



The Joshua Tree



April 10, 2018

Keep Putting One Foot in Front of the Other

How does a police officer who works the night beat become the 2018-2019 District 5300 Governor? Our upcoming DG **John Chase** spoke to the Club this week and shared that during his 25 years as a police officer, he mainly worked at night and didn't have a lot of connection with the community, only with exposure to the criminal element and was beginning to feel very jaded. It was this feeling that was a signal that he needed to look for positive ways to balance his life and Rotary



fit the bill. In fact, John shared that Rotary not only changed his life, but saved his marriage and his career. Now, retired from law enforcement, John and his wife are business owners and have been

involved with Rotary for 17 years. John has grown and flourished because early on he saw the impact Rotary makes not only in his Club and community, but with his children.

One of his daughters is a Girl Scout and needed to do a project. Instead of painting curbs and such, John encouraged his 16 year old to do something more meaningful. While going through magazines, she picked up a copy of "The Rotarian" and with her dad, went to India to vaccinate Muslim children, and it changed her life.

"Get Engaged" is John's theme for his Rotary Year. This message is not only to Club members but also for the organization as a whole. One of these ways is to address the way they handle social media and making theirs and our Club's Facebook pages more customer centric and more engaging to be more interactive and dynamic within the community. The District 5300 pages will now be doing stories on news coming out of the different Rotary Clubs, not just District news.

The second area of focus will be their number one internal priority of membership. They will be working closely with Clubs that want to grow and to see if some organizations are still relevant in their communities and make changes as necessary. John will also focus on using this engagement to keep retention up with current members.

Finally, John spoke about the importance of the Rotary Foundation. Studies of shown that although there are lots of opportunities to give, only about 40% of all Rotary members actually donate to the Foundation. They will be putting a lot of attention onto Rotary Direct, where it is as simple as a \$5 donation to make a difference in someone's life.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | McKenzie Tarango |
| 4-Way Test: | Jackie Jauregui |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Jim Barnes |

Dwight's Writes



We had a celebrity in the house! It was an honor this week to have our upcoming District Governor **John Chase** speak to the Club not only as an introduction, but to share

his plans for the 2018-2019 Rotary year.



Brad Letner praised the work of Read B4K Coordinator **Colleen Calderon** and how she has recently had to add more workbooks for more families she is taking on. Next month will be the graduation ceremony, where we will present the students with \$50 gift certificates so they can buy supplies and start school prepared.

This week the Fall Committee met at the home of **Brad and Teresa Letner**, and we are firing on all cylinders! Chair **Rosanne Weathers** reminds everyone that this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the money raised supplies much needed funds to our programs, so get involved.

Finally, the thought of the week is "Remember your mistakes with a thoughtful smile. What you lose in ego you gain in wisdom."

- Dalai Lama who borrowed it from Buddha.

Rotary Guests

No guests this week but quite a few Stand-in's this that shows members want to be represented. This week we had **Jimmy Smith** for **Mark McKay**, **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Lisa Skeels** for **Craig Garrick** and **Jackie Jaugui** for **Maureen Mills**.

Raffle Prizes

The raffle began with another Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group mystery box from **Steve Orr**, that President **Dwight Johnson** took possession of. **Robin Cackler** went away with a pair of work gloves from Dwight and a scented candle.

Don Lager took home a couple of gifts as well, as he went back to Midway with an arm band phone holder from **Steve Orr** and the Alaska USA bag from **David North**.

Mike Johnson gave away a couple of DCB raffle prizes; first a koozie that was won by **Stew Anderson** and a money bag (filled with candy) that was eaten by **Chris Ackerman**.

The final prize of the day was a decorative cowboy boot that was received by **Rosanne Weathers**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$23.00

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

Collected to Date: \$15,171.50

Total equals: 91,389 Doses!

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



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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Lucky Blue Dice



Lady Luck Robin Cackler had a 25% chance this week to get some huge money, but drew white again! We continue next week with just 3 dice and \$475 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master this week and after he received the microphone from **Dwight Johnson**, looked at him and said, "Five Dollars".

Next up was **Tony Cooker**, who was given a \$40 fine in advance for his birthday next week. The only other fine levied was a \$5 penalty to **Steve Orr** for not paying attention.



S.T.A.R. Students

With the school year beginning to wind down, it was time this week to honor S.T.A.R. Students from Mojave Vista School of Cultural Arts and West Palms Conservatory.

Handing out certificates with **President Dwight Johnson** were Victorville **Mayor Gloria Garcia**, **Waasi Noori** from Representative Paul Cook, **Rebecca Tennison** from Senator Scott Wilk's office, **Chris Nunez** from Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's office and **Susan Drake** representing the office of Supervisor Robert Lovingood.

Beginning with Mojave Vista, **Jim Barnes** and **Jackie Jauregui** recognized **Mia Bazan-Hernandez** for being a self-

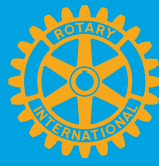


directed learner and putting in an outstanding effort in all of her classes. **Brandon Galino** is always asking for help and completing extra practice work as he is starting to master many math concepts, while **Anthony Williams** has improved in all academic areas and has shown the aptitude to use technology to present ideas. Finally, **Diego Vizcaya** began the year doing zero work but now is growing not only as a student but as a classmate.



Over at West Palms, **Johnathan Franco** has improved his reading level by 230 points but has also become proficient in math.

Anthony Hernandez is one of the hardest working students his teacher has seen in 20 years, who sets goals and processes feedback with positivity. Finally, **Emma Woodrui** began the year quiet and timid, but her personality has come out and is now not only an active student, but it has improved her schoolwork as well.



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
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
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Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

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

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
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 21: District Assembly**
8:00am Registration • 8:30am - Noon
Granite Hills High School
22900 Esaws Rd, Apple Valley
- April 23: Past President's Meeting**
5:30pm • El Pescador Restaurant
- May 18-20: District Conference**
Queen Mary, Long Beach

Future Rotary Programs

- 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)
- May 1:** Caroll Yule, Owner / Broker Shear Real Estate
TOPIC: "Is Zillow the New Amazon?" (Page)
- May 8:** San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff Stephen Kessler
TOPIC: "Frauds, Scams and Identity Theft - The latest Trends" (Castellucci)
S.T.A.R. Students from Victor Valley Christian & Oro Grande

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