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Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA 

THE **JOSHUA TREE**

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California's Role in the Civil War

For most people California and the American Civil War have nothing in common but our speaker this week, Victor Valley College Professor of History, **David Wilkerson**, showed that California played a significant role leading up to the start of the war. Between 1949 and 1865, California was intimately involved in the major issues of the day and had a direct impact on the lead up and outcome of the Civil War.

The Compromise of 1850 began due to divisions over slavery in territory gained in the Mexican-American War that was resolved in the Compromise of 1850. It consisted of laws admitting California as a free state, creating Utah and New Mexico territories with the question of slavery in each to be determined by popular sovereignty, settling a Texas-New Mexico boundary dispute in the former's favor, ending the slave trade in Washington, D.C., and making it easier for



southerners to recover fugitive slaves.* In exchange, the south was guaranteed that no federal restrictions on slavery would be placed on Utah or New Mexico. Texas lost its boundary claims in New Mexico, but the Congress compensated Texas with \$10 million. Slavery was maintained in the nation's capital, but the slave trade was prohibited. Finally, and most controversially, a FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW was passed, requiring northerners to return runaway slaves to their owners under penalty of law.**



Beginning in 1848, the Gold Rush made a huge impact as well. The discovery of gold upset the balance of power in the US Senate. When John Marshall discovered gold in California, he and others were told to keep it quiet, but President Taylor made it public and suddenly people from all over the U.S., the Orient, Europe, South America, etc. descended on California which made it a true melting pot.

Since California was a free state, it became a sanctuary for runaway slaves. As Professor Wilkerson stated, it is interesting how history repeats itself, as certain California cities want to be "Sanctuary Cities", not for slaves of course, but for illegal immigrants.

As the Civil War began, the state's involvement included sending gold east, recruiting volunteer combat units to replace regular forces in territories of the Western United States, maintaining and building numerous camps and fortifications, suppressing secessionist activity (many of these secessionists went east to fight for the Confederacy) and securing the New Mexico Territory against the Confederacy. Militia groups were also set up to guard the Arizona and New Mexico lines. In all, about 16,000 Californians fought against the Confederacy to fight to free the slaves.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Paul Earle
Flag Salute:	Brad Letner
4-Way Test:	Louise Bevilacqua
Song:	Al Castellucci

*History.com 2009 **USHistory.org

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Dwight's Writes

As someone who loves history, I want to thank **Dr. Roger Wagner** for bringing our speaker, **David Wilkerson**, to talk about the role California played in the Civil War. It was extremely informative and entertaining for everyone in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy days to help us put together and deliver Easter Food Baskets last week. We were blessed to brighten the lives of 15 families with \$100 of food in each basket. What made it extra special for me was that First Lady **Trish Johnson** had her own "Rotary Moment" during the deliveries.



Speaking of the First Lady, birthday cookies were baked for **Alicia Anderson, Bill Scott** and **Russ Stringham**, who was in attendance this week. Happy birthday to all of you.

Brad Letner compares our Read B4K Project to eradicating polio for poverty. This project results in a 4 year old child entering kindergarten already reading at a 1st grade level. A child has a better chance for success in life given a head start that this program provides. Right now, Read B4K volunteers are training the parents to do this project with their own kids at home during the summer.

Our canned food drive is gaining traction throughout the Club. **Don Lager** announced that someone (not sure if it was a Rotarian) brought 2 cases of canned goods into Midway and now **Gary Adams** has offered to any Club member that brings in 2 cans of food to our weekly meeting will receive one free raffle ticket! I have a feeling a lot of canned goods will be brought to next week's meeting.

All Past President's currently in the Club, please make plans to join us for our meeting on Monday, April 24 at El Pescador at 5:30pm.

Finally, my thought of the week is "For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lucky Blue Dice



Gary Adams was heartbroken this week as he had a **33% chance for big money** but drew another white dice! Next week someone will have a 50/50 chance.

Next week, we get closer with only 2 dice and \$500 for another lucky Rotarian to win the big money!!

Raffle Prizes

Pastor Paul Earle had a lot of good fortune (or maybe an angel) on his side this week, as he took away the lion's share of this week's raffle prizes! Pastor Paul received a bottle of white wine from **Kevin Kane**, a Go Lunch Pack from **Marie Langley** at Desert Valley Hospital, a cap from **Steve Murray** at Bob's Tire Service, and two reusable shopping bags from **Dr. Ron Williams** at the VVUHSD.

Dr. Ron, along with **Don Lager** won DCB goodie bags from **Louise Bevilacqua**, **Jim Murry** took home the Midway \$25 gift card and lastly, **Ryan McEachron** left the meeting with a gift basket from **Marie Langley**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$14,100.55

Total equals: 89,247 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption



Now that Easter has passed, **Pastor Paul Earle** will be starting a new series entitled "God on the Job" beginning on May 7th. The series will address God's plan for our success and satisfaction in the workplace.

Now that Life Church has a permanent home on Industrial Blvd., they are reaching out to 100 community partners to donate funds to assist the church with its outreach in our community. Those who partner will get their name on the "Wall of Caring" in the lobby. As an added benefit, whatever level a Rotarian comes in at, Pastor Paul will match their donation and move them one level up on the wall!

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was the Fine Master this week and began by fining **Dan Dever** \$20 for all of the money he made during tax season and **Russ Stringham** received a \$25 fine in celebration of his Rotary anniversary. **Dr. Ron Williams** was asked how things were going at the High School District and Ron replied that a lot was going on there. When pressed for more specifics, Ron's definition of "a lot" was actually, three, so he got a \$10 fine for each of the three.

Lastly, Rotarian **Ron Kabalin** was given a \$10 "price of admission" fine for letting everyone know he would be attending the Victorville City Council meeting.

Rotary Guests

This week there was a full table in the room with **Jon Hove** bringing **Harrison Hove**, **Toni Manness** from Endura Steel and **Brian Patterson** from Robar Enterprises and **Jim Metler** invited **Bob Silva** and **Richard Walters, Jr.** from Cal Portland. Usually a stand-in, this week **Robin Cackler** was in attendance as a guest of **Pastor Paul Earle**.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Dan Meija** for **Dan Munsey** and **Keith Metzler** for **Doug Robertson**.

R.Y.L.A.



Bob Basen was on hand this week to share the importance of RYLA, which is taking place April 28 - 30. If you don't know exactly what RYLA is, it is a leadership camp for 11th graders throughout the District. These young people are the cream of the crop of student leaders in their schools. Nominated by their counselors and interviewed by Rotarians is part of the selection process. Please sign up to join 100 other Rotarians in the District and facilitate this camp and experience your own "Rotary Moment", when you realize that we are more than just a social club, but have the opportunity to change our community, country and the world itself. Please sign up as a facilitator today!



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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

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

April 25: Linda Bertuzzi, Rotary Club of Downtown Las Vegas, **TOPIC: Polio Update from India** (Johnson)

May 2: Caroll Yule, Owner Broker Shear Realty, **TOPIC: "My Journey to Real Estate"** (Page) RYLA students talk about their experience

May 9: Dr. Marsden Elementary 4Way Speech Contest (Anderson, A)
S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 1 to President Dwight Johnson.

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