



The Joshua Tree



September 12, 2017

Ka-BOOM..Let's Go Play!

Last year **Janie Lynch**, the Recreational Supervisor and Healthy Communities Coordinator for the City of Victorville, spoke to the Club about upgrades the City was looking to make to our local playgrounds, but she put her words into action with the Ka-Boom, Let's Play Grant Project.

Let's Play is a community partnership led by Dr Pepper Snapple Group to get kids and families to play nationwide. They believe that the key to healthy living is managing calories in and calories out. The goal is to help families achieve that balance by providing the tools, places and inspiration to make physical activity a daily priority.

Janie and her staff took advantage of a video contest that awards winners of the contest in which youth-serving organizations and schools across the country are encouraged to submit videos of their used, worn-out sports equipment for the chance to have it replaced with brand-new sports equipment. The grants range from \$1,000 in brand-new equipment all the way up to a grand prize of \$15,000 in new playground/sports equipment.

The team focused their efforts on Schmidt Playground located at the former George Air Force Base. They chose that location because there are no other playgrounds around it, and it is heavily used by local sports teams, families, churches and service organizations. With a location and

a vision, it was then time to create the video and write the grant, with only a two week window.

Using City staff, friends, and family members over two days to shoot the video was the easy part. While the video was being edited, the team worked on writing the grant, create site plans and arrange plans for fundraising.

After everything was completed, the word came back that they were a top 10 finalist in the competition, which then went to social media for the public to vote on the best video. After a six day campaign, Janie and her staff won the grand prize and received a \$15,000 grant for the park!

After going through four different webinars on the requirements that City needed to receive the grant, three manufactures have made their designs, and at this year's Fall Festival, the public can come to the City booth and take a "Dot Survey" and place a sticker on their favorite design.

Construction of the park should begin early 2018, with an expected completion in the Spring.



This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards
- Flag Salute:** Jon Schuler
- 4-Way Test:** Dwight Johnson
- Song:** Al Castellucci
- Finemaster:** Ryan McEachron

Dwight's Writes



This week was what I would call a "kid-friendly" Rotary meeting, with our first S.T.A.R. Student Awards for the school year, but to also have **Janie Lynch** speak on the new playground at Schmidt Park was a perfect tie-in.



This week **John Kroencke** presented a check in the amount of \$500 from the Club to Victorville Librarian **Karen Everett**, for speaker books throughout the next year.

Wine, Jazz and More is right around the corner and **Rosanne Weathers** and her committee have tickets on hand to sell at \$50 each. Please take 10 and sell throughout the community.

Ben Tafoya gave an update on the Grant the Club put together for the Ensenada Water Tanks. The Grant now has a whopping \$51,501 attached to it, thanks to supporters like **Sam Grandlienard, Russ Stringham** and **Steve Murray**. This is now our most successful project to date!

Finally, my thought of the week is "The highest reward for a person's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it."

- John Ruskin

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lucky Blue Dice



Steve Murray was given the chance to grab the Blue Dice this week but left a 25% chance for another!

Next week we will continue with 4 dice and \$450 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

ReadB4K



This week, our Club kicked off the 3rd year of the ReadB4K Program at Hook Community Center. Program Coordinator **Colleen Calderon**, along with President **Dwight Johnson**, and Club members **Brad Letner, Captain Jon Schuler, Manjita Patel, Margaret & Tony Cooker, Steve Murray, Chris Ackerman** and **Brad Poiriez** were on hand to welcome the new students and volunteer their time.

Please see Brad or Margaret for more information on how you can volunteer.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$11.00

Collected to Date: \$14,440.21

Total equals: 89,927 Doses!

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

Raffle Prizes

Just a few raffle prizes were on the table this week, and most were won by **Chris Ackerman!** Chris took home the Alaska USA Bag, along with golf clip and a \$1 bill from **David North** and a Presidential coffee mug from the Ronald Regan Library donated by **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight also donated a pair of tickets to the Apple Valley Air Show, that will be enjoyed by **Gary Adams**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was back once again as our Fine Master this week, and after **Corey Beck** shared the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration for Beck Oil, that will be taking place during next Tuesday's Rotary meeting, was fined \$50! **Brad Poiriez** told Ryan that the local air quality was doing well, was given a \$10 fine, as was **Rob Kilpatrick** for moving to Apple Valley. Finally, Ryan gave **Al Castellucci** a \$10 fine for having to hear his story on opening and closing military bases at their table for the 10th time!



Rotary Guests

Along with family members with our S.T.A.R. Students, our guests this week were **Deb Button** from El Pescador as a guest of **Victor Rocha**, and **Lu Arredondo** from the West Covina Rotary Sunrise Club.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Robin Cackler**, in the place of **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Mike Johnson** for **Louise Bevilacqua** and **Jerry Perez** for **Kevin Kane**.

Spoon of Exemption

Jim Cox, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Victorville shared more information on the half cent sales tax that will be on the ballot on November 7th. Earlier in January, the Fire Chief told the council that they were in need of 15 new firefighters and paramedics, upgraded equipment and help to keep stations open. If the Measure passes, all of those needs will be met, plus the City will be able to hire 10 additional police officers as well.

S.T.A.R. Students

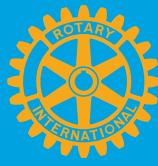
This week was our first S.T.A.R. Student Awards for the new school year, and VESD Asst. Superintendent **Maureen Mills** was on hand to emcee the proceedings and joining her to hand out certificates were Victorville **Mayor Gloria Garcia**, **Chris Nunez** from Jay Obernolte's office, **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office and **Regina Weatherperson-Bell** from Supervisor Robert Lovingood's office.

From the Irwin Academy of Performing Arts, **Julianna Page** was recognized for improving in her school work, even after having to overcome a tragedy in her life. **Marco Felix** has become very involved with school activities this year and has a big love of science. Finally, **Kimberly Castro** plays flute in the marching band and shows perseverance to make sure she understands her schoolwork.



Over at Park View Prep, **Dallas Rush** has perfect attendance so far this year and always comes to school prepared to work hard and study, and **Xavier Grace** has a great

attitude and continues to show strength in academic areas, plus wants to be a business owner someday!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Ryan McEachron
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
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.

Calendar Dates

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

- Sept. 19:** Col. Tony Marshall (USAF Retired)
TOPIC: "The Hanoi Hilton- Vietnam before it was Fashionable" (Taylor)
- Sept. 26:** Tom McCarthy, General Manager - Mojave Water Agency (Page)

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