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THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



July 7, 2015

Patriotism: Building a Better America

Eric Schmidt, owner of Exquadrum, Inc., Mayor for the City of Hesperia, and President of the Victor Valley College Foundation, has some very strong feelings on Patriotism.

Patriotism has been mostly used throughout the years as a noun, but Eric, sees the word as a verb. The common meaning for it is "a love that a person feels for their country", but Eric adds more to it. It is not just someone who loves America, but helps to build a better America. Some action words that define true patriotism are: protect, serve, honor, vote, salute and volunteer.

There are a lot of symbols as well that help us "feel" patriotic. This feeling helps us put away ideological differences and just be Americans. Such symbols include the Stars and Stripes, and the National Anthem. Symbols also come in the form of calendar days of honor and celebration; Independence Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. There are also other symbols, that have come into our consciousness due to tragic events that have brought our country closer together to this ideal that



we are all Americans first and foremost such as Pearl Harbor, 9/11, the Haiti earthquake, and the Japan Tsunami

When it comes down to it, that makes a great patriot. Patriotism are people who supersede different cultural and ideology and help create a broader American identity by helping others in need. A true patriot believes that, "All Men are Created Equal".



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	John Hulterstrom
Flag Salute:	Brad Letner
4-Way Test:	Kevin Kane
Song:	Al Castellucci



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Tafoya Talk...

The July 7 Rotary meeting was the first one for our new President, **Ben Tafoya!**

First off was a reminder that our next get together will be on Saturday, July 18 for a Movie Night at the Hove's! We will be screening the original Star Wars! It will be a great evening of food, fun and Rotarian fellowship. Please sign up with **Margaret Cooker.**

Past Presidents are reminded of their meeting at the Green Tree Golf Course on Monday July 27 at 5.30 pm.

Steve Murray reminded us all that next week's meeting will be a Club Assembly to vote on our future location, either at the new Holiday Inn, or remain at the Green Tree. The only votes that count, are the ones who show up, so please plan to attend.

Doug Robertson came up to the Mic as a representative of the Victor Valley Chamber to award our speaker for the day, Eric Schmidt with the "Most Inspirational Leader" Award from their recent Accolades event.



Finally, Past District Governor **Stew Anderson** was on hand today to induct our newest Rotarians, **Maureen Mills** from the VESD, who was sponsored by **Steve Murray** and **Victor Rocha** from El Pescador, who was sponsored by **Don Lager!** Welcome to Rotary!



Lucky Blue Dice



The financial queen of Rotary, Donna Wells, finally got her turn to collect a bunch of greenbacks, but picked another white dice, and gave her \$5 win to the Polio Pig!

We now have \$400 and 6 dice up for grabs!

Fine Session

Our Fine Master **Mark Taylor** was on hand today to deal out some financial punishment! **Steve Murray** was fined \$25 for accepting his Past Presidents Badge, and Ben was fined \$80 for accepting his Presidents Badge! **Jim Kroencke** comes off from receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award to getting a \$46 fine for celebrating 46 years as a Rotarian!

Next up was a table history quiz, with the incorrect answer resulting in a \$10 fine for each member of that table! In the end, \$50 fines went out to **Jim Cox's, Carol Yule's** and **Doug Robertson's** table. The only group left unscathed was the table of **Margaret Cooker**, who got the history answer correct! In the end though Doug's table was excused for having the best wrong answer. The question was, "Who was the last person to sign the Declaration of Independence?" Their answer? Al Castellucci.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$23.00

Polio Pig: \$18 + Donna Wells: \$5 = \$23.00

Collected to Date: \$12,489.22

Total equals: 87,043 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Rotary Guests

We had one guest this week, but a lot of stand-ins. Our guest this week was Ben Hemmen, the General Manager for the High Desert Mavericks, who was invited by **Steve Orr**. Our stand-ins today were: **Andrea Pineda** for **Rosanne Weathers**, **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**, **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessy** and **Gene Everage** for **Dr. Hough**.

Spoon of Exemption: Jim Barnes

In his first week having the Spoon of Exemption, **Jim Barnes** told everyone a bit about his business, B&B Cycles. B&B are a Honda and Yamaha motorcycle dealership, plus during this time of year, specialize in Seadoo and Watercraft sales and service. For more information you can visit them at 13815 Park Ave. in Victorville.



Rotary About Town



Rotarian and Executive Director of the Victor Valley College Foundation Ginger Ontiveros celebrating their 40th Anniversary at VVC with enthusiasm and style!

Raffle Prizes

Even though **Dr. Hough** has been absent, her scarves just keep on coming, this week going home with **Violette Roberts**, **Dan Dever** and **Andrea Pineda** from Desert Valley Hospital. Desert Valley gave a gift bag, which was won by **Ron Williams**, who also brought VUHSD water bottles, which were won by **Ron Boyd** and **Don Lager**.

Don raffled off some Maverick Baseball tickets which will be used by **Stew Anderson**. When Stew goes to the game, he will have a new cap from Violette Roberts at the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District. **Caroll Yule** also won a hat, which will go well with her collection of hats from Bob's Tire.

Finally, in the sweetest gift of the day, Ron Boyd walked away with a container of Red Vines liquorice, donated by Caroll Yule.

Club Assembly

At the July 14th meeting we will be holding a Club Assembly to vote on:

Whether to stay at the Green Tree or move to the Holiday Inn?

Please attend and vote!

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. July 21 to President Ben Tafoya.

Sam Grandlienard

General Manager

SouthWest Gas

Classification: Utility: Gas

Sponsor: Ben Tafoya

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 2014-2015

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

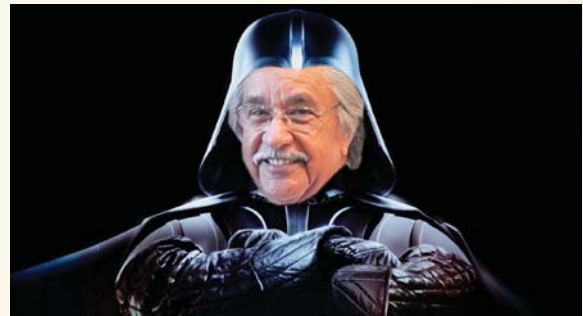
The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	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, 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 Victor Valley Sunrise, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES

July 18: Movie Night
Jon Hove's Home
Join us for a great night of fellowship and fun as we watch "Star Wars"
NO CHARGE
Time: TBA



July 27: Past President's Meeting
5:30 p.m. at Green Tree Golf Course

Aug 20: Fireside Chat with Apple Valley Rotary
Time & Location: TBA

Upcoming Rotary Programs

July 14: Todd Turoci, Attorney at Law
Topic: Bankruptcy: Behind the Scenes
Club Assembly (Page)

July 21: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte
(Page)

July 28: Open

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