



The Joshua Tree



August 20, 2019

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2019-20, LUANNE "LU" ARREDONDO

A fourth-generation Rotarian, **Luanne "Lu" Arredondo** was on hand this week to make rounds with local High Desert Rotary Clubs and we here honored to host her at our weekly luncheon. She shared some points of interest for her year as D.O.:

Foundation: Lu shared some great news with our Club...in the Victorville Rotary club, EVERY member has donated to the Foundation. Only two other clubs hold that distinction! She shared the story of her Great Aunt Sue, a polio victim, said that growing up, many households had a family member with polio, so she thought it was normal. With Rotarian donations of 65-cents, she has a goal of 2,200 inoculations! Based on our Club's all-time giving, the actual total is \$1,174,056! She shared that our Club knows the value of Foundation giving!

Membership: Her family's dinner table conversation always centered around Rotary. "Paul Harris this, Paul Harris that..." When Lu joined Rotary in 2010 she began to look at the legacy of Rotary. Her opinion is "The Most Important Legacy of Rotary is You and Your Impact". Don't just sit at the table of Rotary... engage.

Branding: OUR Club is continually mentioned in Rotary. In 1975, VV Rotary was recognized with a Significant Achievement

Award for work with the Boy Scouts, and for creating a nature trail for handicapped children. The trail story crossed over the world, where many clubs used it as the platform for their own. In 1978 we made the Honor Roll for Rotary activities for disabled individuals, and held this Honor Roll for nine years in the global community. A full feature article in "Rehabilitation World" was written about the VV Rotary nature trail, prompting Rotary International to honor our work as well. As Lu stated, "when branding the VV Rotary Club, you also branded the Rotary Club to the world!"



Finally, Lu introduced her son **Bryan Arredondo**, a beneficiary of our Club. In 2013 Lu came to the VV Rotary and talked about how her club was failing. She asked us to help teach their club how to be strong and vibrant, and the result was improvement within the club. In addition, change was donated so that Lu's son Bryan could attend TLC, and the changes since that weekend were phenomenal! He then joined Interact as a freshman, helping to revive that program. Bryan graduated last year, and on April 30th, 2019, became the first 5th Generation, 19-year old Rotarian with the charter of the Greater San Gabriel Rotary Club!



Lu is grateful that the Victorville Rotary Club not only touches the Rotary world, but her personally as well. "I owe you the world and more!" With that, Lu gave a standing ovation for what our Club has done for Rotary.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Matthew Farias

Flag Salute: Ryan McEachron

4-Way Test: Kevin Kane

Finemaster: Jim Barnes

ORR'S ROARS



Thank you so much to our District Governor Luanne Arredondo and such an inspiration message for all Rotarians in attendance this week!

Casino Royale tickets to be available next week. Please take them and sell around the community. They are \$50 each, and proceeds fund our Rotary programs. You are encouraged to take them to sell, or you will be assigned to them... lovingly. Thank you so much to Russ Stringham for printing the tickets, designed by our own Chris Ackerman.

Please make plans to join us for the September 4th VMI meeting. Our Club is doing a "Video Spotlight" and have five minutes to speak about our Rotary Club, services and to promote our Casino Royale. The video will be shown, and I will share some information about what we do!

Finally, speaking of the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce, they are having a golf tournament on September 27th, and our Club will sponsor a 4-some. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to participate as a team member or volunteer to man our booth. We will also sponsor a tee for that tournament at the Spring Valley Lake Country Club.

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Raffle

Midway Home Solutions \$25 Gift Card was won by **Kevin Kane**; Vanpool Chocolates from Victorville Transit Authority were won by **Donna Wells**; "Fresh Balls" hygiene wash garnered lots of laughs and comments, and went to **Steve Orr**. The donor was not clear. The Heritage Medical Group's Phone Grip went to **Dr. Bowtie**; PF Chang's \$50 Gift Certificate from **Dwight Johnson** went to **Don Lager**; A New York Giants Tee-shirt donated by VVTA went to **Ryan McEachron**, and ECO Men's Deodorant from VVTA went to Dwight.

Blue Badge!

Congratulations to Bowtie Brian! Margaret Cooker shared that **Brian Nyamwange's** run to "Blue" is the "fastest time in attaining a Blue Badge"! **Jim Barnes** pinned it onto Dr. Bowtie in exchange for his red badge and a \$20 fine!



Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Finemaster this week and began by fining himself \$10 for the assumption that the usual suspects **Kevin Porter** (would be late as usual) and **Russ Stringham** (wouldn't be wearing his badge) would be a slam dunk for fines, but they both disappointed. Fines of \$10 each went to **John Kroencke**, **Bill Scott**, and **Don Lager** for not wearing their badges, plus D.G. **Luanne Arredondo** was hit for \$1,174,056 (see cover story). **Bill Edwards** didn't accept Jim's Friend Request on Facebook, so \$10 to him; **Don Lager's** phone call was snatched by Steve, so Steve got the \$10 fine, which Don offered to pay in lieu of his \$25. Finally, **David North's** anniversary absence netted him \$25.

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Big Blue Dice



Kevin Kane was Mr. Lucky and grabbed the Blue Dice and a Whopping \$350! Congratulations Kevin!

We will begin again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Spoon of Exemption



Spoon holder **Oscar Garcia** of Elementum Services advised Rotarians that if you are vacationing for 3-4 days, it's a good idea to hit your emergency shut-off valve, or if your home is older, shut it off at the street. Otherwise, you may find him servicing your water issue when you return.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.31

Collected to Date: \$16,576.10

Total equals: 94,324 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

Joining our District Governor this week was son **Bryan Arredondo**, California Chief of Staff **Roger Gutierrez** and Apple Valley Rotary Club President **Raghada Khoury**.

Teresa DeAtley invited her niece **Felicity Schwymens**, **Donna Wells** had her husband **Denny Wells** at her table, and **Diane Anderson** attended with hubby **Stew Anderson**.

Our only Stand-ins this week were **Ryan Orr** for **Brad Poiriez** and **Mary Teran** for **Chris Ackerman**.

More Rotary News

Apple Valley Rotary Club President and Past District Governor **Raghada Khoury** announced the October 24th Annual Multi-Club Fireside at the Apple Valley Chamber Patio honoring D.G. Luanne, plus hosting our Sister Club from Mexico that evening. She specifically thanks the VV Rotary Club for the contributions to the Wheelchair Project. They hope to deliver 280 wheelchairs to Mexico in the Club program that day. It will be a pot luck, so Rotarians, bring your favorite American foods and join the dessert competition.



Dwight Johnson announced at the September 4th VMI meeting, special guest speaker will be Dr. Daniel Walden, new Superintendent/President of Victor Valley College. Our Rotary Club is sponsoring Dr. Walden, so all businessmen and women are encouraged to sign up for VMI on the Victorville Chamber's website. Dwight also announced the Hesperia Club's Hot August Nights the 23rd and 30th of this month. These are concerts at the Civic Center Park on Smoketree and 7th Streets. The High Desert Club is operating a Beer Booth.

District 5300 and District 5330 (Inland Empire) have joined forces to host the next Rotary Leadership Institute event! PART I, PART II, and PART III will be available on Saturday, September 14th Norco High School, 2065 Temescal Ave., Norco, CA. Register through the email you received linking to DaCDB.



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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, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs 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 21: **Casino Royale Club Fundraiser**
Wine Tasting: 5pm • Dinner: 6pm
Spring Valley Lake Community Center

May 1-3 2020: **Assembly and District Conference**
Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Aug 27: San Bernardino County Public Defender
Christopher Gardner **TOPIC: "Community
Engagement with San Bernardino
County's Public Defender"** (Page)

Sept 3: Tom McCarthy, General Manager Mojave
Water Agency **TOPIC: "Update on the
California Water Fix and what it
means to the High Desert"** (Page)
STAR Students

Sept 10: Trina Siverts, Publisher Mojave River Valley
News and Bo Goulet, Shear Realty (Mojave
River Valley Alliance) **TOPIC: "The
Mojave River Valley: Rebranding
our name"** (Page)

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