



# THE JOSHUA TREE



Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



April 26, 2016

## Your College, Your Future

After a year of struggles with Accreditation issues, Victor Valley College President and Superintendent, **Dr. Roger Wagner**, sees a very strong future for the school, but it does not come without its challenges.

One of those challenges has been trust issues between the facility and the staff. During the rough 2014-2015 year, a lot of the college's mission of "Students First" got lost amid too much task related work. One of the ways to combat this was to close the college for one whole day and hold a Staff Development Day, which seemed to do wonders. The staff and facility are now committed to bring the mission back to the campus.

Now that they have a

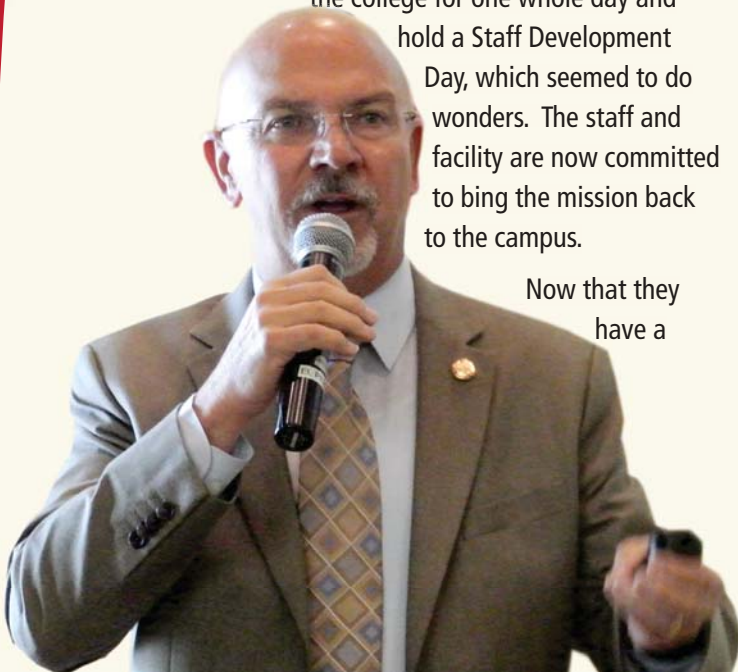
balanced budget, they must be careful how to spend future funds.

They are in the process of developing a Vocational Complex and then a complete Student Center. Right now, for a student to pay tuition, sign up for classes, purchase textbooks and more, must be done over 5 buildings over the college campus, and with the new center, all can be done at one location, and those present offices, will be turned into more classrooms.

As stated before, Victor Valley College is now focused on rebuilding not only new structures, but the relationships as well. Here are the ways they are doing just that:

- **Listening** - Reinforcing their communications with students, as well as staff and faculty.
- **Empathy** - Striving to understand others by putting themselves in another's shoes.
- **Awareness** - Being aware of what going on around campus as well as people's lives.
- **Foresight** - Understanding the lessons the college has learned from its past, knowing the reality it now has, and understanding the consequences in decisions made for the future.
- **Persuasion** - Using persuasion rather than positional authority in decision making.
- **Stewardship** - Earning each other's trust to help make good decisions for the greater good of the college.
- **Community** - Working together to build a sense of community and family among employees as Victor Valley College.
- **Healing** - Working together personally and professionally, to make VVC a better place to learn and strive.

With all this, under the leadership of Dr. Roger Wagner, VVC will truly develop into, "Your College, Your Future"!

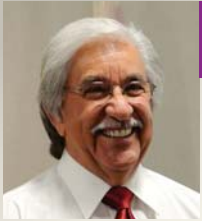


### This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Al Castellucci
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Rosanne Weathers
Song:	Al Castellucci



Be a gift to the world



### Tafoya Talk...

Summer is right around the corner and what a better way to be outside in the warm weather than on your own 2015 Honda GROM125F Motorcycle! Tickets are now available to win this bike! Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds go towards the Club. Please take some tickets and sell them around the community and let's raise some money. See **Margaret Cooker** to get yours!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fireside Chat on Thursday, April 28 at 5:00pm over at Midway Home Solutions with your host, **Don Lager**. Don says that the food will be a surprise, so come to find out what he is planning!

**Caroll Yule** encouraged members to make your vote for the Rotarian of the Year. Please select someone who has done a lot for the Club, though events, programs or internally. Please select someone who is worthy and has never received this distinction in the past by 5pm on May 15th. To get a voting sheet and a list of past recipients, please email [pdgcooker@verizon.net](mailto:pdgcooker@verizon.net).



Finally, we were honored to have **Joe Vara, Rudy Salinas** and **Harold M. Stanley** from the East LA Rotary Club attend our meeting this week. They have heard a lot about all of the great work we are doing and specifically our dedication to Water Tanks in Mexico. I am thrilled that the word about us is getting out there!

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### Spoon of Exemption

This week **Mark Taylor** auctioned off the spoon, since **Van Young** was absent, and was not able to share his final success story.

**Caroll Yule** came in at \$50, but as it looked like there would be no other takers, **Chris Ackerman** spoke up and took the Spoon for \$75. Starting next week we will hear from Chris about his company Signify Designs, and much more.

### The Polio Pig....

**Collected this week: \$39.00**

*Polio Pig: \$34.00 + Dice (Craig Garrick): \$5.00 = \$39.00*

**Collected to Date: \$13,097.62**

**Total equals: 87,9263 Doses!**

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

### Lucky Blue Dice



**After some confusion from Robin Cackler, who thought she was exempt from participating the "The Dice", she gave her winning ticket to Craig Garrick, who took the challenge on her behalf, but came up short.**

**We continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.**

## Raffle Prizes

**Robin Cackler** was the big winner this week taking home 4 raffle gifts! First she took home a couple of gifts from **Dr. Hough**, a pack of Ginger Candy and a bottle opener. **Dr. Hough** also gave away three USB car chargers, that went to **Gary Adams**, **Don Lager** and a guest. Next up Robin won a copy of the Don Ferrarese Biography from **Don Lager** and a VVTA Thumb Drive that also found its way home to **Ben Tafoya**, courtesy of **Kevin Kane**. Ben also took home a \$25 gift card to Tilted Kilt from **Dwight Johnson** and **Gary Adams** and **Don Lager** will enjoy lunch with their new DVMG lunch cooler bags from **Rosanne Weathers**. Finally, **Steve Orr** will be relaxing in his backyard with a new bottle of wine, donated by the Club.

## Rotary Guests

This week we had some guests join us to hand out certificates from our local officials to our S.T.A.R. Students. We had **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office, **Amanda Meere** from Obernolte's office and **Regina Bell**, who was a presenter for, as well as a Stand-in for **Robert Lovingood**.

We also had visitors **Joe Vara**, **Rudy Salinas** and **Harold M. Stanley** from the Rotary Club of East LA, and possible member, **Keith Beeman** from the VVUSD, who came with **Dr. Ron Williams**.

Our other Stand-ins for this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, and **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**.

## Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 10 to President Ben Tafoya.*

**Roger Wagner, Ph.D**

*Former member of the Rotary Club of Joshua Tree 2007-2014*

**Superintendent/President**

**Victor Valley College**

**Classification: Education: Administration: College**

**Sponsor: Al Castellucci**

## Fine Session

**Mark Taylor** was back as our Fine Master and began by fining **David North** \$10 because he agreed to do the invocation at the meeting, but left before lunch began due to a "meeting". **Donna Wells** commented that she was happy that tax season was over, and got a \$20 fine for the comment. **Jennifer Starbuck** received a \$12 fine in celebration for her Anniversary, and **Margaret Cooker** got a \$10 one for giving Mark the incorrect sheet on Rotarian birthdays. Finally, **Kevin Kane** was fine free because he knew that Tuesday was National Soft Pretzel Day, but **Russ Stringham** was fined \$5 because he did not know it was also National Richter Scale Day!

## S.T.A.R. Students: Riverside Prep



This week we honored three S.T.A.R. Students from Riverside Prep. Leading the proceedings with **Jim Barnes** and **Ben Tafoya** was Oro Grande School District Middle School Principal, **Mark Andreasen**.

**Tanner Bomar** was honored because he is now writing paragraphs that are well developed and structured, whereas in the beginning of the year, he was struggling in this area.

**John Crozer** started this year struggling in math, but now has excelled to a level that he is now volunteering to help other students in both his math class and math lab.

Finally, **Chandler Walls**, also struggled with math, and in this year alone has raised her grade from a C to an A! On top of all that she is also one of the hardest working students in her class!

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Newsletter .....	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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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 Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

**May 20- District Conference**

**May 22** Gaslight District in San Diego

*OUR student is entered into the District 4 Way Speech Contest where the top prize is up to \$5,000*

**June 25: Demotion Party**

4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home  
Apple Valley

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- May 3: Melda Gaskins, Principal, Cobalt Institute of Math & Science, Topic - "An Introduction to a School Worthy of Praise." (Williams)**
- May 10: Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest (Barnes)**  
S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale
- May 17: Dr. Wettstein (Dermatologist) (Orr)**
- May 24: OPEN**

## May Birthdays

Doug Robertson	May 4
Gene Gregory	May 10
Cherie Range	May 12
Pat Mark	May 29
Kirby Brill	May 30

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