



Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA

THE JOSHUA TREE

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What's in the (Shelter) Box?

The Mission of ShelterBox USA is to provide shelter, warmth, dignity and tools to help individuals rebuild their lives. Last year alone 25 million people on this planet had their "worst day ever" and came home to find nothing left but a plot of land due to disasters and more.



ShelterBox Ambassador Parker G. Emerson, President with the Rotary Club of Claremont Sunrise, spoke at our luncheon this week and shared information on ShelterBox that uniquely sets them apart from other similar organizations. The first unique aspect are the tools they provide, like hammers, shovels, hoes, nails, etc. They view people as survivors, not

victims and want to provide them with what they need to rebuild. Another aspect of their uniqueness is that they deliver shelter boxes person to person, not drop off 50 and leave it to someone else to distribute them.

So what's in a ShelterBox? First there is a thermal blanket to keep people dry and warm. There is a tent which holds 6-10 people and can handle winds up to 75mph. Parker shared that these tents can stand



for many years, as in the case of the Haiti earthquake disaster in 2010. Shelterbox had 27,000 tents up and 8,000 are still standing today. Sadly, people are still having to use those tents as homes. In some cases there is not complete devastation so there is a smaller shelter kit that contains two tarps, large enough to cover a small building or house, with construction kits to allow an individual to keep the weather and elements out. Parker also demonstrated their thirst aid bag, which



takes ground water through a system inside the bag and at the end comes out purified. For some people this is the first time they have ever drunk clean water. There are also mosquito nets, pots & pans and even an inflatable bag you blow up, and once its inflated becomes a solar lantern! Lastly there is an education kit for kids with a chalkboard, pencil, rulers, paper and the bag it comes in is actually a backpack.

One interesting aspect about ShelterBox is that they are not actually part of Rotary International but are partnered with them. They do not blindly go into any country, them must be invited by the country to come in and provide aid, and that gives them the leverage to demand certain requirements like safety and no governmental interference. They have actually been in North Korea three times during flood tragedies.

To help ShelterBox, someone can be a volunteer locally as a Club Liaison and report to the Club on latest developments around the globe, an Ambassador, traveling to different Clubs and presenting information on the group or actually train to be a Response Team Member! Of course they are also looking for financial donations to help with the purchasing of supplies. To find out more information and how you can help, visit ShelterBoxUSA.org.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:

Van Young

Flag Salute:

Jon Schuler

4-Way Test:

Victor Rocha

Song:

Al Castellucci

Finemaster:

Ryan McEachron

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Dwight's Writes

It sure has been a very busy Rotary week and it culminated with **Parker G. Emerson** from ShelterBox USA to share what this incredible group does for people all over the world. Parker is also President with the Rotary Club of Claremont Sunrise, and I was honored to present him with a Victorville Club Banner.



District Conference was a huge success to say the least! Along with **Jon Hove** receiving the honor of Rotary Foundation



Member of the Year for our Club, we collectively received Outstanding Awards for Foundation, International Service and Membership. We also brought back to the Club

Extraordinary Awards for Vocational Service, Youth Service, Community Service, Club Service and Public Image.

I am a firm believer that a picture says a thousand words, so I am going to wrap up this week's column and share some memories of last weekend's District Conference.



Finally, my thought of the week is "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

- Thomas A. Edison

Lucky Blue Dice



Dan Dever received the chance to get some big money, but picked a white dice, so the pot continues to grow.

We continue next week with 11 dice and \$275 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Rotary Guests

This week Van Young invited his lovely wife Nathalie Young to the meeting and Pastor Paul Earle had Robin Cackler at his table. Finally, Victor Rocha brought Xhanna Casteneda from US Bank to experience what Rotary is all about.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jon Hove who won Rotary Foundation Member of the Year for our Club from District 5300 at the District Conference last weekend.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$29.00

Collected to Date: \$14,237.55

Total equals: 89,521 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



Spoon of Exemption



Major Van Young spoke briefly and handed out a sheet that contained facts that people may not know about the Salvation Army.

One such fact is that the 1966 Beatles song "Strawberry Fields Forever" refers to a Salvation Army orphanage called

Strawberry Field in Woolton, England. Lennon is said to have played with childhood friends in the trees behind the orphanage when he was a boy.

Raffle Prizes

This week Pastor Paul Earle started things off by winning a golf towel from David North at Alaska USA, and Craig Garrick took home the \$25 Midway Gift Card from Don Lager. Finally, Bill Edwards donated two gifts to the raffle; a Backyard Summer Kit that was won by Steve Orr and a Summer Garden Kit that will be used by Dan Dever.



Help us raise funds for our Service Projects!

Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Only 300 available!

**Each member has been 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!

New Rotarian



This week we welcomed our newest Rotarian, Fire Chief Dan Mejia to the Club. Dan was sponsored by Captain Jon Schuler and Chief Dan Munsey.

Dan Mejia has been with the Fire Department for 30 years and has lived in Apple Valley for 29 of those years. He is married with four grown children.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Finemaster once again this week and began by fining none other than Margret Cooker, who received a \$10 fine for asking Ryan to do this week's Induction of Dan Mejia at the last minute. It wasn't over at that point, as Margaret also received fines of \$10 each for each of the three questions she asked our speaker, so in total, left the meeting with a \$40 penalty!

Other Rotarians who received a \$10 fine were Victor Rocha, because it's been a while since he has attended, Bill Edwards for sending Ryan a marketing letter a week through the Homeless Shelter and Dwight Johnson for not knowing that Stew Anderson managed the local J.C. Penney not Sears! Pastor Paul Earle got hit with a \$20 penalty for his 20 raffle tickets.

In the end, Russ Stringham, Dan Dever, Jon Hove, Steve Murray, and Ben Tafoya all received \$10 fines for posting this photo of themselves at District Conference on Facebook!



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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

June 8: Fireside

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Need Location for event. Please contact Jon Hove if you'd like to host the Fireside.

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

July 22: District Governor Appreciation Party

4:30 - 6:30pm • Celebrity Car Showroom
7770 Dean Martin Dr., #301, Las Vegas, NV
Dress: Casual • \$20 advance, \$25 Day of Event
Dwight & Trish are going, contact them if you'd like to carpool.

Future Rotary Programs

May 30:	Janie Lynch, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Victorville & Healthy Communities Coordinator TOPIC: "Community Needs Assessment for Parks and Recreation facilities and Services" S.T.A.R. Students makeup
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June 6:	Sheryl L Thomas-Perkins, Senior Government Affairs Representative, Los Angeles World Airports TOPIC: "LAX Modernization Project" (Ackerman)
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