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Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA 

THE JOSHUA TREE

APRIL 25, 2017

Rotarians are Dam Good Builders

This week we were honored to have three members of the India Rotary Dream Team, that consist of over 7000 Rotarians who serve once a year in India for a week. **David Smith** from the Altadena Club, **Andrew Bird** from the Mesquite Club and **Linda Bertuzzi** from the



time it dropped to 500 and now, there have only been 6 cases this year! Right now the majority of cases are in Pakistan and Afghanistan, due to the assassination of Rotarians in the region. For people in India, having polio makes you

Rotary Club of Downtown Las Vegas were at this week's meeting to share their passion for this wonderful and life changing project.

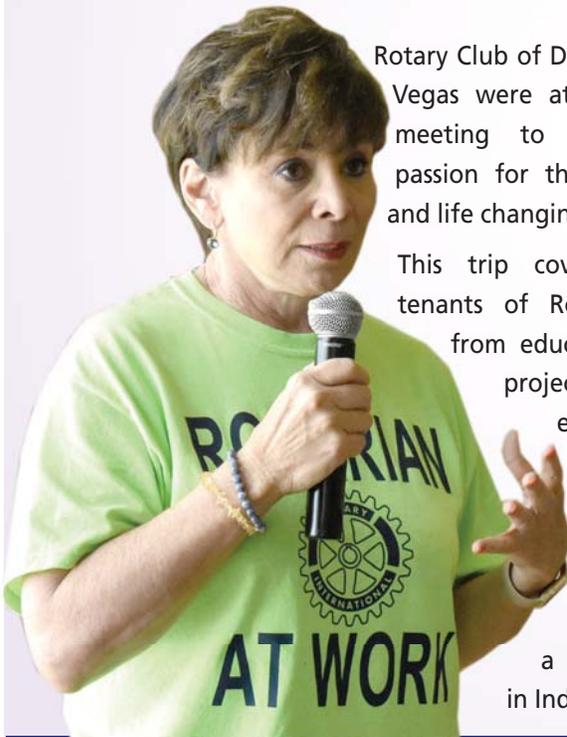
This trip covers all the tenants of Rotary service from education, water projects and polio eradication. When Linda started with this project, there were 1,000 cases a day of polio in India, then over

an outcast from society. The team is giving these people a new opportunity for a successful life, so they can go one to live their dreams.

Along with Polio, the group has also been working on dam building water projects in India for the last 10 years. These dams provide clean and safe drinking water for villages and schools in the country. Each year they go to a different region and work hard creating these dams for the villagers.

With this trip comes a scholarship program, to help Rotarians be able to afford to go on this journey. The cost is around \$3,000, and essay contests have are held to determine winners. We heard from **Andrew Bird**, who attended this year on a scholarship. Andrew shared that going to India was a once in a lifetime chance and was changed him profoundly. He had his own "Rotary Moment", when he learned more about himself and his value system, than at any other time in his life.

Linda Bertuzzi learned that the people of India, no matter religion and beliefs, are full of love and hospitality. In her early days of these trips, there was a lot of talk about 9/11 and a fear of Muslims, but she was able to witness Muslims, Hindu's and Christians all working together to make this world a better place. Please search your heart and see if being a part of the Rotary Dream Team in India is right for you.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Rob Kabalin
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

I hope you all enjoyed hearing from members of the Rotary Dream Team as much as I did! They are doing great things in India and I'd love for someone from our Club to join them one day.

I was honored to announce that Captain **Jon Schuler** is our March Rotarian of the Month! Jon is still a red badge member, but brought two programs to our luncheons in one month alone! Thank you for your outstanding service to our Club.



We also received a visit this week from our upcoming District Governor **Raghada Khoury**. Raghada gave us some updates that were discussed at last week's District Assembly.



The 2018 Foundation Gala will be held on February 24th at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, as will the District Conference. Keeping in tune with the haunted history of the ship, we will be having a Murder Mystery Night during next year's conference. Finally, during

her time as District Governor, Raghada wants to make sure that no child is left hungry, so all Rotarians are encouraged to bring one non-perishable, canned food item to every Rotary meeting, and donate them to a local Family Resource Center. Please remember that if you will receive 1 free raffle ticket for every two cans of food you bring to one of our meetings.

Van Young took a few moments to thank everyone who donated funds, packaged and delivered Easter Food Baskets this year. In total, 15 families were helped. Let's make it our responsibility to make that number higher next year!

Finally, my thought of the week is "*He who assists someone up the hill cannot help but get to the top himself.*" - Chinese Proverb

Lucky Blue Dice



Bill Edwards was given the chance this week to draw one of two dice, one white and one blue. To the shock of the entire room, Bill chose white and only got \$5.

Next week, we get closer with only the blue dice and one lucky Rotarian will win \$525 next week!

Raffle Prizes

Craig Garrick came to the meeting this week after being absent for some time and walked away as the \$25 winner!! Craig took home a \$25 gift card from Whiskey Barrel, courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**, a \$25 gift card from Midway Home Solutions and a \$25 gift card from El Pescador! **Gary Adams** got one win today, leaving the meeting with an El Pescador gift card.

Other winners included **Dr. Roger Wagner** who won a Victor Valley Union High School District tote bag from **Dr. Ron Williams** and from **Dwight Johnson**, a pair of tickets to the Renaissance Pleasure Fair to **Russ Stringham** and a Kat Country t-shirt that went to **John Kroencke**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$14.00

Collected to Date: \$14,114.55

Total equals: 89,275 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption

This week **Pastor Paul Earle** had his final time with the spoon and was inspired by **Linda Bertuzzi** to share a story when he was in India, struggling to find the words to share a message to an HIV house where adults and children in India are ostracized from public for contracting the disease. Paul shared how just like Joseph being sold into slavery and put in prison by the hands of his own brothers but was blessed and risen up by God, so would these people, who have been shamed from society, but are now in a place of love and acceptance and have the hope that God will restore them to their place in their land.

Mark Taylor then took the time to auction off the spoon for 5 weeks in May. Pastor Paul started the bidding at \$50, and then **Van Young** countered with a \$75 bid. Van thought that the Spoon should go for at least \$100 and changed his bid to that amount and won it for the month of May!

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was once again the Fine Master and handed out a \$25 fine to **Victor Rocha** who sold 5 cars this month and \$10 our President **Dwight Johnson** who introduced **Mark Taylor** as former Rotarian **Mark Sawyer!**

In the way of anniversary fines, **Rob Kilpatrick** was levied a \$10 fine for 10 years as a Rotarian and **David North** was given a \$14 penalty for his 7 year Rotarian anniversary.

Rotary Guests

This week **Rosanne Weathers** returned as a guest of **Brad Letner**, **Pastor Paul Earle** invited **Chandace Suttten**, and **Victor Rocha** brought co-worker **Debra Butler**. Rounding out guests, President **Dwight Johnson** invited **Paul Stark** from Parade of Pianos as a guest.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Dan Meija** for **Dan Munsey** and **Vanessa Neville** for **Louise Bevilacqua**.

May Anniversaries

Margaret Cooker	29 Years
Stew Anderson	27 Years
Dr. Roger Wagner	8 Years
Brad Letner	3 Years
Keith Beeman	2 Years

May Birthdays

Doug Robertson	May 4
Cherie Range	May 12
Pat Mark	May 29
Kirby Brill	May 30

GOLD COIN RAFFLE TICKET



Victorville Rotary Foundation
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Price \$25.00
Community & International Project
Drawing to be held June 24, 2017
at the Demotion Party



Sponsored by the
Victorville Rotary
Club

1 oz Proof Gold American Eagle
(w/Box & COA)

Help us raise funds for our International Projects!
Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100, only 300 available!
See Ben, Dwight or Margaret for tickets!

Proposed Member

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

Dan Meija

Assistant Chief

SB County Fire Dept.

Classification: Services: Fire Protection

Sponsors: Dan Munsey and Jon Schuler



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
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Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
Community Service	Victor Rocha
Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Club Directors

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer	TBD
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Marie Langley
R.Y.L.A./TLC/Public Safety Awards	Teressa Coomes
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, 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

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 4-Way
Speech Contest (Mills)**

May 16: OPEN

May 23: OPEN

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Rosanne Weathers

Owner

Digital Marketing Company

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