



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



July 10, 2018

FROM THE ARMY TO ADELANTO

A new year, a new era, a new leader. Our new Rotary **President Brad Letner** spoke to the Club this week, sharing his background on how he got to where he is today, as well where our Club is going over the next 12 months.

There have been many stages in the career path of Brad Letner. Brad first shared his story of falling in love at first sight with Teresa in 1985, where he became a church youth group leader just to be around her, to joining the Army one year later followed by their marriage in 1987, when Brad was 18 and Teresa was 16!



In his first stint in the Army, we met Private Letner where he had big dreams and a bigger mouth, which got him into some hot water at

times with his commanding officers, when he was stationed in Germany. After his time with the Army, he went back to college and became part of the Western Michigan University ROTC before taking a year off where he held down three jobs!!

The story continues with Brad going back into Army Service at Ft. Hood in the 1st Calvary Division, and then taking over as a Church Pastor at Barstow Free Methodist Church at Ft. Irwin, when he was called back into active service in 2004. When it came time to defend our country, Brad was there as Major Letner in Kabul, Afghanistan.

As time marched on, Brad realized he was away from home too long and decided he wanted to be with his family. That was when most of us met Brad Letner, as CEO of the Hesperia Chamber of Commerce. In his role there he was able to give a lot of speeches and meet some influential and interesting people. One day he received a call from the City of Adelanto, and, even after telling them he had no idea what it was to be a City Manager; they needed a leader, and Brad was it.

Brad has been involved with our Club for quite a few years now, and in his role as President his call to us as members is "Ownership". His goal for this year is for all Club members to be able to answer the questions, "What is Rotary", and "Why Rotary".

After announcing Club Chairs for this year, Brad concluded that this Rotary Year will have more evening meetings, more fun and more opportunities for our family members to join us and to be involved with the Club's activities.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Jim Doltar
- Flag Salute:** Azuree Morris
- 4-Way Test:** Rick Bessinger
- Song:** Marie Langley
- Finemaster:** Dwight Johnson

LETNER'S LETTER



Friends,

We had a very good turnout Tuesday for my initial introductory address to the Club. Thanks to all who attended and especially to all who invited a guest. We gave out at least one application for membership so that's a good start.

The crux of my message Tuesday was each of us should have an answer for two important questions: 1. What is Rotary? and 2. Why Rotary? We'll talk more about those in upcoming weeks!

The secondary point Tuesday was that our Victorville Rotary Club is exactly that – OURS! It's not mine, it belongs to all of us and each of us. I'd like to challenge each of us to consider what one thing, or two things that our Club does, that we will take a leadership role in. We have almost 60 members. This year, I hope to have at least 30 people as a chair or co-chair or vice-chair for a specific activity... not 10 members, each acting as Chair of 3-5 activities.

We still need and love our LADs and LADies. (LAD = Lunch And Dues). Rotary does great work in our community, our region, and the world... your dues make a big difference! Your attendance at Tuesday luncheons help spread the word.

YOU are the reason Rotary is THIS CLOSE to ending Polio for all time.

So whatever your level of involvement –
THANK YOU!
See you Tuesday.



SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Craig Garrick had his first time with the Spoon this week, and instead of promoting ComAV, he chose instead to give a huge shout out and thank you to **Jim Mettler** for the Dodger tickets he won at the last meeting. Craig took

his grandkids and son-in-law and had a wonderful time complete with 6 home runs, lots of Dodger Dogs and a fireworks show! It was a great evening and wanted to acknowledge Jim in front of the Club.



ROTARY NEWS UPDATE



This week the announcement was made that the late **Gary Adams** was the recipient of the 2018 Rotarian of the Year. The presentation was given at the Demotion Party and was presented to Gary's widow

Carole Adams, and son **Gary Adams, Jr.**



It was also announced this week that **Arsalee Morales** will Continue to fill in Gary's position, as she has done since he became ill, as our new Corporal at Arms. Congratulations Arsalee!

Rounding out **Dwight**

Johnson's year as our President this week concluded with Dwight being presented with his Past President's Badge and Rotary news editor **Chris**



Ackerman presented Dwight with a large notebook filled with issues of the Joshua Tree Newsletter, so he can reflect on all he has accomplished.

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Margaret Cooker drew for Jim Cox this week with the promise of a 50% split between the Polio Pig and Foundation if she picked the Blue Dice, but no go.

Next week there will be 5 dice and \$425 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION

A first this week as new Past President was our Fine Master **Dwight Johnson!** He began by asking who would be going to the Hove's this weekend for Movie Night. Those who didn't raise their hands were each given a \$5 fine!

Kevin Kane was handed a \$10 penalty for not accepting to being Fine Master at the meeting, and **Mike Page** was fined \$20 for asking Dwight to be the Finer at the last minute! **Steve Orr**, even though absent, will return to have \$10 taken from him because Dwight was ready to join him at the back table and cause nothing but problems and interruptions.

Finally, this past weekend when Dwight and Trish were returning from Colorado, they stopped by **Russ Stringham's** house in Utah. Russ received a \$10 fine for his beautiful home.

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$24.00

Polio Pig: \$19.00 + Dice Jim Cox): \$5.00 = \$24.00

Collected to Date: \$15,399.93

Total equals: 91,848 Doses!

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

RAFFLE PRIZES

In this week's raffle, it pays to be a stand-in! **Amy Torres** from Kindred Hospice took home a slew of gifts including a SB County Sheriff's tumbler from **Captain Rick Bessinger**, two large gift bags from **Bill Edwards** at the Victor Valley Rescue Mission and a pair of passes to Yardbirds Baseball from **Dwight Johnson** at El Dorado! **Brad Poiriez** and **Bill Edwards** also won baseball tickets and finally, **Marilyn Buttelwerth** and **Jim Cox** went home with gift bags from **Joe Alvarez** with the Salvation Army.

ROTARY GUESTS

Members of the media were in attendance this week to hear from our new President, including **Chris Paul** and **Tom Bogdis** from Victor Valley TV as well as **Shea Johnson** and **James Quigg** from the Daily Press.

We welcomed Interact students **Savannah Brewster** and **Jillian Barnes** from Silverado High School, and **Brad Poiriez** invited his staff member **Martial Haprov**.

We were honored to have **Mark Creffield** from the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce and our new First Lady **Teresa Letner** in the room this week. Finally, our Stand-In was **Amy Torres** from Kindred Hospice, who was at the meeting for **Robert Barton**.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. July 16 to President Brad Letner.

Esther Mears

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& Margaret Cooker



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2018-2019	Brad Letner
Immediate Past President	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
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Fundraising.....	Teresa Letner
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Ryla & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Corporal At Arms	Arsalee Morales
Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards.....	Rick Bessinger
Scholarships.....	David North
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
Flowers and Gifts	Teresa Letner
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

- July 14: Movie Night**
Home of Jon and Linda Hove
- July 23: Past President's Meeting**
5:30pm
El Pescador Restaurant
- Aug 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- July 17:** Caroll Yule, Owner / Broker Shear Real Estate **TOPIC: "Are We Headed for Another Crash"** (Page)
- July 24:** Sharon Page, HR Edge
TOPIC: "Surviving as a Leader in a Post-Harvey Weinstein World – What You Need to Know in the Age of the #Metoo Movement" (Letner)
- July 31: Evening Meeting**

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