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THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



June 28, 2016

Out with the Ben... In with the Dwight!



This week we celebrated the changing of the guard, as President **Ben Tafoya** shared some parting remarks to those who were not able to attend the Demotion Party and then proceeded to hand over the meeting to **Donna Wells** for a Financial Report.

Donna shared that right now we have a small surplus, and some outstanding invoices, but we are fiscally sound! The Club will still continue to watch how we spend our money throughout the next 12 months, as most of our expenditures occur near the end of the fiscal year. Finally, Donna announced that she will be returning for her 3rd year as Club Treasurer.

Our new President **Dwight Johnson** was next up to speak to the members on his thoughts and plans for the upcoming Rotary year. Dwight started by announcing his Board for his term and handed out pins to those who were not able to attend the Demotion Party to receive theirs. Dwight has the smallest Rotary Pin to signify that he, as a President is insignificant... it is this Club as a whole that makes us outstanding!

Our Club has had great successes in its 66 years, and Dwight will not alter that with changing what has worked so well. We

will continue with our International Projects, working with the District to build homes in Tecate and with the Ensenada Club to provide clothing and food to the orphanage. For our local area, we will continue our work with the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, the Angel Tree Project, Food Baskets, Mini Grants, Wine, Jazz and More, plus some new areas of investment. Our new District Governor has a new project he is starting up geared for youth, and our Club has already pledged financial support for it, even though we don't know exactly what it will be.

Dwight will be leading the Club in new and unique ways of fundraising, including a possible indoor mini golf tournament! Dwight and the Board of Directors will be coming up with new and aggressive ways to increase our Club membership. Finally, there will be a new look to this publication starting next week for the next year, and will feature the new column... "Dwight's Writes".

Dwight promises an outstanding Rotary year, and we as a Club are looking forward to seeing what is just around the corner. Ben has challenged Dwight to win the Governor's Award this year, and under Dwight's leadership, it just might happen.



This Week's Functionary

Invocation:

Flag Salute:

4-Way Test:

Song:

Ben Tafoya

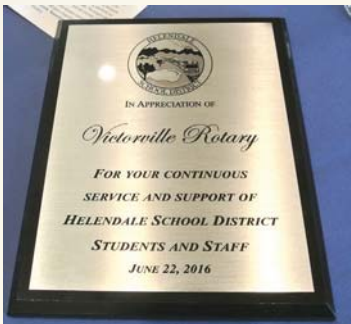


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Tafoya Talk...

Well, here we are. My last message for my 2015-2016 Rotary year as your President. The old adage holds true here... "Time Flies When You're Having Fun". This year has flown by and so many things were accomplished by our Club. One of the highlights for me, was when WE, collectively as a Club earned the Governor's Award at District Conference. It was a true testament of your dedication to the mission of Rotary International.



Last week we were presented with a wonderful plaque by the Helendale School District for our continued support and work that we do with the students there.

Thank you all who attended the Demotion Party last

Saturday. Thank you to the Dever's for opening their home to us and everyone who made the evening so memorable.

Congratulations to **Dr. Hough** for being selected as Rotarian of the Year. It is an honor truly deserved!

Speaking of Dr. Hough, this week we said farewell to Dr. Hough, as she will be leaving next week to her new home in South Carolina! There



is going to be one lucky Rotary Club who will have her as a member. **Amanda Meere** from Obernolte's office presented her with a Proclamation for her hard work and dedication to Rotary.

Finally, I leave you know in the capable hands of President **Dwight Johnson**. Thank you for the great year and the wonderful memories that will stay with me forever.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$11.00

Collected to Date: \$13,211.18

Total equals: 87,9490 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

Proposed member **Jim Mettler** from CalPortland attended our meeting once again with sponsor **Jon Hove**, **Sergio Quesada** from Q Marketing was in attendance with **Dwight Johnson**, and **Cathy Caruso** was a guest this week of **Mary Hennessy**. **Amanda Meere** from Jay Obernolte's office attended as a "Stand-In" for **Teressa Coomes** and **Leslie Marty** was with us, standing in for **Mary Hennessy**.

July Anniversaries

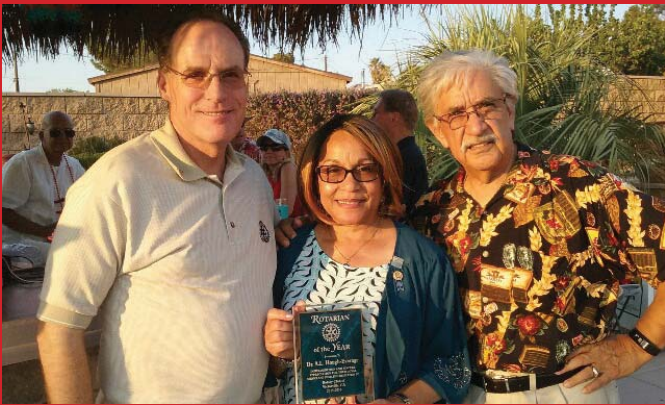
John Kroencke	47 Years
Kevin Kane	18 Years
Paula Esteban	17 Years
Marilyn Buttlerwerth	17 Years
Craig Garrick	13 Years
Nancy Noble	12 Years
Diane Anderson	11 Years
Dan Munsey	4 years
Deb Clarkson	4 Years
Cherie Range	3 Years
Ron Hughes	3 Years
Pam Murray	2 Years
Mark McKay	2 Years
Chris Ackerman	1 Year
Victor Rocha	1 Year
Maureen Mills	1 Year
Lori Billing	1 Year
Rio Faison	1 Year

Fine Session

Mark Taylor returned as our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Dwight Johnson** \$20 for his new badge, AND for the fact that at the Demotion Party, Mark was blinded the pasty white legs of our incoming President! Wear some shorts man! **Ben Tafoya** was also fined \$20 for receiving his Past President's Badge.

It was time to then celebrate some anniversaries with fines! **Mike Page** was fined \$24 for his anniversary, but argued that it was only 19 years! The fine stayed because he was talking at his table. **Gary Adams** was fined \$36 to match his years as a Rotarian, and **Al Castellucci** was given a fine free pass for 56 years as a Rotarian. According to Mark, anyone who is a Rotarian that long, does not deserve a fine!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Hough** was selected at the Demotion Party as the **2015-2016 Rotarian of the Year!**

Spoon of Exemption

Gentiva Hospice's, **Cathy Caruso**, was on hand for their final time with the "Spoon" this week and shared that in the next year or so, they will be changing over to Kincaid Hospice! They were recently purchased by them and with Kincaid Hospice being one of the largest employers in the US for this industry, their opportunities in the future looks very bright!

After she spoke, **Mark Taylor** auctioned off the spoon for the month of July, and in short battle between **Rosanne Weathers** and **Van Young**, Rosanne came out on top with the spoon for \$100.00.

Raffle Prizes

This week **Dr. Hough** donated her final gifts with our Club before she heads off to South Carolina! She donated a book on body language which will be read by **Rosanne Weathers**, and a hanging rack for summer flip flops that will be used by **Ben Tafoya** as he takes a well deserved rest after his busy year!

Ben also won quite a few more goodies for the perfect summer getaway! Along with a Vitelli's Deli gift certificate from **Dwight Johnson**, he also took home a sand bucket beach set from **Cathy Caruso** and **Mary Hennessy** from Gentiva Hospice! **Kevin Kane** be playing in the sand as well!

Kevin Kane gave away a couple of his VVTA thumb drives, what were won by **Jim Mettler** and yes, **Ben Tafoya**, and a cool bicycle thumb drive that went to **Gary Adams**.

Finally **Rosanne Weathers** brought a couple of water Infusers from DVMG, that will be used for better health by **Donna Wells** and **Brad Letner**.

Lucky Blue Dice



A new game started this week for the Blue Dice and **Gary Adams** was the first one chosen to grab the cash.

He drew a white one and \$5 for his trouble.

We return next week with 13 dice and \$225 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Dwight Johnson
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17	Dan Munsey
Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service/Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever

Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Dan Munsey
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
Newsletter	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 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

July 13: BOD Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, Hesperia & Silica

July 16: Going Away Party for Rikke Seji Biedsgaard
6:00 p.m. • Coomes Residence
14330 Las Flores Drive, Victorville
RSVP: 760-217-0169

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- July 5: Annual Patriotic Program "Celebrating Our Independence"** (Letner)
- July 12:** Assemblyman Jay Obernolte
- July 19:** Ryan McEachron, Immediate past President SANBAG **TOPIC: "My Year as SANBAG President"** (Johnson)
- July 26:** Sue Moore, Moore Digital Marketing **TOPIC: "The Digital World"** (Page)

Prayers Needed

Please keep Rotarian Gene Gibbs in your prayers and good thoughts. Gene fell in April and had a small brain hemorrhage. He is making a very slow recovery right now and the family is taking his health one day at a time. Gene is presently at Kincaid Hospital in Brea.

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