



The Joshua Tree



August 22, 2017

The Perception and Reality of Homelessness

The perception of the homeless is that of a person who is sadly down on their luck, but the reality, according to **Deputy Asiah Medawar**, is that most of the transients that she has to deal with are drug addicts, violent and criminals. There are two types of homeless people, the Episodic Homeless, who are truly trying to get off the street and re-start their lives, and the Chronically Homeless, who view it as a way of life. The latter type of transients are the dangerous ones.

The homeless who are day to day usually work with the H.O.P.E. Program (Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement) to make changes, but the homeless that causes trouble usually suffer from family struggles, mental disorders, drug addiction, acquire a lot of trash, commit crimes and actually enjoy the freedom of being homeless. For the last two years, the Downtown and Mall areas are the highest points of calls for trouble. It has become so rampant, that the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department has assigned two deputies specifically to answer calls for this issue. Most of the calls they have to deal with on any given day are trespassing, panhandling and public intoxication.

The biggest issue they have to deal with is that people who call do not want to leave a name or file a report, out of fear of retribution. If no one stands up and files charges, then

the deputies' hands are tied and they cannot arrest them. But there are things you as a business owner can do.

First, make sure you have signs posted around your business that say "No Trespassing" or "No Loitering". There is also a Trespass Agreement that a business can file with the City of Victorville. Doing these allows deputies to act as an agent for your business, and make the proper arrests as needed. Deputy Medawar also advised to not give handouts, allow them to do something in your company in exchange for food or drink, keep your business well lit, and make sure your trash bins are kept secure.

Although, a transient will only serve 8 hours in jail, if they are arrested it will serve as a deterrent to not return to your location, and to find another place to take themselves. If we keep trying to ignore them, and not sign citizen arrest forms, there are no repercussions to them and no reason to move on, as they seem to be creatures of habit.

Please be visual and do not be afraid to call for help.



This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Van Young |
| Flag Salute: | Dan Mejia |
| 4-Way Test: | Louise Bevilacqua |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Kevin Kane |

Dwight's Writes



The issue of homelessness, as it reflects on local business, was a huge topic of concern, judging from the amount of questions asked to **Lt. Fisher** and **Deputy Medawar**, who spoke to the Club this week.

Jon Hove shared a "Membership Moment" with the Club this week. Please



determine who is your largest vendor or customer and invite them to lunch on Tuesday's at noon, as a guest.

Brad Letner announced that if you'd like to know more about what Rotary does across the globe, there is an all day seminar taking place this Saturday at the Apple Valley Unified School District. Contact Brad for more information.

Bill Edwards is looking for table sponsors for the upcoming Donor Appreciation Banquet for the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn on September 14th. Please contact Bill if you'd like to have your business recognized at this event.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness."

- Augustine

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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Lucky Blue Dice



Rob Kilpatrick received the opportunity to get the blue dice and win some big money, but it chose to stay in the bag for another week and another Rotarian.

Next week we will continue with 7 dice and \$375 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Farewell



This week we said farewell to **Major Van Young** from the Salvation Army as he and his family have been reassigned to head up a Men's Recovery Facility in Stockton, CA. Van's impact on this Club will be with us for many years. We wish Van and Nathalie the best in this new chapter of their lives, but we will miss them dearly.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick): \$5.00 = \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$14,395.21

Total equals: 89,837 Doses!

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

Raffle Prizes

This week **Dr. Roger Wagner** gave away a VVC blanket that was won by **Jim Mettler** and a post-it note set that will be used by **Donna Wells**. **Bill Edwards** gave away two bags full of cosmetics that were taken home by **Gary Adams** and **Steve Orr**, and finally, Bill also donated a bag of perfumes that was given to **Jim Murray**.

Perfect Attendance



We honored members with perfect attendance at this week's meeting. Rotarians honored were **Rosanne Weathers** and **Chris Ackerman** with 2 years each, **Brad Letner** (4 years), **Dwight Johnson** (21 years), **Mike Page** (25 years), **Margaret Cooker** (28 years), **Gary Adams** (37 years) and **Al Castellucci** with a whopping 57 years of perfect attendance!

Wine, Jazz and More Update

Rosanne Weathers announced that tickets for this year's Wine, Jazz and More are now available to purchase online through evenbrite.com. Please keep an eye out for a member email with a link to buy your tickets.

This year, we will be doing a "Barrel of Booze" once again as a live auction item, and Rosanne has asked that every member bring in a bottle of liquor or a six pack of beer to make this year's barrel the biggest ever!

Spoon of Exemption

This week **Chris Ackerman** shared the third aspect of his life, his work with the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Chris has served on the Board of Directors for four years and is currently serving as their Vice-Chairman.

He helped put on their first Brew-fest this year and is actively part of the "Home Based Business Council" which gathers home business owners from all over the high desert, who work together and help each others with successes as well as challenges they face. Get more information at www.avchamber.org.



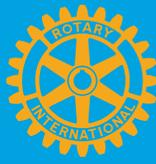
Fine Session

Kevin Kane was our Fine Master this week, and as before, he did not want to be in that position, so he began by asking **Steve Murray** to name one sponsor who was a Platinum Member and got it correct, so no fine, and then finished by asking **David North** how many combined years were the perfect attendance Rotarians today. He guess wrong and received a \$10 fine.

Rotary Guests

It was a family affair of sorts this week as **Van Young** brought his son **Gabe Young** to the luncheon and **Zachary DeAtley** attended the meeting with his mom, **Teressa Coomes**.

Our Stand-In's this week were **Chris Fisher** for **Jon Schuler**, **Melanie Lovingood** for **Robert Lovingood** and **David Gregg** for **Ron Williams**.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
Community Service	Victor Rocha
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 Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Teresa 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.

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

Future Rotary Programs

- 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)
- Sept. 12:** Janie Lynch, Recreation Supervisor and Healthy Communities Coordinator, City of Victorville, **TOPIC: "Ka BOOM Let's Play"** (Coker)
S.T.A.R. Students
- Sept. 19:** Col. Tony Marshall (USAF Retired)
TOPIC: "The Hanoi Hilton- Vietnam before it was Fashionable" (Taylor)

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