



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



June 11, 2019

FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE...

The Uncle of **Richard Rorex** was killed in a mortar shell battle in World War II, and they are still looking for his remains. Richard spoke to our Club this week about the DPAA, the Defense POW/MIS Accounting Agency, a government agency he has been partnering with for the past 8 years. Over those 8 years, Richard has been attending family updates with them and has seen the time, effort and resources that are put into identifying the remains of POW's and MIA's. In 2018 alone, 203 remains were found and out of those, 174 were from WWII.

Under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the DPAA was established to consolidate all aspects of the Department's resources into a single, accountable agency, with the vision to identify the remains of military personnel from past conflicts, and



provide accurate information back to the families. Using DNA results, the agency is comprised of more than 600 skilled and talented civilians and military from all branches, and include historians, research analysts, archivists, anthropologists, archaeologists, as well as numerous support personnel. These people, along with other U.S. and foreign specialists, research, investigate, recover and identify remains of Americans unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War and the Iraq and Persian Gulf Wars. Recently, 37 remains were recovered from North Korea and as of this date, 12 soldiers from the Korean war, have been identified.

The search for unaccounted Americans starts with in depth research by DPAA historians and analysts. At any one time there are more than 1,000 active cases under investigation. Recovery operations take charge to excavate sites and a recovery team of 10-14 people, including a team leader, forensic anthropologist and more work for 35 to 60 days depending on the location and terrain of the recovery.

Once that is completed, remains are brought back to the DPAA labs in Hawaii or Nebraska for identification. Hawaii is the largest and most scientifically diverse forensic skeletal laboratory in the world, where all possible remains and material recovered from the field recovery site are stored and analyzed.

Once an identification is complete, the information is transferred to the appropriate branch of service, which personally informs the family of the identification.

There are more than 100,000 remains that are still missing with 75,000 of them from WWII. Many of these are lost at sea, so the recovery is tough, but still ongoing.

Richard doesn't know if he will ever get identification of his uncle, but is so thankful the DPAA is there for many other families. Find out more at DPAA.MIL

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Amy Stanton

Flag Salute: Brad Poiriez

4-Way Test: Matthew Farias

Finemaster: Kevin Porter

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COOKER'S CORNER



Scholarships, Military Heroes and more! What an inspiring meeting we had this week. Thanks to both **Charles Gehrke** and **Richard Rorex** for your wonderful presentations. It is great to hear how much our military is doing to identify MIA's.



Mike Page reminded the Club that our annual Program Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th from 1:00 - 2:30pm, right after our weekly luncheon. This is a once a year meeting to layout program ideas for the new Rotary year. Please make you plans to attend or contact

Mike for more information.



Jon Hove was all smiles this week as he shared that we are now at 62 members in our Club, and congratulated members on all their hard working bringing in guests and new members.

We are still looking for Victorville food banks, kitchens, and shelters to take a few of the 35 boxes we have available from our Area 9 Food Project a few weeks ago. Please see **Dwight Johnson** for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS



This week our Club, along with the Rotary Club of Adelanto, recognized deserving students, who are going to the next level of success after high school. **Charles Gehrke** of the Adelanto Club was on hand to hand scholarship money to these deserving students. **Jacqueline Stanton**, daughter of Rotarian **Dr. Paul and Amy Stanton** will be attending UCLA to study to be a Neurosurgeon, **Colby Hillers** will pursue a career in computer engineering at UC San Diego, **Kailyn Flores** will study at CSU Channel Island in the field of nursing, **Carinn Rodriguez** will go after a future in the field of Psychology at the Grand Canyon University, and **Melissa Cunningham**, once graduated next year, will attend the San Diego Culinary Institute to become a pastry chef.

For our Club, two more scholarships were awarded to **Megan Norman** who will also study for a nursing career at Cal State Long Beach, and finally, Excelsior graduate **Xavier Rangel** will be attending UC Santa Barbara.



THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$30.00

Polio Pig: \$20.00 + Dice (Steve Orr): \$5.00 + Jason Cunningham: \$1.00 + Adelanto Rotary: \$4.00 = \$30.00

Collected to Date: \$16,412.78

Total equals: 93,996 Doses!

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

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Steve Orr, fresh back from Hamburg had the chance to get some big money, but fell short with a white dice.

We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 up for grabs for a lucky Rotarian who can get the Blue Dice!!

FINE SESSION

Kevin Porter was our Fine Master this week went after **Mike Page** for not only his constant harassment of asking Kevin to be the Fine Master, but for his daughter Kimberly graduating High School. For both of those, Mike was fined \$25.

According to Kevin, **Dr. Paul Stanton** told him that all of life's ills are cured by stretching. Kevin said that earned the Doctor a \$10 fine. **Margaret Cooker** was also penalized \$10 for being a Drill Sergeant to our speakers, making sure they stay on time, and **Chris Ackerman** also left with \$10 less for being the graphic designer for Coldwell Banker, which is taking over the High Desert real estate market.

Bill Scott celebrated the birth of his new granddaughter which earned him a \$25 fine and Kevin complimented **Arsalee Morales** for being such a friendly and welcoming face every time he comes in, but nevertheless, she was penalized \$20!

Finally, Kevin knows he has a tendency to be late, and this week's meeting was no exception. When Kevin arrived to a full room, mainly due to the Scholarship presentations, **Steve Orr** offered Kevin his seat. At the same table sat both **Jon Hove** and **Dwight Johnson**, who did *NOT* offer their seats, so both were fined \$10!

ROTARY GUESTS

This week, along with the families of our scholarship recipients, we were honored to have author and 3rd generation Rotarian, **Dwight Johnson, Sr.** from the Colorado Springs Club in attendance with son Dwight.

RAFFLE

Although not in attendance this week, **Kevin Kane** left a couple of raffle prizes to be given away in the form of a VTA phone charger that will be used by **Jon Hove** and a USB wrist band that was won by **Don Lager**. As always if you give, you get, **Oscar Garcia** will enjoy the \$25 Midway gift card from Don and **Donna Wells** will really enjoy the bottle of Macallan Scotch Whiskey she received from Oscar!

Finally, visiting Rotarian **Dwight Johnson, Sr.** donated a copy of his book, "*The Transparent Leader III*", which will be read by **Steve Orr**.

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Oscar Garcia had the Spoon again this week and shared with members the importance of having your air conditioning units cleaned and serviced at this time. We have not been running our units over the Winter, and during that time, leaves, trash and more can be blown into the system, and if not properly cleaned, can cause major damage to your home, in which you would need the services of Oscar's company, Elementum Services. He hopes any Rotarian will never have to call him, but he is here ready to serve, just in case.

Elementum Services is family-owned and operated in Hesperia since 2001. At Elementum Services, they have 24 hour service availability and can handle any fire, water mold and wind damage restoration issues.

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



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. Breda 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 25: Program Committee Meeting
1:00 pm • El Pescador

July 8: 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 18: Treasurer Donna Wells **TOPIC: "Update on Club Finances"**

President Margaret Cooker **TOPIC: "2018-2019 A Year in Review"**

Incoming President Steve Orr **TOPIC: "What to Expect in my Year"**

June 25: John Kozyra, St. Mary Medical Center
TOPIC: "An update on how St. Mary is serving the unique needs of our community" (Page)

July 2: San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon
TOPIC: "Meeting President Trump" (Bessinger)

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