



THE JOSHUA TREE



September 8, 2015

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA 

Young Boots on the Ground

The Young Marines program at Excelsior started with just 35 kids, and has now grown to 87, due to the hard work and dedication of **Cindy Velasquez** and Senior training Officer, **Jason Becker**.



This program is NOT meant to be a gateway into joining the armed forces or a program for troubled youth only. It is a program to teach our young people respect, camaraderie, involvement and to inspire today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders. Another big aspect of this program is to help kids stay off the path of drug abuse. Their D.D.R. (Drug

Demand Reduction) program is to keep kids off drugs, as well as teaching the consequences of using drugs. The most effective way to make the D.D.R. program work, is due to the fact that it is not run by adults... it is taught by the Senior Young Marines, teaching the Junior Young Marines!

Community Service is also a big part of the Young Marines. Some of their activities consist of Color Guard, laying wreaths, visiting veterans who are home bound and different community events throughout the year. The groups meet every other Saturday for 8 hours for drills and activities.

During Encampment time, the students learn to get out of the house and live life outdoors. At these encampments they are joined by other Young Marines groups from throughout California and once everyone is there, all kids are mixed in to other groups, to encourage friendship and communication. Actives such as repelling, swimming, obstacle course runs and more, take place over 3 days and is extremely beneficial to everyone.

This program is not only for Excelsior students, but to any youth in the High Desert. For more information contact (951) 217-5476.

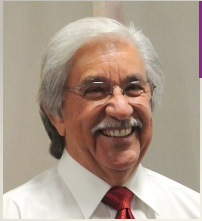


This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **David North**
- Flag Salute: **Dan Munsey**
- 4-Way Test: **Brad Letner**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

With our members, guests, and the families of our S.T.A.R. students in attendance today, we had a packed room!

Past president **Steve Murray** is still looking for nominations for Club President for the 2018-2019 year. He has a couple of nominations, but is still looking for YOU to nominate others.

We are still looking for District Facilitators for this year's TLC program. This is for junior high students, and your job will be to oversee the RYLA (high school) students as they will lead the TLC participants. Please contact Steve to sign up.

Dan Munsey gave an update on Wine Jazz and More. All sponsors will have their tickets mailed to them this week. Please remember to sell the tickets you received in the mail! Any unsold tickets need to be returned to the Club by September 18th.

Margaret Cooker reminded the members about the upcoming Foundation Dinner on January 2, 2016. The Club will pay half of the cost for a couple, and the Rotary International President will be attendance, so if you are to receive a Paul Harris Fellow, he will present it to you.



Finally, our City Librarian, **Karen Everett**, came up to receive a check in the amount of \$500 from Ben Tafoya for the purchase of specialized children's books, such as how to deal with Asberger's Syndrome, that are donated to the library in our speaker's names.

Lucky Blue Dice



The weekly raffle master **Gary Adams** had his number drawn to get a big prize of \$275, but it was not to be today. Better luck next week!

10 Dice remain and \$300.00 up for grabs!

Fine Session

Our Fine Master today was **Dan Munsey** and it was almost a Spelling Bee fine session. Dan first fined himself \$5 for being a bad speller. He then fined **Dr. Ron Williams** \$10 for not knowing the "rule" on how to spell the difference between Principal and Principle. Dan helped one of our STAR students spell the latter, and in the process spelled it wrong him self..so Dan gave himself ANOTHER \$5 fine.

Both **Ben Tafoya** and **Gary Adams** were fined \$5 each because one of them, mixed up last week's raffle tickets so we were drawing out of two weeks worth of tickets! **Doug Robertson** was fined \$10 for not knowing the years Midway Home Solutions and B&B Cycles started in Victorville, and then respective owners **Don Lager** and **Jim Barnes** were put to the challenge to name the year for each other's businesses. Both failed and received a \$5 fine.

Finally, **Paula Porter** was fined \$5 for NOT bringing a bottle of wine to this week's raffle table...

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$15.01

Collected to Date: \$12,649.08

Total equals: 87,363 Doses!

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



S.T.A.R. STUDENTS ON THE RISE!

This week we had some exceptional S.T.A.R. students from Brentwood Elementary School of Environmental Studies and Galileo Academy in attendance. Certificates were handed out by **Maureen Mills**, VESD Director of Personnel Services and **Amanda Meere** from Jay Obernolte's office. **Jim Barnes** and **Ben Tafoya** assisted as well.

From Brentwood we had **Tramell Davis**, who used to fight first and talk second. Not only has his behavior improved, but also academically as well. **Harmony Martinez** is a sixth grader who is constantly improving as well as someone who is willing to help out others. When **Jeffrey Yash** came to Brentwood the only English words he knew were "hello" and "goodbye". He is now a full English speaking student, excels in spelling and is one of the highest readers in class! Finally, **Diego Zavaleta** was a talker. So much in fact that he was a disruption in class. This year he is always in uniform, does his schoolwork and has excellent classroom behavior!

Over at Galileo Academy, **Mikel Sanchez**, had a history of not making the best behavioral decisions in class in the past. He now has a positive attitude, great work ethics and is respectful to his teachers and fellow students. **Zaid Still** is the epitome of a model student, all work is completed, plus he is energetic and passionate that rubs off on his classmates. Lastly, **Antonio Sanchez**, does not let his significant struggles get in the way of his positive attitude and seat work. He never gives up to better himself.

Thank you to all of our teachers that are taking the time to lead these children to be better people!



Raffle Prizes

Alicia Anderson was our big winner this week, receiving a pair of Mavericks baseball tickets and a scarf from **Dr. Hough**. **Dan Munsey** also won a scarf and **Gary Adams** is going shopping again with a \$25 gift card from Midway Home Solutions!

Rotary Guests

We had a full room today with a lot of seats taken up by family members of our S.T.A.R. students, as well as **Teresa Letner** (wife of Brad) from Brentwood and **Lori Billing**, Brentwood Principal. We also welcomed **Amanda Meere** from Jay Obernolte's office, **Karen Everett** from the Victorville Library and **Fred Barnes**, a guest of **Ron Williams**. Our stand-ins for today were **Eugene Everage** for **Dr. Hough**.



Finally, we were pleased to meet our Rotary exchange student, **Rikke Sejr Brødsgaard** from Denmark, who shared a bit with the club about her experiences so far in the U.S.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
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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. 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. 15: Wine Jazz and More Committee Meeting

Green Tree Golf Course
Immediately Following Luncheon

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. 15: Dr. Al Mariam, Cal State San Bernardino **TOPIC: "Mass Migration: Are We Our Brother's and Sister's Keepers in the Age of Globalization?"** (Page)

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

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