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THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



September 1, 2015

The Power of the Park

There is Power in our neighborhood parks, according to **David Coleman**, Recreation Supervisor with the City of Victorville. Our parks have Economic Power, Safety Power, Community Power and Health Power.

The City of Victorville has 16 open parks, which consist of approximately 144 acres, 7 full time parks staff, 2 staffed community centers and 4 full time recreation staff. Last year in Victorville there are 1204 adult sports teams (roughly 13,000 players), 8511 swimmers, 5970 park and field

rentals, and 4425 youth sports activities. very impressive numbers!

Parks help with youth development. Kids who participate in at least 1 hour of extracurricular activities are 49% less likely to use drugs and 37% are less likely to become teen parents. Having positive role models, like coaches, in the community improves the outcomes for children.

Parks have the power to help prevent crime. Time spent in a natural setting helps people relieve mental fatigue, reducing aggression. Neighborhood parks help people form stronger social ties that produce safer communities.

Parks also create community. It allows residents to find something in common through activities, children or just social interaction. Some of the ways Victorville is doing this in their parks is to have functions such as parades, Checkers in the Park, sports, playgrounds, Fitness in the Park, Runs & Walks in the Park, kite flying, Boccie Ball, Free Throw competitions and more. Coming soon on Saturdays they will be having "Battle of the Bands" in different parks to have residents vote on which acts will play bigger events, such as the Spice of Life Festival and Spring Festival.

These events and more will be coming this October to the renovated Avalon Park in Victorville. The goal from the City of Victorville is to create a sense of well-being, safety and community in the High Desert. They are talking with residents door by door to see what they like and what their concerns are. The goal from David Coleman is to get people out of their homes and into the park!

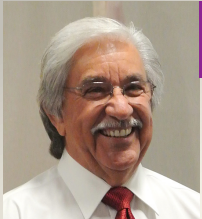
This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Brad Letner
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Steve Murray
Song:	Al Castellucci





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Tafoya Talk...

A little light on attendance today, but heavy in Rotary news!

Brad Letner is still looking for a few more volunteers for our Literacy Project, aimed at pre-K children (age 4), in where Club members will help run software in classrooms twice a week for one hour to help these children enter kindergarten at a 1st grade reading level! This is a big commitment to volunteer, but the rewards will be even greater! Please sign up as a principal volunteer or as a backup so we can get this program off the ground.

Past president **Steve Murray** is still looking for nominations for Club President for the 2018-2019 year. He has a couple of nominations, but if he doesn't get more soon, he will start calling members.

Dan Munsey gave an update on Wine Jazz and More. Each member was mailed 4 tickets for you to sell. You can either sell them, buy them or you need to return them to the Club by September 18th. Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need every member to step up and participate!

Finally, **Margaret Cooker** had the honor of awarding perfect attendance to members of our Club! **Al Castellucci** came in at the top spot with 55 years of Perfect Attendance! Others included **Gary Adams (35), Margaret Cooker (26), Mike Page (23), Dwight Johnson (19), Russ Stringham (16), Donna Wells (15), Marilyn Buttelerwerth (14)**, and more.



Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. September 7 to President Ben Tafoya.

Katharine "Kate" Barnett
General Manager/Team Leader
Target
Classification: Retail Sales
Sponsor: Al Castellucci

Lucky Blue Dice



Ben Tafoya's ticket was once again selected to go for the blue dice, and against Mike Page's objections, Ben drew and avoided a riot by picking a white one. Whew.

11 Dice remain and \$275.00 up for grabs!

Fine Session

Our Fine Master today was **Dan Munsey** and first went after the father and son duo of **Steve and Jim Murray**. During open networking, instead of visiting other members and guests, Steve and Jim, spent time talking with each other! When Dan asked Jim who our speaker was last week, he couldn't remember, so he was charged \$10, and Steve response of "Oh, good one!" earned him a \$5 fine. **Eugene Everage** was given a fine of \$5, even though he can't be fined since he is a "stand-in", it was given to his wife instead.

Finally, in the Battle of Gloria Garcia, nothing was solved in who brought her as a guest, **Doug Robertson** or **Al Castellucci**. Since both wanted her listed as their guest, which means that they need to pay for her meal, Doug was fined \$19 to even everything out.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$15.00
Collected to Date: \$12,634.07
Total equals: 87,333 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

Even though we had a bit of light turnout this week, we still had some great guests in attendance. **Christian Gunter**, the Director of Community Services for the City of Victorville was in attendance, and **Gregg White**, who came with **Dr. Ron Williams**. Finally, we had **Gloria Garcia**, Mayor of Victorville and owner of Garcia Bookkeeping & Income Tax Service, who was a guest of **Al Castellucci**...or is it **Doug Robertson**? The debate rages on...

Stand-ins for our meeting were **Eugene Everage** for **Dr. Hough**, and **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**.

Raffle Prizes

It was all wine and airplanes this week with our raffle prizes! A bottle of wine, given by **Dwight Johnson**, was won by **Gary Adams**, who also took home a pair of tickets for the upcoming Apple Valley Air Show! **Jim Murray** donated a bottle of wine as well, which went to **Donna Wells**, who also went away with a shirt from Midway Home Solutions, courtesy of **Don Lager**.

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Gloria Garcia

Owner

Garcia Bookkeeping & Income Tax Service

Classification: Services: Bookkeeping

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

Spoon of Exemption: Carol Yule



September 1 was the start of **Carol Yule's** month and as predicted she did not disappoint! Did she talk about recent updates at Shear Realty, their success in the market, their great service or attention to detail? No! It was a sing-a-long for her latest hit, called "There's a Fire in the Mountains", sung to the tune of "There's a Hole in the Bucket", a touching song about **Dan Munsey** firefighting efforts in Big Bear. Her greatest hits will be released soon...

Rotary 
Club of Victorville, CA
PRESENTS

15TH ANNUAL
WINE JAZZ & MORE

Saturday October 3 2015

SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

5:00PM : WINE TASTING · 6:00 PM : DINNER
\$40 PER PERSON · \$75 PER COUPLE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS · VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
LITERACY PROJECTS · POLICE FIRE ACTIVITY LEAGUE
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

WINE TASTING LIVE JAZZ MUSIC DINNER
SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS

For more information contact **Dan Munsey, Chair** at (760) 774-2569

**WE ARE IN NEED OF SILENT AND LIVE
AUCTION ITEMS FOR WINE , JAZZ & MORE**

PLEASE DONATE A GIFT!

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Dwight Johnson
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17	Dan Munsey
Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service/Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever

Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Dan Munsey
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
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

Sept. 8: Wine Jazz and More Committee Meeting
Green Tree Golf Course
Immediately Following Luncheon

Sept. 14: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 p.m. Fellowship
5:30 p.m. BOD Club Meeting
Foundation Meeting Follows
DCB Board Room - Hesperia & Silica Road

Sept. 19: Rotary Basics Course - 9:00am Chaffey College
5885 Haven Ave.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737
Overview of all aspects of Rotary

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Sept. 8: Cindy Velasquez, Excelsior Charter School **TOPIC: "Excelsior High Desert Young Marines making a Difference in the HD"** (North)

Sept. 15: Open

Sept. 22: Leticia White, Innovative Federal Strategies **TOPIC: "Update on the "going on's in Washington D.C."** (Page)

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