville way back in 1961, where Don's father worked on

appliances in his spare time. Soon it became the family's full time business after they opened their first location on 7th street.

In 1976 Midway became an official Maytag



Appliance Center with washers, dryers, dishwashers, and later on refrigerators and ranges. Don shared a funny story of him and his family being out at the old rail spur on D Street, with no forklift or equipment, hand loading all of the appliances into the back of a truck, and take it back to their small store, and unload it by hand, until the middle of the night!

Midway has been through 5 different recessions and survived them all. Part of that is due to his family working together as well as a great staff. We were introduced to **Paula Antonucci** who handles the furniture line there and how, along with washers, dryers, ranges and refrigerators, even furniture is now going electric! Paula told the Club about the chairs in the store that life and bend with you! Another big highlight of the presentation was the digital refrigerator complete with inside cameras, so you can log in from your phone at the store to see what you're



low on, a music player and the ability to write notes on the fridge itself!



To counter balance all this technology, staffer **Walter Cripps**, gave Rotarians a mini tour of all of the old

classic appliances Don collects, to remind them of where they came from, and with technology moving as fast as it does, where they will be going in the near future.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: Paul Earle
- Flag Salute: Brad Poiriez
- 4-Way Test: Rosanne Weathers
- Song: Al Castellucci
- Finemaster: Dwight Johnson

Dwight's Writes



Don Lager never disappoints! What a great time everyone had at our off-site this week at Midway Home Solutions. Great history, delicious BBQ and smart refrigerators!



We have contestants in the Dan Stover Music/4-Way Speech Regional Contest and that will take place on Tuesday, April 3rd at El Pescador from 5:30 to 7:30. Please make plans to attend to support the winners from our club.

Don't forget to get ready next week to roll up your sleeves next week as we will participate in a Club Service project, and put our Easter Baskets together. We have raised over \$640 and will have at least 8 baskets to put together. We will also be hearing from RYLA students on their experience and **Dr. Ron Boyd** will have our Essay Contest winner read his submission to the Club.

As you may have heard **Captain Jon Schuler** has retired and we will be joined soon by **Captain Bessinger** who will be part of our Club.

Finally, the thought of the week is "Life is easier if you plow around the stump."
- Farmer Mike Toos

Rotary Guests

This week, we welcomed **Nisch Martinez** from Life Church, who attended with **Pastor Paul Earle** and also in attendance were the "better halves" of a couple members. We were pleased to have **Leslie Murray**, wife of **Jim Murray** and **Carol Adams**, spouse of 60 years to **Gary Adams**.

Our single Stand-in this week was **Jimmy Smith** for **Mark McKay**.

Fireside Meeting

Ryan McEachron hosted a Club Only Fireside this week at ISU ARMAC, and a small group of members showed up for fun, fellowship and Monica's Tacos! A great time was had, and thank you to all who attended!



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$21.00

Polio Pig: \$16.00 + Dice (Brad Poiriez): \$5.00 = \$21.00

Collected to Date: \$15,110.50

Total equals: 91,267 Doses!

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

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Lucky Blue Dice



Another white dice has left the bag and money grows!
Brad Poiriez got a chance to get the big money, but
drew white and pot continues to grow!

We continue next week with 6 dice and \$400 for one
lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Jim Barnes, was on schedule to be our Fine Master this week, but was unable to attend the meeting, so President **Dwight Johnson** gave a "Presidential Pardon" and no fines were levied against the members.

Spoon of Exemption

Speaking to the Club this week, **Pastor Paul Earle** piggybacked on Don Lager's presentation on the advancement of technology, not only in consumerism, but also in the way people attend church. Firstly, he thanked Midway for donating two large TV screens for the lobby at Life Church on Industrial Blvd, but then shared that every Sunday over 200 people use Facebook Live and You Tube to remotely attend their services. Pastor believes that although this helps get the message of God out to more people, nothing can ever replace the human connection of being in a church with other believers.

As Easter approaches, the most important day of the year for Life Church, Pastor Paul encourages everyone to find a place to worship that day, and reminds all Rotarians, that what you give of yourself to God, you will receive back 100 fold.

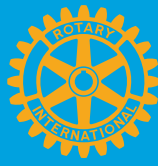


Raffle Prizes

Ron Hughes made a rare appearance at Rotary this week, and as standard for when he comes, went home with a bevy of raffle goodies. Ron began by taking home the Alaska USA golf towel and pen set from **David North** and continued from there. He also received from LED Micro Lights from **Bill Edwards** as well as a box of Tazo Tea from Bill. He concluded his raffle run with a Desert Dental Kit from President **Dwight Johnson**.

Not to be left out, **Donna Wells** also took home some Tazo Tea and a set of LED lights and President Dwight went away with a box Ghiardelli Chocolates, all donated by **Bill Edwards**.

As our host, **Don Lager** gave away the final gifts of the meeting, a couple of \$25 Midway Home Solutions Gift Cards, that were used for some afternoon shopping by **Gary Adams** and **Bill Edwards**.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
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Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
Joshua Tree Editor	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 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 29: Past President's Dinner**
6:00pm
Mama Carpinos, Apple Valley
- 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 27: George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest - Club Service Project - RYLA Students** (D. Johnson)
- April 3: OPEN**
- April 10: District Governor Elect Jon Chase**
(Letner) STAR Students
- April 17: Gary Wolf, DCB Area Marketing Manager**
TOPIC: DCB / Flagstar Conversion Update (M Johnson)
- April 24: Francis G Beatty Memorial Junior High 4-WAY Test** (McEachron)

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