



THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



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Starting a Revolution for a Better High School

It is very interesting to think how much the world has changed in ways of modernization, technology and ideals over the last 50 years, but high schools have pretty much stayed the same in terms of how students are taught. As a young teenager, I used to talk with my parents about how there were no classes in my high school, that truly prepared me how to handle adult life or career opportunities, it was mainly memorization and remembering facts.



consisted of 16 high schoolers from area schools all over the High Desert to create a survey, which asked teens, parents and educators, what is and what is not working in High Schools today. Over 150 surveys were completed, an incredible number considering the apathy in a lot of people today.

One of the biggest ideas to come out from those surveys was a concern that students do

not have a solid relationship with their teachers. Because of this, one of their plans is called the Wrap Around Service, where one facilitator will be in charge of 15 students, to make sure there is close communication, openness and accountability. Speaking of accountability, once a week, the facilitators and staff will meet to monitor not only students' progress, but that of the program itself. There are also Student Mentors, where juniors and seniors will work closely with incoming freshmen, to make sure they have a positive path to start with in High School.

Apple Computers has even gotten involved with Revolution Academy by having 180 employees help to build out their ideas for technology innovation at Revolution Academy.

Now that the Development Stage is completed, the Revolution Academy Project has made it to the semi-finals, and come August 2016, the final 5 Super School plans, out of over 300, will receive a grant for \$10 million to begin building their Academy! On top of that, along with the funds, professionals from all across the nation will converge to advise, oversee and make sure the dream truly becomes a reality.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: Van Young
- Flag Salute: Sam Lucia
- 4-Way Test: Dwight Johnson
- Song: Al Castellucci



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

Today was an exciting day at our meeting as **Dwight Johnson** returned from the Rotary International Conference in Seoul, Korea with gifts and news!

Dwight began his presentation by presenting **Ben Tafoya** with the new Seoul 2016 Rotary Banner as well as a Rotary tie. Dwight shared exciting news on the people he met, as



well as proving it, with Rotary Banners from such places as Bangladesh, India, Taiwan, Philippines as well as Los Angeles! The best story was shared from the banner he received from Nepal, where a 10 year old boy there has started a Rotaract Club!



In other news, **Mike Page** let everyone know that on Tuesday, June 21st, directly after the regular Rotary Luncheon, there will be a special meeting of the Program Committee for the next year. All Rotarians are invited to attend and have a say on what type of speakers we will have for the upcoming year. Please make plans to attend.

Finally, in our Ignite program for May, there were honorable mentions for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Mary Hennessy** and **Van Young**, while **Al Castellucci** took home second place and a \$5 Starbucks card, and the winner for the month was **Dr. Ron Williams**, who not only brought in a new member (as did Al), but invited the most guests. A \$25 Costco gift card is waiting for Ron when he returns.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$25.00

Collected to Date: \$13,169.62

Total equals: 87,9407 Doses!

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

Spoon of Exemption: Mary Hennessy

This week, **Mary Hennessy** began her month with the Spoon, sharing how Gentiva Hospice honors Veterans with the "We Honor Veterans" program. We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is a pioneering program focused on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgment. By recognizing the unique needs of America's veterans and their families, community providers, in partnership with VA staff, will learn how to accompany and guide them through their life stories toward a more peaceful ending.

We Honor Veterans provides educational tools and resources in advancing these goals: Promote Veteran-centric educational activities, increase organizational capacity to serve Veterans, support development of strategic partnerships, and increase access and improve quality.

Rotary Guests

This week we were honored to have **Justin and Sara Cubbins** from ADROIT Cleaning and Restoration, a new business that wants to join our Club, without being invited by anyone!

Al Castellucci invited **Angela Ugale** from Sears, **Mary Hennessy** had **Cathy Caruso** next to her, **Dr. Hough** brought **Maria Okpara** from Brandman University to hear our speakers, and **Pastor Paul Earle** had a busy table with guests **George Lamb**, **Angel Coaston** and **Gregg Ulmcain** from Life Church.

Finally, our single Stand-in this week was **Violette Roberts** in place of **Eldon Heaston**.

Fine Session

Dan Munsey was our Fine Master this week, and had one of the wackiest fines sessions in a long time!

First up, **Caroll Yule** was threatened with a \$5 fine unless she had a good reason for having her leg in a Boot Cast. After reasons of stress, golf and old bones, Dan gave her \$5 fine to **Jim Barnes**, because he needs to give her a motorcycle to get around. **Dwight Johnson** received a \$5 fine because he did not invite our guests **Justin and Sara Cubbins**, who found us on their own!

Al Castellucci was also given a \$5 fine for originally invited our latest Rotarian, **Dr. Roger Wagner**, who is causing **Dan Munsey** some confusion between **Dr. Wagner** and **Brad Letner**! Finally, after being shut out last week, **Gary Adams** was given a \$5 for winning a raffle prize this week.

June Birthdays

John Wilkins	June 6
Al Castellucci	June 9
Mike Page	June 12
Eldon Heaston	June 25
Todd Turoci	June 29

June Anniversaries

Gary Adams	36 Years
Bob Basen	32 Years
Al Castellucci	55 Years
Ron Kabalin	28 Years
Mike Page	24 years

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are pleased to announce that our own **Van Young with the Salvation Army**, has been promoted from **Captain to Major!**

Raffle Prizes

The first raffle prize was a special one, for all who had already voted before the luncheon, and the winner was **Mary Hennessy**, who won a special magnet from Seoul, Korea, a gift from **Dwight Johnson**.

Dwight Johnson also brought home some candy from Hawaii (a side trip after Seoul), went to **Gregg Ulmcain**,

a guest of **Pastor Paul**, who also won a bottle of wine from **Dr. Hough**. Another bottle of wine from **Dr. Hough** went to **Don Lager**, and Don's Midway gift card for the week, went to **Dan Dever**. A notebook from H & R Block went to **Mary Hennessy**, a couple of MDAQMD gift bags went to **Chris Ackerman** and **Dr. Hough**, and a pair of Go Lunchtime Kits from **Rosanne Weathers** went to **Gary Adams** and **Caroll Yule**. Finally, a large gift basket from **Caroll Yule**, full of wonderful goodies, went to **Pastor Paul Earle**.



Lucky Blue Dice



Mary Hennessy had some extra magic with the Spoon, and got a chance to draw for the Big Money, but it was saved for another Rotarian next week!

We continue next week with 4 dice and \$450 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

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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 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.
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 21: Program Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. • El Pescador
Following Rotary Luncheon

June 25: Demotion Party

4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home
Apple Valley

Upcoming Rotary Programs

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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