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THE JOSHUA TREE

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Sharing Information to Combat Terrorism

Detective **Heather Forsythe** began her career as Deputy at the Victorville station under **Mark Taylor**, before she went to San Bernardino County and became a detective and head of the San Bernardino Chapter of the Terrorism Early Warning Group. (TEWG) Along with Heather she was joined by her partner at the County, **William Hogan** and Riverside Chapter head of TEWG, **Michele Nelson**.



The group holds monthly meetings with a diverse membership, including Fire, Military, city staff members, medical personnel, educators, citizens and more. The group, which began in 2001, works to discuss problems in their sectors and have open communication, which is of high importance to fighting terrorism.

The group also works closely with the Joint Regional Intelligence

Center (JRIC), which provides TEWG with information on assessments from suspicious calls that have come in around the county, advisory reports, BOLO's (Be on the Look Out Bulletins), threat assessments and more. This allows the group to gather information and put pieces together from different parts of the County and State to determine if a plot is in development. One such example shared is in cases of propane tanks being stolen, will be a red flag for the group.

Another agency they work closely with is the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), which is located in the Riverside FBI Office. This organization investigates both domestic and international terrorism, and has access to numerous databases. In fact, a member of the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, is in this organization, working closely with the FBI to keep a watchful eye for any local acts of terror.

Detective Forsythe stressed the importance of reporting anything that you see is not ordinary. In the case of both terrorism or an active shooter situation, some of the signs to look out for include someone taking photos of your building, calling and asking questions regarding security cameras at your location, a person testing your security by walking up to determine if they get stopped, impersonating a company employee, and rehearsing a "dry run" to see how long it would take to hit their target.

Of course, terrorism takes on many forms. Isis puts out glossy magazines, targeting young people to join their cause, and are directing their followers to just grab a knife, or just get into their car and drive through a crowd of people. This is why the Terrorism Early Warning Group and all their resource agencies work diligently together to share and compare information, to allow them to stay one step ahead of the terrorists.

To find out more information and to get involved, contact Detective **Heather Forsythe** at 909-387-3727.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Jon Schuler
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

I know that I can sleep better at night knowing that Detective **Heather Forsythe** and her team are keeping an active watch on the potential threat of terrorism that seems to be more prevalent nowadays.

Thank you for your dedication to our county.

I was honored this week to welcome my friend, **Louise Bevilacqua** as the newest Victorville Rotarian! Louise was inducted by **Mike Page** and I was honored to be her sponsor. Louise is the DCB Branch Manager for both the La Paz and Adelanto



locations and moved to the High Desert in 1984, directly from her home country of England. She is passionate on giving back to the community, as a board member for the Adelanto Chamber, High Desert Opportunity, the March of Dimes and now a Rotarian with our Club.



Russ Stringham gave us an update on the Water Project for schools in Ensenada. These water towers have been in the making for a couple of years and will provide drinking and sanitation to the children in Ensenada.

Russ, as well as **Ben Tafoya** had a conference call with Rotary International last week, and hope to get the funding needed by the end of April.

First Lady **Trish Johnson** was once again busy making birthday cookies for Rotarians **Jim Barnes** and **Todd Sturges**. Both were absent this week, so their cookies will be delivered.

Thanks are due to **Dr. Ron Boyd**, who has donated money to keep our Club Essay Contest continuing. We appreciate your dedication to the students of the Victor Valley.

Finally, my thought of the week is "*Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.*" - Paul Harris

Lucky Blue Dice



Mr. lucky Gary Adams was not so lucky this week, as he got the chance to draw for the blue dice, but drew white instead.

Next week, we continue with 6 dice and \$400 for another lucky Rotarian to win the big money!!

Raffle Prizes

Corey Beck was the a big winner this week, by taking home a Kat Country shirt from **Dwight Johnson**, a USB power strip from **Kevin Kane** and an Alaska USA gold towel and tumbler courtesy of **David North**.

Melanie Lovingood also took home a handful of goodies, consisting of a Whiskey Barrel gift card and Y102 shirt from Dwight and a chrome cat pin and dish from **Bill Edwards**. Cat pins also went home with **Gary Adams** and **Brad Poiriez**.

The final raffle gift of the day was a Salvation Army mug and Firehouse Subs gift card from **Van Young**, that went to guest and potential member, **Tiffany Calvert** from Oggi's.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$11.00

Collected to Date: \$14,059.45

Total equals: 89,165 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption

Steve Orr had an other week with the spoon and chose to pass the mic to his guest, the latest primary care physician at Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.

We were introduced to **Dr. Jay Rook**. Jay is not a standard physician, but has a specialty that is unique to the High Desert. Heritage is more than just doctors, but has a strong focus on wellness as well as fitness. Dr. Rook focuses on 18 - 64 year olds in the area of athlete wellness, both semi-pro and professional athletes.



He is also a sub-specialist in nutrition and dietary counseling and non-surgical answers for athletic orthopedic issues. If you would like to see **Dr. Jay Rook** or any other physician at Heritage, please visit www.hvvmg.com.

Rotary Guests

This week **Steve Orr** brought two guests this week, **Dr. Jay Rook** from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and **Tiffany Calvert** from Oggi's in Apple Valley. Once again Al Castellucci had **Nathan Bradway** from Bradway Bug Police as his guest.



Due to **Kevin Kane** sending a press release to the Daily Press on this week's speaker, local residents **Bob Wyatt** and **Louise Arevalo** attended from reading about it in the paper. Speaking of the paper, reporter **Shea Johnson** and photographer **James Quigg** also attended to cover the story.

Finally, our stand-in this week was **Melanie Lovingood** for **Robert Lovingood**.

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was our Fine Master after threatening to fine quite a few Rotarians, only charged **Russ Stringham** \$25 in celebration of his silver anniversary as a Rotarian and **Al Castelucci** \$5 for mispronouncing his guest as Nathan "Bradbury" instead of Bradway.

RYLA 2017



RYLA is almost here! **Teresa Coomes** is getting everything set for this year's camp and will be conducting interviews for RYLA applicants and if you are interested in helping, please contact Teresa at tecoomes@cbbank.com.

BILLING OFFICER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Rotarians, we are still in need of a volunteer to help us in the billing chain for proper checks and balances. It does not require a lot of your time, only 1 - 2 hours per month, but provides a valuable task. Please see Margaret Cooker for more info.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 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 22: District Assembly
8:30am - Check In
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley

May 6: Super Build
1-day Home Building in Tecate, Mexico
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**May 19: District Conference
thru 21**
Hilton Hotel, Palm Springs
Register at www.DaCDB.com

**June 10: International Conference
thru 14**
Atlanta, GA

Future Rotary Programs

March 28: Neil Slawson, San Bernardino County Sheriff Deputy / Team Leader **TOPIC: "Body Worn Camera Project"** (Schuler)
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest (Boyd)

April 4: Dr. Pat Mark Junior High 4-Way Speech Contest (A. Anderson)

April 11: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte
STAR students from Endeavour, West Palms and Victor Valley Christian

April 18: Caroll Yule, Owner Broker Shear Realty
TOPIC: "My Journey to Real Estate" (Page)

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