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THE **JOSHUA TREE**



MAY 2, 2017

How a Girl from Minnesota became a Leader in the High Desert

At this point in 2017, the real estate market is strong. Homes under \$250k are selling within hours and days with multiple offers, homes in the \$300k - \$400k range are strong again and Realtors are even selling a few homes in the over \$500k range. But that is not what **Caroll Yule** was at our luncheon to talk about.

Caroll entertained the Club, not with song and poems, but shared her story about how a girl from Minnesota got into real estate in the High Desert.

Since she was 9 years old, Caroll dreamed of being a doctor; as she grew up, she planned to stay single, have no kids and live in Chicago. Those plans came to screeching halt when she entered college and found herself spending more time in the Theater Department, met a handsome boy named Denny, got married, dropped out and became pregnant.

As Denny moved up the



corporate ladder, they lived in 8 states, 12 cities, and had 28 moves. During those years Caroll worked as a cocktail waitress, bank teller and 21 other jobs. She got her first break working for the City of Des Moines, Iowa and loved her position there, until she was asked by a mentor there, to apply for a management position.

Now, Caroll did not want to be in management, but despite trying to fail the interview, got the job and became the Manager of Technical Services for the City. Caroll approached her management style utilizing her strengths of solving programs and getting things done.

Caroll found a new love in management and after managing a law firm in Arizona and at a medical group, Caroll and Denny moved to Apple Valley in 1985 and went out and played golf for the next two years! But if you know Caroll, being a housewife is not her style, and went back to work. She sought out the only law firm in the High Desert at the time, Caldwell, Kennedy and Porter. Caroll said she was glad the manager position was already taken because that turned her towards real estate.

From there her destiny was set. She began working with Bob Shear, on and off over the next few years, moved to Kansas, came back, left again for Dallas, to finally returning to Apple Valley and becoming a partner with Bob in 1995.

Because she worked for a name, she knew she needed to get involved in the community to make a name for herself. She joined the Chamber, then joined a committee, then a board, a Rotary Club, College Foundation and on and on to the icon she is today.

Contrary to rumors, Caroll Yule is not retiring..yet. She will stop being part of boards and committees though. She feels it is time for our Millennial business professionals to get the same opportunities as she did, and make their mark in the High Desert. Thank you Caroll for sharing your incredible life!

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Van Young
- Flag Salute:** Jon Schuler
- 4-Way Test:** Bill Edwards
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

As **Mike Page** said so perfectly this week, "**Carol Yule** is back!!" It's always a pleasure to just be in her company, but to hear her share her life story, was not only inspiring, but entertaining as well.

I want to give special thanks to **Teressa Coomes, Deb Clarkson, Bob Basen, Steve Murray** and all others who were involved in RYLA this past weekend. As we heard from a couple of our students, it is truly a life changing experience for everyone involved.

First Lady **Trish Johnson** was once again busy in the kitchen making birthday cookies for **Doug Robertson's** special day. Since Doug was not with us this week, I handed the cookies to **Jim Cox** to give to Doug to enjoy during this week's Council Meeting.

Thank you all for bringing in canned goods this week. Our surplus is growing and will be used to help others less fortunate. Remember every 2 cans brought to the meeting gets you a free raffle ticket!



David North is our Scholarship Chair this year and he is looking for a few Rotarians to help him read and judge student essays, as well as a volunteer to help hand them out at local schools. The essay reading will only take an hour of your time, at home when you are off work, so please contact David at d.north@alaskausa.org to volunteer.

Finally, my thought of the week is "*You should never regret anything in life. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience*" - **Tony Gaskins**

Lucky Blue Dice



Only one person could get the big money, and it was none other than Van Young! Van had his ticket drawn and went home from the meeting with \$525!

We start anew next week with 14 dice in the bag and \$200 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Raffle Prizes

This week **Bill Edwards** brought a pack of Nitro Golf Balls that were won by guest **Jeffrey Leach** and some glass tumblers and planting baskets went to **Teressa Coomes, Dr. Roger Wagner** and **Amy Stanton**. Amy also took home the \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card from **Don Lager**.

Ben Tafoya came to the meeting hoping for the big money, but only went home with a golf towel from **David North** at Alaska USA. The final gifts of the day were in the form of DCB goodie bags, courtesy of **Louise Bevilacqua** that were received by **Jim Cox** and **Steve Orr**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$15.00

Collected to Date: \$14,129.55

Total equals: 89,305 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption



This week **Van Young** began his month with the Spoon sharing a story of Divine Appointments. A couple of years ago Van had an employee who's job it was to set the routes and deliver meals to shut-ins around the Victor Valley. Once he set his route and headed out

he decided it would work out better to switch the last two deliveries on his route, so the last house became the second to last. When he showed up at the home, a woman who lived there answered the door and apologized for her delay, as she was laying down due to a serious headache. When the staff member went inside, he noticed a district burning smell of gas! It seems the stove pilot light was in between the "off" position, and the point right before the flame would ignite! One spark and not only would she have been killed, but possibly several neighbors. Yes...Divine Appointments are real... look for yours!

RYLA 2017

This week we heard from RYLA students **AJ Quarles** and **Andrew Sanchez** about their experience this past weekend. Both said they were very shy when they arrived but



the weekend allowed them to understand themselves better and were so glad to be in a group of people like themselves. AJ said that speaker **Kathy Buckley** changed his life and Andrew went home having a real understanding on how choices truly affect our lives.

Steve Murray encouraged everyone to be part of the next RYLA weekend, which will be held mid-March 2018.

Rotary Guests

Pastor Paul Earle brought two guests this week, Associate Pastor **Jeff Leach** and **Gabriel Sanchez**. **Teressa Coomes** had her husband **Jim Coomes** in attendance at the meeting.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Amy Stanton** for **Dr. Paul Stanton** and **Jason Montana** for **Don Lager**.

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was once again the Fine Master and began by giving **Mike Page** a \$10 fine for not asking **Caroll Yule** to talk about Real Estate and **Pastor Paul Earle** was also given a \$10 penalty for being late...even though he brought a guest!

Deb Clarkson was fined \$10 for introducing **Jim Coomes** as "Teresa's better half" and **Margaret Cooker** took **Chris Ackerman's** \$10 for not proofing the Joshua Tree perfectly!

Finally, **Stew Anderson** received the largest fine of the day, \$25 in celebration of 27 years as a Rotarian!

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
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Club

Help us raise funds for our International Projects! Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Only 300 available!

Each member will be mailed 5 tickets to buy or sell if you have not already bought.

You must return any unsold ones by June 20 or be billed for them.

See Ben Tafoya or Margaret Cooker for tickets!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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
- June 24: Demotion Party**
5:00pm • The home of Jon and Linda Hove
18970 Appaloosa Rd., AV 92308

Future Rotary Programs

- May 9: Dr. Marsden Elementary 4-Way
Speech Contest (Mills)**
- May 16: OPEN**
- May 23: Parker G. Emerson, Shelterbox
Ambassador Topic: "Shelter Box USA"
(Johnson)**

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in
writing by 5 p.m. May 8 to President Dwight Johnson.

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