



THE JOSHUA TREE



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Rotary Club of Victorville, CA 

S.W.A.T. Team in Action

The San Bernardino County S.W.A.T. team is always ready for action, but the road is hard to get there. The training is intense and challenging, but for those who make it, the rewards are fulfilling.

Sam Lucia brought out the "Big Guns" at this week's meeting. **Greg Herbert**, the S.W.A.T. Commander and Captain who will be retiring in a few weeks, introduced us to his new Captain, **Hector Gomez** and Lieutenant **John Walker**. Both men led us through what it is like to be a member of S.W.A.T.

The team deals with dangers such as violence, riots, arson, bomb threats, hostages as well as working with the US Marshals in fugitive apprehension and dignitary protection.

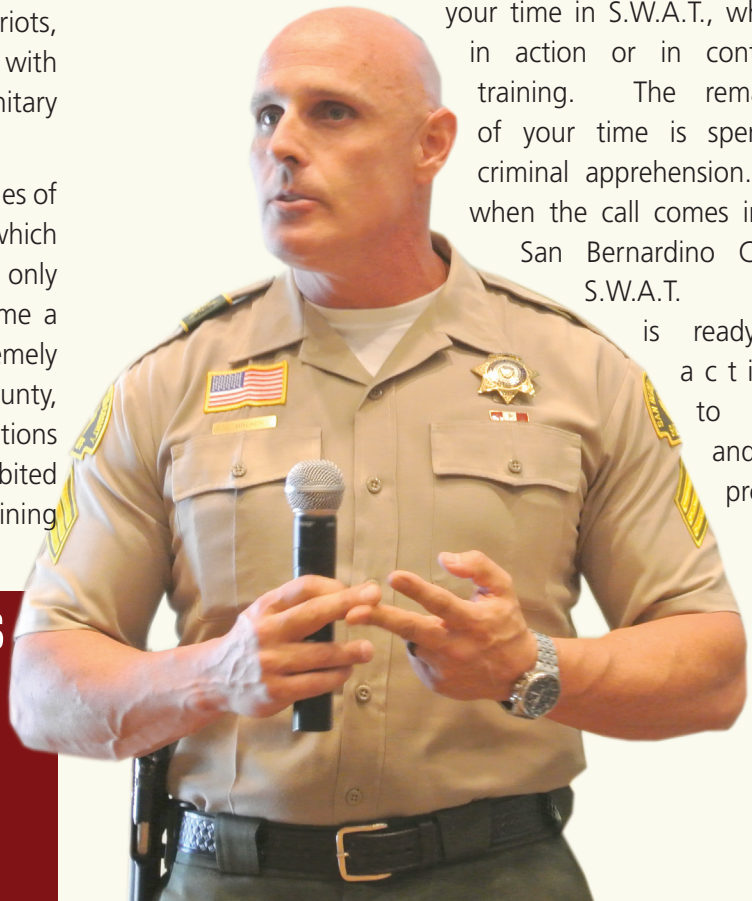
To become a S.W.A.T. member you must pass a series of tests from oral, written and an endurance test, in which you only have 11 minutes to complete, and that only gets you as far as training. The training to become a S.W.A.T. team member lasts about a year and is extremely grueling. Since they protect all of San Bernardino County, they must train in all sorts of environments and conditions such as the desert, mountains, snow, and uninhabited rugged terrain. In their S.W.A.T. School they have training

for Gas (with and without a mask), Movement, for staying safe moving in a house, building or outside, and Weapons Training.

With these tools, the S.W.A.T. team can usually take care of most issues without incident, but there are those few cases when they need to use their training and knowledge to go after the most dangerous of individuals. Hector Gomez stated, "If you, as a business owner are held hostage, do you want us to miss our shot?"

Once you are a full member, you spend about 25% of your time in S.W.A.T., whether in action or in continued training. The remainder of your time is spent on criminal apprehension. But when the call comes in, the

San Bernardino County S.W.A.T. team is ready for action, to serve and to protect.

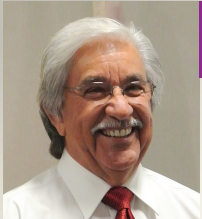


This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: John Hulterstrom
- Flag Salute: Sam Lucia
- 4-Way Test: Bill Scott
- Song: Al Castellucci



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

While Ben is away on vacation, soaking up the rays in Hawaii, **Mike Page** took to the podium and led today's meeting.

First order of business was the upcoming Wine, Jazz and More. **Dwight Johnson** let everyone know that the next committee meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4 at 11:15am at the Green Tree, right before the start of our weekly general meeting. We already have an Imperial Sponsor, Desert Valley Medical Group; thank you Rosanne Weathers! We also have Flute Sponsors lined up in the form of Shear Realty and H&R Block. At next week's meeting we will have event/sponsorship fliers for you to get out into the public. Finally, a reminder, if you bring a raffle gift for Wine Jazz and More to our luncheon, then you will receive one free raffle ticket every time you bring something! We are looking for gift baskets, gift cards and specialty items. We usually get inundated with wine gifts, and this year we would like to mix it up a bit.

In the area of Membership, Dwight gave a good reminder to everyone that we have a lot of members who do not attend the luncheon. Right now is a perfect opportunity to give them a call and invite them back to attend a luncheon.

Finally, Mike Page reminded everyone of the upcoming Past Presidents Meeting on August 17 at 5:30 at the Green Tree Golf Course. We hope to see a lot of our past leaders there.

Rotary International News

Take a bow Rotarians! We're delighted to report that Nigeria has passed one year with no new cases of the wild polio virus.

This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. We've come a long way since the bleak years when the virus reached its peak. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa- three quarters of all cases in the world.

We congratulate Rotarians who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million to Nigeria, who now have the opportunity for healthier, happier lives.

Lucky Blue Dice



Dr. Ron Boyd was this week's lucky member to try for a chance for the big money, but the blue dice stayed in the bag once again.

We now have \$475 and 3 dice left!!

Fine Session

Our Fine Master today was **Mark Taylor**, and his first order of business was to wish a belated happy birthday to **Donna Wells**. She was fined \$39 to celebrate her day and **Kevin Kane** was fined \$17 for being a Rotarian for the same number of years. In terms of attendance **Bill Scott** was fined \$25 for not attending a Rotary meeting in a very long time, and **Rick Hampton** from ServPro was fined \$20 for attending two meetings in a row! Finally, **Don Lager** was charged \$10 in a story when Don called Mark on the phone and yelled "Don't Hang Up".

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$14.00

Collected to Date: \$12,546.22

Total equals: 87,157 Doses!

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



Rotary Guests

One of our newest members **Victor Rocha** handled our guest introductions at this week's meeting. He really had his work cut out for him, as we had one guest to introduce. **Ron Boyd** introduced us all to his new physician at VCA Victor Valley, **Brenda Ontiveros**. Our stand in today, was **Violette Roberts**, who was once again attending on behalf of **Eldon Heaston**.

Free Stuff

Dan Dever has remodeled his offices and has 4 drawer filing cabinets and chairs to give away. If you know anyone that could use these please have them call Dan at 760-245-7970.

August Spouse Birthdays

Kay Marie Gregory	August 2
Jim Coomes	August 6
John Ontiveros	August 15
Lesley Murray	August 16
Brian Mills	August 17
Charley Caldwell	August 21
Jan Tafoya	August 25

Rotary About Town



Dwight Johnson, handing out prizes to the community. After this photo Dwight took a spin of the wheel a few times himself, so he would have some raffle gifts for the next Rotary meeting.

Raffle Prizes

Mark Taylor handled duties at this week's meeting handing out our raffle prizes. **Dwight Johnson** sent **Stew Anderson** to a night of Baseball fun with 4 tickets to a Mavericks game. Dwight also gave two sets of buffet meals at the newly remodeled Serrano Buffet at San Manuel Casino, which went to **Violette Roberts** and **Chris Ackerman**. Our guest **Brenda Ontiveros** went away with \$25 in spending money, in the form of a gift card from Midway, thanks to **Don Lager**. With baseball in full swing Don also had a set of baseball tickets that went to **Kevin Kane**. Finally, we could not leave **Gary Adams** out of this... Gary took home a lunch thermos from **Rosanne Weathers** at DVMG.

Spoon of Exemption: Rosanne Weathers



In the epic "Battle of the Back Table", between **Rosanne Weathers** from Desert Valley Hospital, and **Steve Orr** from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, it was Rosanne that came out the victor for the August Spoon of Exemption!

Bidding started at \$50 and went back and forth until Steve Orr bid \$100 for the spoon. Rosanne, not to be undone, took the bidding from \$100 straight to \$200, which ended the battle with a clear and decisive winner! We look forward to hearing from Rosanne next week.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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

- Aug. 17: Past President's Meeting**
5:30 p.m. at Green Tree Golf Course
- Oct. 3: Wine, Jazz and More**
6:00pm at SVL Community Center
\$40 per person • \$75 per couple



Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Aug. 4:** Sharon Page, HR Edge - **Topic: Healthy Workplace, Healthy Family Act** (Yule) & Denise Wadsworth - **Topic: Rotary Vocational Service & Interact Mini Symposium** (Tafoya)
- Aug. 11:** SB County Superior Court, Presiding Judge Haight - **Topic: Restructuring and Expansion of Victorville and Barstow Courts** (Robertson)

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