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# THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



May 31, 2016

## Rehab is for Quitters

This week Rotarians received a great understanding of just what takes place at the High Desert Crisis Walk-in Center in Victorville. **Jennifer Malara**, Clinical Director and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, accompanied by **Brittney Hardy**, a Clinical Supervisor at the center, serve more than just homeless and drug addicts.

The Center, located on Hesperia road, provides urgent mental health services to people who are allowed to stay 23 hours and 59 minutes a day, in a living room type setting where people suffering from severe mental illness, drug addiction, family therapy and so much more. They work with all age groups, all the way to infants, to help families discover where problem areas lie.

Some of their services include Crisis Stabilization and Intervention, Suicide

Prevention, Individual Counseling for immediate problem solving, Medical Management to help people "kick the habit", Substance Abuse Treatment, for those more serious drug issues, Family Counseling and Education, and even transportation to a halfway house or even back to their homes.

The Walk-in Center is staffed by licensed LVNs and LPTs, Peer Family Advocates, Mental Health Clinicians, and Psychiatrists, to give people in need ease to get help quietly and confidentially. They provide a holistic approach to wellness and accept anybody regardless of age or insurance. All of their services are specifically tailored to each individual's needs and many of the staff are available to write "holds", which allows them to take people to hospitals or mental health facilities without authorities involved. For people trying to get off drug addiction, they have minimal medication to assist clients who are agitated and anxious that comes with withdrawal symptoms.

In some cases they are unable to help people. If someone comes in too intoxicated or high, violent or aggressive, then the Center cannot assist, as they are a "hands off" facility, meaning they do not restrain, or keep someone against their will.

They see around 2,000 people a year, and with limited psychiatric services and hospitals in the High Desert, it can be very challenging and leave them short staffed to get people where they can get to the next step in recovery. They are also in need of finding local detox and sober living homes for people who want to stay clean off drugs.

Whether mental health issues, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts or family and marriage problems, if you know someone who needs help, please send them to the High Desert Crisis Walk-in Center at 12240 Hesperia Road, Suite A in Victorville or call 760-245-8837.

## This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Van Young  
Flag Salute: Dan Munsey  
4-Way Test: Brad Letner  
Song: Al Castellucci





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### Tafoya Talk...

Well, Rotarians, I am now in my final month of service, and things are winding down, and even though last week at District Conference was incredible, this week was just as good as we welcomed two new Rotarians into the fold, **Dr. Roger Wager** and **Dr. Keith Beeman!**



As you have probably seen in your mailbox, you have received 4 tickets to sell for the 2015 Honda Grom 125 Motorcycle! This is a great fund-raiser for the Club and we want to sell out of tickets and raise the maximum amount of money, so please sell your tickets to friends, or purchase them yourself. Remember, if you win and don't want the bike, it will become a 50/50 split. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Demotion Party on June 25th, so time is running out to sell your tickets!

### Rotary Guests

This week once again we had **Paul Starks** from Parade of Pianos and pianist **Hugo Sanchez** in attendance as guests of **Ben Tafoya**. **Van Young** brought **Erin Fox** from the American Red Cross, and finally, our single Stand-in this week was **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**.

### Welcome New Rotarians!



*After a wonderful ceremony from Stew Anderson, we were honored this week to welcome two new members into our family! Dr. Keith Beeman, Assistant Superintendent at VVUSD and Dr. Roger Wagner, President of Victor Valley College became Rotarians. Roger was sponsored by Al Castellucci and Dr. Beeman's sponsor was Dr. Ron Williams. Welcome both of you gentlemen to the best Rotary Club in the District!*

### Spoon of Exemption: Chris Ackerman

This week, **Chris Ackerman** had his last time with the spoon, and in his usual "crazy" fashion, asked the assembled crowd if anyone had never had the spoon before, and when Kevin Kane raised his hand, gave the spoon to him to share a little about VVTA.

Then it was time to raffle off the spoon and it was a barn burner this month for sure! The battle started with Mary Hennessy and Van Young going back and forth for spoon domination, and then it went into overdrive when Brad Letner got involved! It went from under \$80 to \$150 between Brad and Mary, but finally in the end he had to relent, and \$175 later, Mary Hennessy has the spoon for 4 weeks in June!





## Fine Session



**Terry Caldwell** was our Fine Master and it was a whopper for sure! Ready, here we go....

**Doug Robertson** was fined \$10 for the ongoing road construction on Green Tree Blvd., which makes it a bit challenging to get into the parking lot. **Stew Anderson** was given a \$15 fine because, even as a Past President and Past District Governor, at the ceremony for our new Rotarians, he called **Ron Williams...Ron Wilson!** But **Ron Williams** did not get away unscathed! In a Daily Press article, **Ron Williams** was credited for reducing the overhead impact to taxpayers in Victorville, through the School District, and although Terry was planning on commending him for that, Ron actually came to the table bragging about it, so he went from going what would have been a fine free session, to a \$20 fine.

**Dan Munsey** was next on the chopping block. Terry caught him give **Caroll Yule** a big hug and kiss, and asked him what it was worth... He received a \$20 fine. **Brad Letner** did the 4-Way Test this week, and after each creed, Brad gave a short lesson about what they truly mean. Terry did not appreciate the added lecture, and gave Brad a \$20 fine.

**Mike Page** was given the biggest fine of the day, \$30, for calling Terry on his vacation on Catalina Island to ask him to be the Fine Master! Next up, **Margaret Cooker** called out **Dr. Hough** to share her recent good news to our Fine Master. The good news was that last weekend, **Dr. Hough** was named The Brandman University Faculty of the Year..not for her campus... but for the whole University!!! **Dr. Hough** was given no fine for that accomplishment, but Margaret got a \$20 fine for trying to rat her out!

Finally, other Rotarians that were fine free consisted of **David North**, whose employees fixed Terry's bank issue, and **Dr. Paul Stanton**, who should have received a large fine, since he rarely attends meetings, but because most of the time Terry sees Dr. Stanton is when he is lying on an operating table and the doctor is hovering above him with knife in hand...

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## Raffle Prizes

**Dr Hough** once again brought the lions share of the raffle gifts today, and **Victor Rocha** was the big winner for sure. To start off from **Dr. Hough**, Victor took away a power bank for smart phones and a calendar, then **Chris Ackerman** gave away to bags of flavored kettle corn, and BOTH bags went to Victor!

**Marie Langley** also won a couple of gifts from **Dr. Hough**, a book of planets and a serenity garden set. The last remaining gifts was a calculator that went to **Stew Anderson** and another book to be enjoyed in the possession of **Ben Tafoya**, both raffle gifts once again from **Dr. Hough**.

## Lucky Blue Dice



**After Dr. Hough had a great weekend (see fine session), she hoped to keep the success rolling by getting the chance to grab the Blue dice. Once again, it was not to be and Dr. Hough left with a \$5 consolation prize.**

**We continue next week with 5 dice and \$425 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.**

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## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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

<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 Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 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

**June 25: Demotion Party**  
4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home  
Apple Valley

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- June 7:** Dr. Minda Stackelhouse, Oro Grande School District **Topic: "XQ Super School Project and the Oro Grande School District"** (Hough)
- June 14:** **Mike Ramos**, San Bernardino County District Attorney, (Page)
- June 21:** Kevork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty Undergraduate Studies, CSUSB and Model United Nations Instructor at Victor Valley College  
**Topic: "The Trump Phenomenon & Model UN"** (Wagner)
- June 28:** Incoming President Dwight Johnson **"What to Expect During My Year"** and Treasurer Donna Wells - **"Update on our Club's Finances"**

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