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Club of Victorville, CA



# THE JOSHUA TREE

JUNE 27, 2017

## A Rotary Year in Review

Although we typically don't say "Happy New Year" at the end of June, this week was our final meeting of the 2016-2017 Rotary Year, and President **Dwight Johnson** gave his yearly address before he begins his 2nd term next week.

This year the Board of Directors was very fluid with people going on and off, until some firm footing was found. Chief **Dan Munsey** who was our President Elect, received a huge promotion, which moved him to San Bernardino, that left a huge gap, that was filled by Dwight to serve another year. In the next Rotary year, along with 2 term President Elect **Brad Letner** and **Jon Hove**, will be focusing their attention on membership. This area, that was earmarked as a major goal for the 2016-17 year, fell short of its intent, according to

Dwight, so it will become a stronger focus in the next year.

Some major areas of accomplishments were our teacher Mini-Grants, our scholarship partnership with the

Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce, S.T.A.R. Students, the Ensenada orphanage, and the 2017 class of Read B4K.

Special thanks were given to **Don Lager** for continuing his efforts in our canned food drive, **Chris Ackerman** for the

weekly Joshua Tree Newsletter and **Teresa Coomes** for her dedicated work for our Public Safety Awards, TLC and RYLA weekends.

In the 2017-2018 Rotary year, most Board positions will stay the same, but Dwight was proud to announce that **Marie Langley**, **Russ Stringham** and **Steve Murray** will be returning as Board Members-at-Large, and that **Rosanne Weathers** will be this year's Chair for Wine, Jazz and More.

Our Treasurer **Donna Wells** also spoke and reported on the Club's financials. From Donna's report, we are doing well and have a small surplus in the amount of \$5,000 in our account. Over at the Club's Foundation, donations were made in excess \$44,000 for Club, Community, International, vocational and youth service projects.



**Russ Stringham** reported on the continuing Water Tank Project in Mexico. Things are very challenging in that part of the world, but he and **Ben Tafoya** are determined to continue the good work started and are still in line for a Global Grant and working closely both the District 4300 Governor and an Engineer to see the project through to completion.

**Margaret Cooker** shared that we as a Club received a Grant from the District Simplified Grants (DSG) in the amount of \$2,261 to help cover the costs associated with our Read B4K project, spearheaded by **Brad Letner**.

All in all, it was another great year for our Club. There were major successes, but there is more work to be done. Membership will be priority in 2017-2018, but at Dwight's helm, we will together accomplish that goal.



## This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	<b>Bill Edwards</b>
Flag Salute:	<b>Mark Taylor</b>
4-Way Test:	<b>Corey Beck</b>
Song:	<b>Al Castellucci</b>
Finemaster:	<b>Mark Taylor</b>

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## *Dwight's Writes*

Well the end of the Rotary year is upon us, and I will continue as President. I hope everyone had a great time at the End of the Year/Continuation Party and now the grass skirt, coconut halter and the Hawaiian

hat have been put away and readied for the next incoming President, **Brad Letner**. Special thanks to **Jon and Linda Hove** for opening their home to us and **Pam Murray** for including that special Pulled Pork!

We were so proud to award **Don Lager** as "Rotarian of the Year" at the party this past weekend! Don has gone above and beyond for the betterment of Rotary on numerous occasions, and the honor is well deserved.

**Margaret Cooker** was back in attendance this week after being in the State Capital last week as her husband WW2 Private First Class, **Tony Cooker** was awarded "Veteran of the Year" from 33rd District Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte**! Margaret shared some of the banners she received at the International Convention as well as her new Rotary Shirt from Zambia, where Rotarians rescue sex slaves and teach them to sew.

Thank you to everyone who stayed behind after this week's meeting for Annual Program Committee Meeting, hosted by **Mike Page**. A lot was accomplished and exciting speakers are coming soon!

We will be dark next week for the July 4th holiday, but we will reconvene on July 11th as I start the second term as President of the Club for 2017-18!

Finally, my thought of the week is "*Personality has the power to uplift, power to depress, power to curse, and the power to bless.*" - Paul Harris

## *The Polio Pig*

**Collected this week: \$10.00**

*Polio Pig: \$5.00 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick): \$5.00 = \$10.00*

**Collected to Date: \$14,295.21**

**Total equals: 89,637 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



**Rob Kilpatrick** received the chance to be the first Rotarian to get the big money in a new draw, but picked out a white dice, and donated his \$5 to the Polio Pig.

**We start over again in two weeks with 13 dice and \$225 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!**

## *July Anniversaries*

<b>John Kroenke</b>	<b>48 Years</b>
<b>Cherie Range</b>	<b>20 Years</b>
<b>Kevin Kane</b>	<b>19 Years</b>
<b>Paula Esteban</b>	<b>18 Years</b>
<b>Marilyn Buttelwerth</b>	<b>18 Years</b>
<b>Ron Hughes</b>	<b>15 Years</b>
<b>Craig Garrick</b>	<b>14 Years</b>
<b>Kay Marie Gregory</b>	<b>13 Years</b>
<b>Nancy Noble</b>	<b>13 Years</b>
<b>Diane Anderson</b>	<b>12 Years</b>
<b>Deb Clarkson</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Pam Murray</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>Mark McKay</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>Chris Ackerman</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>Maureen Mills</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>Victor Rocha</b>	<b>2 Years</b>
<b>Trish Johnson</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Jim Mettler</b>	<b>1 Year</b>



## *Spoon of Exemption*

**Bill Edwards** had his final time with the Spoon and gave a bit of a recap of the great work done for the homeless and addicted at the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. As a non-profit they rely on the generosity of donors to keep the ministry going, and on September 14, they will be holding their 9th Annual Donor Appreciation Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Victorville.



If you'd like to be a part of this great organization, they are looking for business to help be an event sponsor or a table sponsor. It's a great way to highlight your business.

Finally, it was time to raffle the Spoon for 3 weeks in July, and our President **Dwight Johnson** took the opportunity to bid and won the spoon for \$50.

## *Raffle Prizes*

This week was a full cache of raffle gifts that started with multiple bottles of wine that went to **Chris Ackerman, Robin Cackler** and **Rob Kilpatrick**. Rob himself was the big winner this week, by also winning a Beck Oil cap from **Corey Beck**, a set of 12 drinking glasses and a laptop bag, both courtesy of **Bill Edwards** from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. Bill also gave away large goodie bags full of various items that were won by **Chris Ackerman, Robin Cackler** and **Dwight Johnson**. Our esteemed president also went home with a "Prayer Changes Everything" mug from Bill and a Hi Grade Materials Outdoor Hat from **Jon Hove**. **Bill Edwards** and **Gary Adams** received this week caps from Bob's Tire Service, courtesy of **Steve Murray**, and finally, the biggest prize of them all was won by **Jon Hove**, the 2016-2017 Official Rotary banner!



## *Rotary Guests*

No guests this week, but **Matthew Farias** was a stand-in for **Major Van Young** from the Salvation Army, as was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

## *Fine Session*

**Mark Taylor** was back as our Finemaster this week, and started by giving Fire Chief **Dan Mejia** a \$25 fine in honor of his birthday. **Gary Adams** was also threatened with a fine for his birthday from June 6th, but instead was charged \$37 for his Rotary Anniversary.

Next up were fines based around observations at the End of the Year/Continuation Party. **Mike Page** was the emcee, but had no Rotarian of the Year Plaque for **Don Lager**, which cost him \$25, and **Steve Orr** left the party early to attend another party, so he was penalized \$10 for his popularity.

Our President **Dwight Johnson** received multiple violations from the party. First, there was no fines for the grass skirt, hat and coconut halter he had to wear, but there was for wearing it with tennis shoes and socks. Secondly, there was no bell at the party as well as no pin, and lastly Dwight won the gold coin raffle, where the winning ticket was drawn by First Lady **Trish Johnson**! The total in fines were \$50!



Finally, **Dan Dever** and **Ben Tafoya** both received hard fines this week of \$20 each for failing in their duties to have the Rotary Bell encased in something, or even having it at the party itself!



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## Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. July 10 to President Dwight Johnson.*

**Dennis Haightat**

**CEO**

**Victor Valley Global Medical Center**

**Classification: Administration: Medical**

**Sponsor: Mike Page**

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**McKenzie Tarango**

**Coordinator Alternative Education,  
Enrichment & Special Projects**

**Victor Valley Union High School District**

**Classification: Education: Alternative**

**Sponsor: Ron Williams**



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2016-2018 .....	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020 .....	Brad Letner
Community Service .....	Victor Rocha
Youth Service/Scholarships .....	Van Young
Vocational Service .....	Club Directors

### Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer .....	TBD
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master .....	Al Castellucci
Programs .....	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Marie Langley
R.Y.L.A./TLC/Public Safety Awards .....	Teressa Coomes
Flowers and Gifts .....	Trish Johnson
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

<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 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.
<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

- July 6: Avenues of Service Meeting**  
5:00 pm fellowship • 5.30pm call to order  
DCB Board Room (Corner of Silica & Hesperia)
- July 10: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00 pm fellowship • 5.30pm call to order  
DCB Board Room (Corner of Silica & Hesperia)
- July 20: Fireside**  
5:00pm - 7:00pm • Home of Kevin & Pam Kane  
13135 Meteor Drive Spring Valley Lake
- 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.*
- Sept. 30: Wine Jazz and More**  
*Chair Rosanne Weathers is looking for committee members and promises a real Jazz band this year thanks to Marie Langley!*

## Future Rotary Programs

- July 11:** Dwight Johnson, Rotary Club of Victorville President **TOPIC: "Avenues of Service 2017 - 2018"** (Johnson)
- July 18:** Corey Beck, Beck Oil **TOPIC: "Who We Are, What We Do and How Did We Start"** (Johnson)

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