



The Joshua Tree



March 27, 2018

Easter Giving

Giving back is not only done during the Winter holiday season, but also in the Spring when you are a Rotarian. Last week it was announced that the Club had raised \$640 to purchase supplies for 6 Easter Baskets to go to needy families in the High Desert. By the weekend, more donations came in totaling \$1,045, which allowed our President and First Lady to purchase 10 baskets worth of supplies. From dry food, toiletries, detergent and even boxes of Peeps from WalMart and \$60 Stater Bros gift cards, for perishables like meat and dairy, were put into laundry baskets and will be dropped off to deserving families (selected by Victorville Sheriff Department's **Mara Rodriguez**) this weekend. Thanks to all members who helped put the baskets together and give some joy to families this Easter.



Words from our Youth

While Rotarians are out in the community, in our schools and homes, young people are also learning how to make a difference in the world. At our meeting this week we heard essays from two of the three participants in this year's George Hensel Essay Contest, presented by Committee Chair, **Dr. Ron Boyd**.

Leslie Arroyo, who took "Honorable Mention" in the Club Level competition, spoke about ethics as a means to social progress. As a Latino from a low income family, Leslie has a front row seat to discrimination. Recently at a grocery store, a cashier was becoming frustrated with a woman who did not know the English language, and when Leslie noticed other people turning a blind eye instead of helping, she decided to assist in the communication between the woman and the cashier.



The winner of the Club Level contest, **Denise Gonzalez** shared her story of regret, by allowing someone else to



take the blame over spilled milk at school when she was only 5 years old. This regret is something she has carried with her since then. Now at 14 years old, she uses this story to recognize that even at

such a young age, kids are learning morals and having to make the choice to do the right or wrong action.

Denise's essay was sent to the District Level, and the Club should hear their selections by the end of the week.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Kevin Kane |
| 4-Way Test: | Mark Taylor |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Ryan McEachron |

Dwight's Writes



One of the rare treats of being a Rotary President is going shopping! Yes, you heard right...the First Lady **Trish Johnson** and I had so

much fun at Walmart and Stater Bros



this past weekend picking up all of the materials for the Easter Baskets and then filling our little car to the ceiling with them! It also made me feel very proud of all the members who chose to fill the (laundry) baskets in record time!



Dr. Ron Boyd did a fantastic job as chair of the George Hensel Essay Contest this year. We will report on where the District placed **Denise Gonzalez** very soon.

Jon Hove gave a great membership report, sharing that we have now inducted 8 new Rotarians this year, and **Mark Taylor** picked up a membership application this week as well. The Rotary year ends June 30th, so let's continue to bring in new members and meet our goal!

Finally, the thought of the week is "Two small jumps are sometimes better than one big leap."

- Cindy Rochstein

Rotary Guests

This week, **Nisch Martinez** returned as a guest of **Pastor Paul Earle** and CPA **Myrna Myer** attended with **Valene Vetack**. **Mark Taylor** brought new Chief of Police for Victorville **Rick Bessinger** and we were pleasantly surprised to receive a visit from our former Rotary Exchange Student **Rikke Sejr Broedsgaard** who attended with **Brad Letner!**

Our Stand-in's this week were **Jimmy Smith** for **Mark McKay**, and **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

Rotarian of the Month



Chris Ackerman was selected Rotarian of the Month for February because of the ongoing commitment that he has placed at our Club. He continues to provide an excellent Newsletter complete with Pictures and info that we need to have in a weekly newsletter...an award winning newsletter. He is also making the effort and community commitment by showing up at every weekly lunch meeting. Chris is a real asset to our Club. Thanks Chris. -By Dwight Johnson

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$23.00

Polio Pig: \$18.00 + Dice (Robin Cackler): \$5.00 = \$23.00

Collected to Date: \$15,133.50

Total equals: 91,313 Doses!

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

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Lucky Blue Dice



The bag of dice got a little lighter this week thanks to Robin Cackler who got the chance for the money but came up with "white" once again.

We continue next week with 5 dice and \$425 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Spoon of Exemption



Speaking on behalf of Life Church, **Nisch Martinez** used **Pastor Paul's** final time with the Spoon to remind everyone about Easter Services this Sunday at Life Church. There will be an outdoor Sunrise

Service at 6:00am, followed by indoor services at 8, 9:30 and 11am.

For the youngsters, there will be Easter Basket making which will be filled with goodies during each service. If you don't have a church home, you are invited to attend services at Life Church, located at 12199 Industrial Blvd. in Victorville.

Later in the meeting, **Ryan McEachron** auctioned off the Spoon for the month of April. Opening the bidding at \$100, there was only one taker, so we will hear from new member **Valene Vetack** and Choice Medical Group, beginning next week.



Raffle Prizes

With a table full of raffle goodies, **Dr. Roger Wagner** received, just in time for Easter, a new Bible from **Robin Cackler** at Life Church. Robin, as usual, took over from there taking home a hat, and then a koozie and pen set from **Steve Murray** over at Bob's Tires, a box of Tazo Tea from **Bill Edwards** as well as pack of (after) St. Patrick's Day goodies from Bill, which was also won by **Chris Ackerman**.



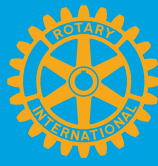
Bill himself took home a 2018 Calendar from **David North** at Alaska USA and **Craig Garrick** will enjoy his gift certificate to Oggi's, courtesy of President **Dwight Johnson**.

Fine Session

We welcomed back Fine Master **Ryan McEachron** with a clap or two more than normal for hosting our Fireside last week. In return, Ryan took out the sign up sheet for the event and gave members who signed up but didn't attend a \$10 fine, as well as another \$10 for those who signed up their spouses. **Terry Caldwell**, **Kevin Kane** and **Craig Garrick** got hit for \$10, while **Brad Letner** and **Ben Tafoya** went home with \$20 less.

While **David North** was given a fine for not showing up at the Fireside, he also received another \$10 hit for having better socks on than Ryan! Not to be outdone, **Al Castellucci** was given a \$20 penalty for talking Ryan's ear off for an hour about preparing to attend the event but never showed up!

The final fines of the day were given to President **Dwight Johnson** for being late to the meeting and **John Kroencke** for spilling his iced tea during the essay speakers!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
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Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
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Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards	Jon Schuler
Scholarships	David North
Dan Stover Music Contest	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
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

April 9: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

April 21: District Assembly
8:00am Registration • 8:30am - Noon
Granite Hills High School
22900 Esaws Rd, Apple Valley

Future Rotary Programs

April 3: Sharon Page, HR Edge **TOPIC: "Top 10 Action Items to keep your business out of trouble in 2018"**
(Porter)

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

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. April 9 to President Dwight Johnson.

Rick Bessinger

Lt. Victorville Police

SB County Sheriff's Dept

Classification: Law Enforcement

Sponsor: Mark Taylor

Replacing Jon Schuler

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