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#### WHERE DOES THE NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY GO FROM HERE?

**Steve Hunt** has spent the last 44 years in the newspaper industry. He began as a sports writer in high school and college and once he given an internship at the Pasadena Star, he never looked back. For those of us who grew up from the 1950's through the early 80's, we remember fondly when newspapers were a very important part of our lives, not just information, but as a first job for many.

This writer remembers having both the L.A. Times and Herald Examiner every evening at our home while I used to help my older brother roll and rubber band newspapers

for his morning paper route.

Nowadays, papers are not as important to our youth and due to liability issues, newspapers are now delivered by adults in cars during the wee hours of the morning.

# This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Ryan McEachron

Flag Salute: McKenzie Tarango

4-Way Test: Dr. Ron Boyd

Finemaster: Mark Taylor

Back in the 50's and 60's papers were black and white and were much wider and longer. In the late 70's, color came into the mix, mostly red, and in the late 80's and 90's, newspapers went full color.

Steve shared stories of writing stories at Dodger Stadium with his portable typewriter and sending them in via an early fax machine called a Teletype, which sent pages at 4 minutes a piece! Later on he would carry his first portable computer to the games...which was the size of a suitcase!

When the Internet came into the mainstream, it changed the newspaper industry, but not in a good way. The industry was not prepared for this, and sites like Yahoo and Google stole stories, while Craigslist became the new Classified Section, and put them all up for free on the Internet. For the last 20 years, the industry has been trying to catch up.

The Daily Press is meeting the challenge head on. The paper still has a strong readership of 350,000 a month while subscriptions have declined, thanks to their website and digital editions of the paper. They also offer customers, social media marketing, search engine marketing, print ads, online ads and contests for businesses to attract new customers.

In the future, smaller papers may have to go down to printed editions just a few days a week and keep digital editions to a full week. We could see video or audio newscasts coming from papers down the road, and one exciting aspect to the future of newspapers is personalization, where the customer tells the paper the type of stories that interests them, and the Daily Press customizes the edition that is printed and that paper delivered right to their door! Imagine, the Sports Section right on the front page!

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#### LETNER'S LETTER

WHAT IS ROTARY?



There are many answers out there. Google it sometime when you're bored. Even Rotary itself has multiple answers to this basic question. One of the best answers I've seen goes roughly: "Rotary is a group of professionals who meet together regularly to strengthen relationships and

make a difference in their community and in the world."

But honestly, no one's answer really matters as much as yours!

My own answer has changed throughout the years. When I first retired from the Army, Rotary was a place where leaders worked together to improve our community. I wanted to get involved in our community. Rotary was the place to do that. Within a year or two, Rotary became a place where I had new friends that I really looked forward to seeing. It was a place for fun and friendship. Rotary also supported my job. Where else did so many business, non-profit, political and educational leaders gather? Soon, Rotary became part of "Read B4K" and we were helping local kids with literacy. Later, after a few trips to Rotary District 5300 Conferences, I realized Rotary is an important international force; eliminating Polio, finding fresh water, and supporting local communities fight poverty... Rotary became something I wanted to support financially because of the work they do in places I'll never visit.

What is Rotary? Whatever your answer - you can have several at the same time and different ones over time - thank YOU for being a part of it. What is Rotary? Rotary is YOU. Rotary is US. Rotary is what WE make it. Thank you all for making Rotary something amazing.



# **ROTARY NEWS UPDATE**



Congratulations goes out to **Jim Doltar**, who handed in his red badge this week and received his Blue Badge from **Mark Taylor**! Jim has been engaged with the Club since he joined and after attending a Board Meeting on Monday, received his new badge the next day! Keep up the great commitment Jim!

Our neighbors at the Rotary Club of Adelanto are hosting the "Hot Summer Nights Summer Concert Series" at Adelanto Stadium this summer. Their next date is "Latin Night", on September 1st.

Over in Hesperia, The Rotary Club there is sponsoring the Beer Garden during "Hot August Nights" at Civic Park.

If you are looking to travel up north, the Rotary Club of Pacific Grove will be holding their Auto Drive Classic Car Show on August 24th. The event features classic cars of all types, BBQ, raffle and awards presentation.

You think you can win big money with the Blue Dice? That will be nothing compared to the 50/50 Mardi Gras tickets we will have on sale next week at \$20 each! Stay tuned...

# THE POLIO PIG

**Collected this week: \$20.51** 

Polio Pig: \$15.51 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick): \$5.00 = \$20.51

Collected to Date: \$15,491.47

**Total equals: 92,031 Doses!** 

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

**BE THE INSPIRATION** 

## **LUCKY BLUE DICE**

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With a new game on the table, Rob Kilpatrick was the first one up to grab the Blue Dice, but came up white!

Next week we will continue with 13 Dice and \$225 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

## **ROTARY GUESTS**

This week we welcomed **Art Rico** and **David Placencia** from Seven60 who attended as guests of **Don Lager** and we also met **Dulcee Canseco** who came to the meeting with **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.

Our only Stand-in this week was potential member Lauretta Tkaczyk from Kindred Hospice, who was attending for the departed Robert Barton.

## SPOON OF EXEMPTION



Kevin Kane had his first time with the Spoon this week and spoke about the VVTA Employee Vanpool. With five or more employees participating, it is the perfect tool to

enhance their daily commute while boosting conservation efforts. Some of the reasons why an Employee Vanpool works? They will enjoy their commute more, spend less on fuel, arrive to work in better spirits, and more loyalty out of your staff. Find out more at vvta.org/vanpool or call 760-995-3561.

# RAFFLE PRIZES

In this week's raffle, **Kevin Kane** gave away a car charger that went to **Jon Hove**, but also donated a set of another car charger with a thumb drive bracelet that will be used by **Jim Doltar**, a VVTA set of wine glass writing pens with another thumb drive that was won by **Don Lager** and finally a VVTA phone viewer device that will be enjoyed by **Ryan McEachron**.

Ryan himself gave away a copy of "212 Degrees", which will be read by **Dr. Ron Williams** and **Don Lager** donated another \$25 Midway gift card that will be used by **Brad Poiriez**.

Finally, **Dr. Ron Williams** had a goodie bag to give out that was taken home by **Kevin Kane**. If you give, you win!

## **FINE SESSION**

Our Fine Master was once again **Mark Taylor** and began by fining **Don Lager** \$10 for making the mistake of handing the mic to his guests during introductions. **Dwight Johnson** was given one minute to give a Rotary news update but went to one minute, forty-five seconds and since he knows radio timing, it costs him \$20.

Finally, **Brad Poiriez** was given a \$10 penalty for his two year Rotary Anniversary, \$5 per year!

## **Proposed Member**

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. August 27 to President Brad Letner.

#### Lauretta Tkaczyk

**Position: Executive Director** 

**Organization: Kindred Hospice** 

**Classification: Administration: Hospice** 

**Sponsor: Dwight Johnson** 

Replacing Robert Barton





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George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	

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#### **Positions & Committee Chairs**

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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

**Sept 10: Board of Directors Meeting** 

5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting

DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor Hesperia and Silica Roads

Sept 29: Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction

5:30pm • SVL Community Center

Feb 23: Rotary Peace Conference

8:00AM • LA Verne College Registration now open

#### **UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS**

Aug 21: Off-Site -Life Church

12199 Industrial Blvd

(Pastor Paul Earle)

Aug 28: Kirt Mahlum, Retired San Bernardino County

Court Commissioner TOPIC: "What was I thinking, perspectives from almost 20 years on the Bench"

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**Sept 4:** Tom McCarthy, General Manager - Mojave

Water Agency **TOPIC: TBA** (Page)

Sept 11: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte

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