



Rotary



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# The Joshua Tree



May 14, 2019

## DO ALL COPS REALLY LOVE DONUTS?

The Club was honored this week to have **Danny Garcia**, a 19-year veteran of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department speak to us about Cultural Diversity in the community. Danny began his career as an officer, then through the Gang and Narcotics Units, and now is with the Public Affairs Division and has a lot of experience in this arena.

Another word for Cultural Diversity can be Racial Profiling, and this is a very serious concern for officers and detectives in our county; so much so that in the Academy officers are trained to work on verbal skills to both defuse situations between officer and different cultures, as well as communicating better with the public.

What is Culture?  
Culture is the way of life of a group of people who

share similarities. Cultural Diversity is the representation or existence of individuals with distinctly different group affiliations or system. The benefits of different cultures can be seen in music, food and the Arts, plus can help us better understand and appreciate our differences.

While out dealing with the public, officers must deal with three facets of this; stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. A stereotype is oversimplified belief about another culture, and in most aspects in terms of behavior, language, style, age, religions, values, physical abilities and life experiences. Have you ever heard that "all cops love donuts?" That is a stereotype. Growing from there is a prejudice, which goes from belief to opinion about another culture, which can then lead to discrimination, which deals with the unfair treatment of another due to cultural differences.

Danny discussed cultural differences with the members; for example Americans are expressive, like direct eye contact and personal space of 2-3ft, Hispanics are openly expressive, diverted eye contact and personal space about 16", Asians are quiet and soft spoken, avoid eye contact and like close physical personal space and Law Enforcement Officers are authoritative, direct eye contact and protect their personal space.

Danny and the many officers with the San Bernardino County Sheriffs must know, understand and diffuse many situations daily, due to cultural differences, but their knowledge of Cultural Diversity allows them the upper hand in many cases. The sad part is with all this discrimination, one thing that most people forget is that every culture and race has made a substantial contribution to American History.



### This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Margaret Cooker**

Flag Salute: **Rick Bessinger**

4-Way Test: **Teressa DeAtley**

Finemaster: **Terry Caldwell**

## COOKER'S CORNER



It was so wonderful to have Public Affairs officer **Danny Garcia** speak to our Club this week and share some interesting differences between the cultures we come across in our own community.

This past weekend Rotarians gathered from all over the High Desert and packaged 36,000 meals in 2.5 hours as part of our Group Project as designated by our District Governor **Jon Chase**. These

packaged meals are being distributed throughout the region to those



who are in need. A huge thanks to Club members **Ester Mears, Arsalee Morales, Steve Orr, Dwight & Trish Johnson** and Fire Chief **Greg Benson** along with a number of firefighters in tow.

Our 2019 ReadB4K end of year celebration will take place on May 23 at 2:00pm at Hook Community Center. Please make plans to join and celebrate with these young people.

We will have a Club Assembly at the May 28th Rotary Meeting for the 2019-2020 Boards of Directors as well as Budgets. Please make your plans to attend and have your voice heard.

Finally, the thought for the week is, "Smile when you think we are so close to ending polio"!



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Scholarship Chair **David North** recognized Silverado High School Senior **Savannah Ojeda** as one of the recipients our a scholarship from the Club. Savannah will be attending UC San Bernardino and striving for a career as a Neonatal Nurse. Congratulations Savannah!

### Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 20th to President Margaret Cooker.*

#### **Kirsten Acosta**

**Position: Director of Fund Development**

**Company: Victor Valley College Foundation**

**Classification: NGO: Foundation**

**Sponsor: Steve Orr**

### Club Assembly May 28th, 2019

**2019 - 2020 Boards of Directors**

**2019 - 2020 Budgets**

### THE POLIO PIG

**Collected this week: \$25.00**

*Polio Pig: \$23.00 + Dice (Donna Wells): \$5.00 = \$25.00*

**Collected to Date: \$16,339.22**

**Total equals: 93,849 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

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## LUCKY BLUE DICE



*Donna Wells won the chance to get the Blue Dice, but came up short with another white dice from the bag.*

*We continue next week with 11 dice and \$275 up for grabs for a lucky Rotarian who wins the chance.*

## FINE SESSION

This week we welcomed back **Terry Caldwell** back as our Fine Master, who began by going after his own business partner **Kevin Porter**. At last week's meeting, Kevin took 3 trips up to grab food, which earned him a \$20 fine.



Next Terry gave **Marie Langley** the opportunity to name her fine for being

5 minutes late to the meeting. She requested \$5... Nope, \$10 said Terry! The same was offered to **Teresa DeAtley** for being away from us for the past 18 months. She offered \$18... Nope, \$50!

Although absent, **Jim Barnes** was given a penalty of \$49 for forgetting to mention last week that **John Kroencke** has been in business for 49 years! Also missing from the meeting at the time of the fine session, **Steve Orr** will return to next week's meeting with a \$25 fine for harassing **Arsalee Morales** at the check in table. It should be noted that the fine amount was decided by... Arsalee!

Finally **David North** went back to work with \$10 less in his pocket for previously fining Terry. David said he would remember Terry next time he was Fine Master. The battle rages on.

## ROTARY GUESTS



This week we welcomed **Dulce Canseco** who attended as a guest of **Lauretta Tkaczyk**, **Robert Darrick** from the Sheriff's Department who came with **Rick Bessinger** and finally, we welcomed potential member **Kristen Acosta** from the Victor Valley College Foundation.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Jason Montana** for **Don Lager**, **Amy Stanton** for **Dr. Paul Stanton** and **Sarah Rojas** for **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.

## RAFFLE

Lucky Rotarians going away with some great prizes included **Teresa DeAtley**, who was the "Gift Card Gal" who not only went back to Citizen's Business Bank with a \$25 Midway gift card from **Jason Montana**, but also a \$25 VISA gift card from **Steve Orr** at Heritage Victor Valley! Teresa herself also donated a Starbucks gift card which will be enjoyed by **Kevin Kane**, and a couple of goodies from VTA including a mini pen will be used by **David North**, as well as a USB VTA Bus Drive, which was received enthusiastically by **Donna Wells**.

The final raffle prize of the week was given by **Esther Mears** from Desert Community Bank in the form of an El Pescador gift certificate, which will be enjoyed by **Jason Montana**.

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## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2018-2019 .....	Margaret Cooker
President 2019-2020 .....	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President .....	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Community Service .....	Dwight Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLA & TLC .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests .....	Dr. Breda Leach
Scholarships .....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Jon Hove
Club Service/Sergeant At Arms .....	Arsalee Morales

### Members-at-Large:

Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Programs .....	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards.....	Rick Bessinger
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts .....	TBD
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
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

<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 Adelanto 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 Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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 18: Super Build**

**June 11: Board of Directors Meeting**

5:30 pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

**July 13: New Year Celebration**

At the Scott's Home in SVL • 4:00pm  
Bring Friends, Family, + Potential Members

**July 27: Movie Night at the Hove's**

6:00 pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove  
Bring Lawn Chair & Pot Luck Dish

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

**May 21:** Greg Benson, Fire Chief City of Victorville  
**TOPIC: "Victorville Fire Department  
an Era of Change"** (Page)

**May 28:** James Quigg, Chief Photographer, VV Daily  
Press **TOPIC: "The Last Man Standing  
at the Daily Press"** (Page)

**June 4:** Daniel Mitrovich, Co-Founder Solution  
Strategies, Founder New York City  
Marathon Tribute Committee **TOPIC:  
"Determination an Ingenuity- The  
Inspiring Story of Creating and  
Placing a Statue in Central Park"**  
(Page)

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