



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



September 18, 2018

SUPERBUILD - A ROTARY ADVENTURE

Our Past President **Dwight Johnson** spoke many times about members experiencing their own "Rotary Moment", and **Robin Smith**, from the Downtown Las Vegas Club experienced hers almost 10 years ago when she first got involved with the District 5300 Rotary Super Build. Robin found Rotary after experiencing members feeding underprivileged school children Thanksgiving Dinner in her native state of Nevada.



Super Build is done in conjunction with Corzon, who have been building homes for deserving families in Mexico for over 30 years. Rotarians saw what they were doing and thought it was a great idea, and a perfect opportunity to serve families and children in need.

There are some criteria to be selected to receive a Super Build home. The family selected must own the land the home is being built on and have to already have a history of giving back to their local community, either volunteering in the schools or community center. In fact, the community as a whole, selects the recipient.

The size of the homes is usually the size of a Tuff Shed, around 300 square feet. Although very small, these families see it as a castle. Normally 3 generations of families live there, mom & dad, children, and grandchildren. It takes \$8,700 to build one home, which consists of a loft for the children to sleep, a single counter top that serves as the kitchen and not much more. With no plumbing available, a 3/4 bath is made with a cistern on top and a toilet with makeshift septic. The money for each home does not go all into the home itself though, as some of the money is used to make sure that the children stay in school with proper supplies and each family must have a garden at their home to grow food for their family and to donate to feed others at the local community center.

No matter your ability or age, there is something for everyone to do at a Super Build. From the people framing and building, to the ones serving water to the workers, there is a job for everyone and a way to make a difference.

A Home is built within one day and the next Super Build is scheduled for May 18, 2019 in Tecate, Mexico. This year, the District is planning on building two homes in one day, but will only reach the goal through donations and volunteer support. If you'd like to get involved, please see **Russ Stringham** for more information.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Dr. Roger Wagner**
- 4-Way Test: **Dr. Ron Williams**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

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LETNER'S LETTER



What an inspiring Rotary meeting Tuesday! For those that missed the SuperBuild presentation, it was amazing to hear the stories of families receiving a home for the first time. Each home costs less than \$9,000

to build and a team of 40 Rotarians in only a weekend. I hope you'll consider joining a team or supporting the next one we send.



Our High Desert Mardi Gras Celebration is only days away. Next Tuesday is your last chance to buy tickets as we put together our final head count and seating chart. Sure hope to see you all there! Our club is doing great things for our community – from teacher mini-grants, to Read B4K, to scholarships, to Angel Tree, and food baskets, and more. This annual FUN(d)raiser is a major reason we can reach beyond just our membership dues to increase our impact on our community.

Next week, we will be inducting the 2nd and 3rd new members this Rotary year. Thanks to all of you who have brought a friend to introduce them to Rotary. As one of the oldest civic organizations in the High Desert, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to introduce the next generation of leaders to what Rotary is and does in our community and in the world.

Thanks to all of you for being the inspiration for myself and so many in our community.



DISTRICT NEWS

Past President **Dwight Johnson** spoke to the Club this week, and reminded Rotarians that there is a fun new Club around town, the Apple Valley Satellite Club! They are a laid back evening get-together group where ideas and topics are shared. Their next meeting will be held at Los Domingo's in Apple Valley on Wednesday, September 26 at 6pm.



The Mardi Gras is just around the corner and we are looking for Club members to bring items for the Liquor and Wine Baskets we will be donating as silent auction items. For these baskets to get top dollar we need to fill them up, so please bring wither a bottle of booze or wine to next week's meeting. Dwight also announced that our own **Chris Ackerman** will serve as emcee of the event and Ackerman, along with Dwight and President **Brad Letner** will host the live auction portion of the event.

Ryan McEachron shared that the Club is looking for Rotarians to donate amounts of \$300 to sponsor a Teacher Mini-Grant. We want this year's Grant Program to be our biggest ever and need your help to make that happen. If you know a teacher who could benefit from a Mini-Grant, applications are available on our website in the "Downloads" section.



Jon Hove gave a membership update and although we have been slow with potential member guests for a few weeks, he is very excited

that next week will be inducting **Dr. Breda Leach** officially into the Club!

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Photo Bomb! Ryan McEachron wanted to get in on the action and root Donna Wells on, but it was not to be as she took another white dice out of the bag.

We will continue next week with 10 Dice and \$300 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

ROTARY GUESTS

This week we welcomed **Mason Blanche**, a new staff member with Victor Valley College, who is the Placement Specialist for the VVC CalWORKS Job Placement Program. He attended the meeting with **Dr. Roger Wagner**. We were also happy to have on hand upcoming members **Dr. Breda Leach** from ABC 123 Christian Academy and **Art Rico** with **David Placencia** from Seven60.

Finally, accompanying our speaker this week was **Linda Bertuzzi** from the Downtown Las Vegas Rotary Club.

RAFFLE PRIZES

It was a 3-way tie for raffle prizes this week between Barnes, Johnson and Ackerman! **Jim Barnes** took home a VVC pen/pencil set from **Dr. Roger Wagner**, and Jim and **Chris Ackerman** both received VVTA car chargers from **Kevin Kane**! **Dwight Johnson** then won a copy of "212 Degrees" from **Ryan McEachron** and then both Dwight and Ackerman went home with VVTA USB bracelets!

In other raffle news, **Terry Caldwell** received a LED Light from Victor Valley College and **Dr. Ron Williams** will enjoy his new coffee tumbler from **Kevin Kane**.

FINE SESSION

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master for a third and final week for a bit and hit the ground running by first fining our President **Brad Letner** a \$5 fine for forgetting to introduce **Dr. Roger Wagner's** guest, **Mason Blanche**. Other \$5 fines were administered to **Donna Wells** for sitting by herself, **Kevin Kane** for being absent for a couple of weeks and **John Kroencke**, because after seeing former Rotarian and Fine Master **Matt Drake** at a recent golf tournament, reminisced fondly of "John Crankey".

Finally, after Ryan and **Dwight Johnson** were celebrating the 2-0 record of "their" Denver Broncos, Dwight spoke out, "Raiders suck" which caught the ire of **Jon Hove**. Jon received a \$25 fine.

SPOON OF EXCEPTION

Bill Edwards shared some great news about the Victor Valley Rescue Mission to Rotarians this week by introducing their new Food Truck and Shower Ministry! They



now have a mobile food truck to feed homeless and low income families valley wide and a mobile shower trailer where they can offer 50 showers in a 3 hour period.

They are partnering with local churches in which they will stop in their parking lots and serve meals plus offer showers. They have had a shower ministry in the past, but this is their first mobile version. Bill and his staff are very excited to provide these essentials to our residents and to share the message of Hope with them.

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$19.00

Polio Pig: \$14.00 + Dice (Donna Wells): \$5.00 = \$19.00

Collected to Date: \$15,621.10

Total equals: 92,290 Doses!

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

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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, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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

- Sept 29:** **Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction**
5:30pm • SVL Community Center
- Oct 8:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Feb 23:** **Rotary Peace Conference**
8:00AM • La Verne College
Registration now open

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Sept 25:** Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell
Banker Real Estate Solutions **TOPIC:**
**“High Desert Real Estate Cycle
Forecast”** (Page)
- Oct 2:** Roger Schulte, Rotaplast Chair Rotary
District 5300 **TOPIC: “Saving
Smiles....Changing Lives”**
(Anderson)
- Oct 9:** **Off-Site - Apple Valley
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