



Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



The Joshua Tree

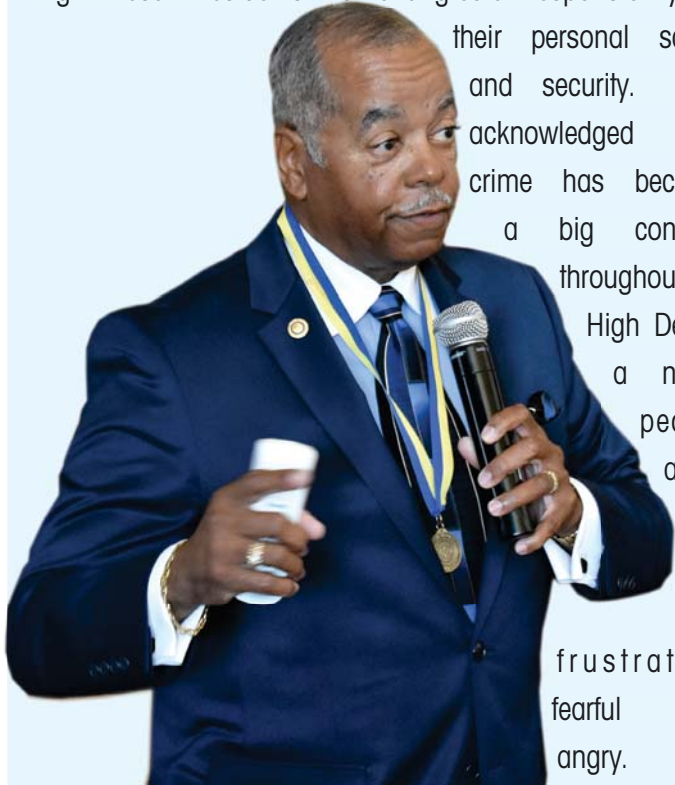


May 22, 2018

Crime Prevention: the Key to Reduce Crime

Long time High Desert resident **Michael Stevens** of Stevens Consulting Services, has parlayed his knowledge and experience working at the San Bernardino County Probation Department, Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office to launch a crusade to motivate, inspire and encourage High Desert residents to take greater responsibility for

their personal safety and security. He acknowledged that crime has become a big concern throughout the High Desert and people are



frustrated, fearful and angry.

Stevens discussed various laws and propositions passed in California the past seven years which have in effect contributed to criminals being held less accountable for their actions, receive minimal consequences if they're caught, and has led to apathy and complacency by the general public.

As a result Stevens believes that because law enforcement is, always have been and always will be outnumbered by criminals, law abiding citizens should do more to minimize and reduce their risk of becoming a crime victim. Hiring more law enforcement personnel is not a sustainable option because of escalating costs—Victorville's contract for law enforcement services alone for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is \$1.4 million dollars more because of salary and benefit costs.

Stevens encouraged members to adopt the "Safety Continuum" which simply means do more to enhance, improve or increase our personal safety, and by default it will lower, reduce and decrease our crime risk.

Stevens started a grassroots coalition in November 2017 known as Citizens for Safer Communities, and this Coalition is working in partnership with other organizations to develop a long-range plan to address factors causing criminal behavior and not just simply be reactive and address the symptom.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Citizens for Safer Communities coalition can contact Stevens at: stevensconsultingservices@gmail.com.

- Article by Michael Stevens

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Capt. Joe Alvarez |
| 4-Way Test: | Val Vetack |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | David North |

Dwight's Writes



The Club received a lot of facts and options on how to do our part to curb crime with community leader and former Rotarian **Michael Stevens** as he spoke to us about his new Coalition effort.

Make plans for July 14th, as we will have another Movie Night at the Hove's! They will be showing the first "Mission Impossible" film and all that is required for Rotarians to bring is a chair and their appetite.

I was finally able to present **Ben Tafoya** with his pin to honor him as our Rotarian of the Month for April. Thanks for all you do, not only for our Club, but internationally.



Speaking of international work, **Russ Stringham** shared that this year's Super Build

will take place on June 2nd in Mexico. Two homes will be built between Tijuana and Tecate for people who have helped or supported in their local community. Normally, we have 60 volunteers, so far only 20 have signed up. This is one of those "Rotary" Moments you hear about, so please contact Russ to sign up.

Finally, the thought of the week is "The most overlooked peacemaker is kindness."

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Raffle Prizes

The raffle giveaway this week began with **Dr. Roger Wagner** taking home the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager** and a coffee mug from the Salvation Army's **Joe Alvarez**. **Jimmie Smith** also won a coffee mug and **Don Lager** will enjoy a bottle of wine from **Jim Murray** over at Bob's Tire.

David North donated a mystery black box and a bag of seeds that was taken home by **Al Castellucci** and the Alaska bag and chip clip will be used by **Amy Stanton**.

With the ever growing number of goodie bag giveaways at our meetings, **Jim Mettler** went home with one from **Stew Anderson** and a VTA bag from **Kevin Kane**. **Bill Edwards** donated a 3-in-1 basket of prizes that was taken away by **Ryan McEachron**.

Rotary Guests

Our Stand-Ins this week were **Maria Rodriguez** for **Rick Bessinger**, **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay**, **Dawn McGrosso** for **Jim Doltar** and **Amy Stanton** for **Dr. Paul Stanton**. We also welcomed potential member **Sylvia Kelly** from SVS Independent.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$15,295.93

Total equals: 91,640 Doses!

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

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Lucky Blue Dice



Val Vetack got the chance to get some big money but took another white dice out of the bag!

We continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and chose to use his time to have tables participate in "Royal Wedding" trivia! Any wrong answer received a \$20 fine for everyone at that table. Dr. Roger Wager's table group got it with a \$20 fine for not knowing that the correct amount of US viewers was 22.9 million and Ben Tafoya had to pay as well, for not knowing that the amount of UK viewers was 18 million.

Steve Orr's table didn't know how many eggs were used to make the royal wedding cake so they were ordered to pay \$20.



Tables headed up by

Margaret Cooker, Arsalee Morales and Ryan McEachron all got their answers correct, so they were spared fines.

The only other fine given was to Ryan McEachron for the incredible amount of \$300,000! In Michael Steven's presentation, he used Ryan as an example of someone who makes \$3 million a year, so taking in a 10% tithe to the Club, that was the fine! Total amount of fines levied this week were \$300,220.

District Awards



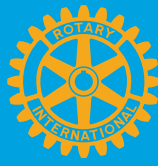
The Club had big reasons to celebrate as we were honored with a variety of awards and recognitions this past weekend at the District Conference at the Queen Mary. We were honored with the Silver Award for International Service (**Ben Tafoya**), and Gold Awards in the following categories: Foundation (**Margaret Cooker**), Public Image (**Kevin Kane**), Community Service (**Victor Rocha**), Vocational Service and Youth Service (**Ryan McEachron**), Membership (**Jon Hove**), and Club Service (**Brad Letner**). Finally, our own President, **Dwight Johnson** was presented with the Governance Citation from District Governor **Raghada Khoury**. Congratulations all of you who make our Club truly special.

Spoon of Exemption



Don Lager chose to use his time with the Spoon this week to share his story on crime. Recently, he had a customer try to purchase \$10,000 worth of merchandise but his ever vigilant staff knew something was amiss, so the police were called. While the woman was being arrested, her sister showed up to take possession of the children she had with her while she was committing the crime and the sister was then arrested for an outstanding warrant! "Just another day at Midway", exclaimed Don.





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
President 2020-2021/Fundraising/Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Community Service	Victor Rocha
International Service	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards	Jon Schuler
Scholarships	David North
Dan Stover Music Contest	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
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 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.
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

- June 11: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- June 19: Annual Program Committee Meeting**
1:00pm Immediately Following Luncheon

Future Rotary Programs

- May 29: Special Evening Rotary Meeting**
Republic Bar & Grill • 5:00pm
13261 Spring Valley Lake Parkway
Purchase your own drinks and extra food
- June 5:** Jim Cox, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Victorville
TOPIC: "Fighting Fire with Fire: The Inside story of the Politics of Fire Protection" (Page)
- June 12:** Don Ferrarese, Former Major League Pitcher
TOPIC: "More Stories From My Time in the Big Leagues- Encore Presentation" (Page)
- June 19: OPEN**
- June 26:** President Dwight Johnson **TOPIC: "My Second Year - A Year in Review"**
Treasurer Donna Wells **TOPIC: "Update on our Club's Finances"**
(Johnson)

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