



The Joshua Tree



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A Buyers Guide to the Residential Real Estate Market

The residential real estate market is on the rise according to Honorary Rotarian and owner of Shear Realty, **Carol Yule**. Over the past year, median home prices have risen 7% from \$220,000 in July 2016 to \$237,000 in July of this year. The best news is that homes are being purchased just as soon as they are finished being built!

Oak Hills has come in this year with the highest home closing price at an average of \$370,000. This is due to larger homes on vast properties, and also the fact that there are 80,000 commuters and it is a perfect place to live for "down the hill" freeway access. Next highest place is Spring Valley Lake (\$278,000), followed by the "Big 3" of Hesperia, Apple Valley and Victorville. Even though Victorville is third in terms of closing prices of the three, they come in first of 28.2% of sales for the whole region, with Apple Valley coming in a close second at 25.4% of sales.

Right now, the High Desert is the only affordable housing left in California. There are very few homes left available in California and because of that prices are through the roof, not only for buyers, but renters as well. Even real estate agents down the hill are trying everything they can to get listings here in the High Desert. At this point there is only a two month supply of inventory locally.

For homes sold in the first half of this year, 1,554 homes in the \$200,000 - \$300,000 were sold and 1,008 in the 100's were bought up by new home owners. In total there have been 3,388 sold this year, with 2,743 of those sales under the \$300,000 mark.

The challenges in the current market are the two "A's", Affordability and Availability. We have already covered the limited available

inventory statewide and locally, but the affordability is a different challenge altogether. Real estate agents are looking for two types of buyers, Millennials (under 25 years) and new parents (25 - 44). These make up the growing first time home owners. With the median home price of \$237,000 and the average income of a Millennial \$33,626 and new parents \$50,251, it can make a qualifying process a nightmare.

What does the future hold for the residential real estate market? Home sales are expecting to soar in 2018, but, analysts are not predicting anything past next year. If you are looking to buy or sell your home, or need assistance to help avoid the pitfalls and scams in the current market, contact Shear Realty by visiting their website at www.shearrealty.com.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Louise Bevilacqua
Song:	Al Castellucci
Finemaster:	Mark Taylor

Dwight's Writes



It's always a good day when **Carroll Yule** attends a Rotary meeting, but when she is a guest speaker, it makes the day even better!

Don't forget that next week we will NOT be at El Pescador for lunch but we will be gathering for our weekly meeting at Los Robertos from 5 - 8pm. This is the perfect time to invite a guest and potential member! It will be a different style of meeting, but still important for every member to attend.

Reminder that nominations are now open for the 2020-2021 Rotary President. You may nominate yourself or anyone who you feel will be a great leader for our Club and would like to attend the International Convention in Hawaii! Nominations are due by August 15th.



David North shared a Certificate of Appreciation we received, along with a selection of letters, from the staff and students at Victor Valley College for our work with their scholarship program.

I want to take a moment to thank **Ryan McEachron** for volunteering as director of Vocational Services for the Club!!

Finally, my thought of the week is "Give of your hands to serve and your hearts to love."

- Mother Teresa

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lucky Blue Dice



Who is this mystery woman? None other than **Carroll Yule** who had a chance for the big money, but picked a white dice once again! Another chance next week!

Next week we will continue with 8 dice and \$350 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Spoon of Exemption



Photo by Kevin Kane

This week **Chris Ackerman** shared the second aspect of his life, his 9 year career as a sports announcer.

When Chris is not in the High Desert running Signify Designs, he is announcing speedway and flat track motorcycle racing, as well as stock car racing at either Perris Raceway, Ventura Raceway or Santa Maria Raceway. On August 19, he has even been invited to announce a huge race at Fuji Park in Carson City Nevada.

Locally, Chris was the voice of the High Desert Mavericks for their final 2 seasons and in 2017 was the announcer and emcee for the Yardbirds Baseball Club. Finally, starting August 25, Chris will return to CBS Sports Radio (KRAK Sports 910AM) for another season as host of "Friday Night Lights" covering the play by play action of local High School football games.

Raffle Prizes

This week **Louise Bevilacqua** gave away a couple of DCB goodie bags that went to our guest **Donna Taylor** and speaker **Caroll Yule**. Caroll will look like a true banker next time she is at the market, because she also won a cloth bag from **David North** at Alaska USA! David also donated a corporate dart magnet game that was won by **Gary Adams** and a 2017 calendar and mints that went to **Jim Murray**. Jim also took home the best raffle gift of all, \$20 cash from **Caroll Yule**!

Finally, a golf ball cleaner from **Margaret Cooker** at Health Ventures will be used on the course by **Corey Beck**!

Wine, Jazz & More Update



Rotary Club of Victorville, CA PRESENTS *The End of an Era...* 17TH & Final **WINE JAZZ & MORE** Saturday September 30 2017 SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER 12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE, CA 92395 5:00PM : WINE TASTING • 6:00 PM : DINNER \$50 PER PERSON **WINE TASTING LIVE JAZZ MUSIC DINNER SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS** For more information contact Rosanne Weathers, Chair at (760) 780-7847

Wine, Jazz and More is just around the corner and its time to get your prizes in! Please bring your baskets and items for our raffle, as well as the live and silent auction gifts to our weekly meetings if you cannot attend a committee meeting. Please ask every business you know to donate an item to our raffle!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$12.00
Collected to Date: \$14,377.21
Total equals: 89,801 Doses!
*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

New Rotarian



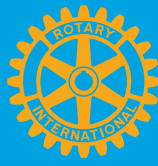
This week, along with sponsor **Dwight Johnson**, the Club welcomed **Robert Barton** of Kindred Hospice as our newest member! Robert has been married for 5 years and has 3 year old son, who is his life. Before joining Kindred, he worked for 15 years in the skilled nursing industry with mental health patients, and still works as a consultant for the industry.

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was our Fine Master this week, and started off by acknowledging that **Brad Letner** was being very optimistic by calling his 50th birthday bash the "Halftime Show". Mark felt it would be more appropriate to call it the "3rd Quarter". Nevertheless, it earned Brad a \$25 fine, as it did for **Rosanne Weathers** in celebration of her birthday last weekend.

Rotary Guests

Only one guest joined us this week, **Donna Taylor**, wife of **Mark Taylor**, who came specifically to hear **Caroll Yule** speak.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
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International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Marie Langley • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelerwerth
Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Teressa Coomes
R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Ryan McEachron
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	TBD
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Four Way Speech Contest	TBD
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
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

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 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.
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

Aug 14: Board of Directors Meeting
Fellowship 5:00pm • Meeting 5:30pm
ISU ARMAC Insurance Services
17177 Yuma St, Victorville, CA 92395

Aug 15: Evening of Rotary
5:00 pm - 8:00pm
Los Robertos Restaurant
12670 Hesperia Road, Victorville
There is NO Lunch meeting that day

Aug 16: WJM Committee Meeting
5:30 pm • Location TBD

Sept. 30: Wine Jazz and More
5:00 pm Wine Tasting • 6:00pm Dinner
Spring Valley Lake Community Center
12975 Rolling Ridge, Victorville
\$50 per person

Future Rotary Programs

August 15: Evening Meeting at Los Roberto's

August 22: San Bernardino County Sheriff Deputy Asiah Medawar, Victorville Station
TOPIC: "Homelessness" (Schuler)

August 29: Bob Dutton - Assessor - Recorder - County Clerk, San Bernardino County

Sept. 5: Bill Larson, VP Marketing, Cal Portland Cement, **TOPIC: "Cal Portland Cement Manufacturing"** (Mettler)

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