



Rotary 

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The Joshua Tree



May 28, 2019

"HE'S OUT GETTING GREAT PHOTOS..OR HE'S DEAD"



Rex Gaumer shouts directions while helping campers remove trailers and camping equipment from Ruffel Park. The Ekhorn Creek overflowed its banks, and spilled into the campground Tuesday June 12. Gaumer's mother owns the campground.



This week we received a return visit from Daily Press Chief Photographer **James Quigg**; and where last time he spoke about his work with the Blue Cut Fire, this time he focused on stories behind more of his iconic images.

Beginning his career in Illinois where most of his photos circled around flood waters, he made it to the High Desert in 2003, where he learned how much the 15 Freeway and the Cajon Pass would actually shape his career. In less than a month with the paper, he photographed the biggest car pile up of his career, which still hold the record for him today; a 66 car accident on the Pass!

Another time he was stuck on the 15 for hours during a snowstorm and got out of his car to shoot some great images, all while waiting 4 hours to get from Bear Valley Road to Main St!

Of course no one will ever forget the Rancho Bridge Fire, and James was there, just as the bridge collapsed.

Moving away from the Freeway, James shared his most widely distributed image, one that he took during a fire 15 years ago at the Stoddard Wells KOA, showing a female firefighter being quiet during the fire. This image was picked up by CNN, TIME Magazine and many others.

A final story shared was one from the Mojave Narrows Fire where James was separated from the Daily Press reporter, who, when she got back to her car and called the editor and was asked, "Is James with you?" The reporter replied no, and added, "he's either out getting great photos, or he's dead.". Luckily James was safe with a fire crew on a funny and dangerous adventure of his own. But we will save that story, when James releases his coffee table book someday.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Esther Mears**

Flag Salute: **Jon Hove**

4-Way Test: **Sarah Rojas**

Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

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COOKER'S CORNER



You know the photos, and it was wonderful this week to hear the story behind those images and more from Daily Press Chief Photographer **James Quigg**. Looking forward to a 3rd visit soon.

We were blessed to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Silverado High School for our participation in their Senior Awards Ceremony.

A movie has been selected! We will be viewing the 1987 classic comedy "Overboard" with Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell during Movie Night at the home of **Jon & Linda Hove** on July 27 at 6pm. Please make sure you sign up and bring a lawn chair, blanket and side dish or dessert, if you desire.



Nomination forms are now available to award this year's Rotarian of the Year. Nominations are now due. You may choose someone who's contribution to our Club not only spans this year, but in years past as well. Please keep in mind that someone can only win this distinction one time. Nominations are now open for future Club Presidents. If you are interested in serving at this highest level, please speak with **Mike Page** for more information.

My thought for this week is, "Keep a smile on your face and everyone will be wondering what is up with you!"



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mike Page	27 Years
Carole Adams	1 Year
Bob Basen	35 Years
Ron Kabalin	31 Years

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Wilkins	June 6
Mike Page	June 12
Chris Ackerman	June 26
Chief Greg Benson	June 27
Keith Metzler	June 27



THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: **\$13.00**

Collected to Date: **\$16,372.22**

Total equals: **93,915 Doses!**

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

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Jason Montana received the opportunity for the money, but came up short with another white dice from the bag.

We continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 up for grabs for a lucky Rotarian who wins the chance.

FINE SESSION

Ryan McEachron was our Fine master this week and began his fining session by fining himself \$25 for a comment he



made the last time **Terry Caldwell** was Finemaster. To add to that, Ryan also fined **Kevin Porter** \$10 for laughing at said comment!

Welcoming

Charles Gehrke from the Rotary Club of Adelanto, earned him a \$10 fine, and Ryan gave **Sarah Rojas** a \$10 penalty as well since he has never been fined before!

From there, Ryan presented **Margaret Cooker** with a \$30 fine in honor of her 30 years as a Rotarian, **Rob Kabalin** \$10 for being retired and finally, **Bill Edwards** left the meeting \$10 less due to the Daily Press story on the Rescue Mission's Mobile Showers.

Club Assembly June 18th, 2019
2019 - 2020 Boards of Directors
2019 - 2020 Budgets

ROTARY GUESTS

This week we welcomed **Kristin Acosta** from the Victor Valley College Foundation who was a guest of the Club, **Dulce Canseco** from Kindred Hospice, who attended as a guest of **Lauretta Tkaczyk**, and **Charles Gehrke** from the Adelanto Rotary Club.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Jason Montana** for **Don Lager** and **Sarah Rojas** for **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.

RAFFLE

There was only one raffle gift this week in the form of a \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card from **Jason Montana** that will be used by **John Kroencke**.

Please remember to bring a raffle gift folks!

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Jim Barnes had his finale time with the Spoon and reminded Rotarians that Summer is just around the corner and now is the time to see the incredible Watercraft deals going on right now at B&B Cycles in Victorville. By July 4th, Seadoos and more are hard to come by, so now



is the time to make your purchase. On top of that, there are great deals going on right now on motorcycles! Some come with great rebates and under market as well!

Go and check out their new look inside and all the deals located at 13815 Park Ave. in Victorville.

Then it was time to raffle of the Spoon for June, and we only had one taker so new Rotarian **Oscar Garcia** won the Spoon for \$50! Be ready to hear about all the great things happening at Elementum Services next month.



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/RYLEA & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Dr. Breada 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

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 10: 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

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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