



The Joshua Tree



September 26, 2017

Water for Future Generations

This week, the Club welcomed Mojave Water Agency General Manager **Tom McCarthy** to speak on the California Water Fix and what it means to the High Desert. The Mojave Water Agency serves 4,000 square miles in San Bernardino County, including Barstow, Lucerne Valley, Yucca and the Victor Valley.



The California Water Fix is a \$17 billion plan to build two large, four-story tall tunnels to carry fresh water from the Sacramento River under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta toward the intake stations for the State Water Project and the Central Valley

Project. Currently the system is broken, endangering fish habitats like the Delta Smelt, and the current pumping systems actually work in reverse of the natural river flow!

The California Water Fix will create two tunnels, which will then flow through three intake valves, and allow the rivers to flow in natural conditions. The tunnels are 40 ft in diameter at 150ft below the ground and 30 miles long, that would help hold our levees, which are 20 to 30 ft above sea level.

This fix is important to California on many levels. Over 25 million people and thousands of businesses from the Bay Area to San Diego rely on water along the Delta to survive. Over 3 million acres of farmland, located mainly in Central California need this water as well, in addition to the previously mentioned fish and wildlife. The constant challenge of levee failures, rising sea levels and earthquakes in California could harm the ecosystem, and the new system would bypass those risks.

Without the fix there will be a 20% decline in water annually, for over 70 million Californians. In the High Desert, there would be a 27% decline, about 15,000 acre feet. The project is also important to the High Desert for future growth. For large development to occur, a nexus between planned growth and water supply is required by AB221/610.

Mojave Water Agency would fund 2% of the 18 year project to help the High Desert grow, and have a safe and fresh water supply for generations to come.

Visit www.californiawaterfix.com for more information and updates.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Jon Schuler**
- 4-Way Test: **Brad Letner**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**
- Finemaster: **David North**

Dwight's Writes



As Californians we all have to be mindful of water drought issues, and I want to thank to **Tom McCarthy** from the MWA for sharing with the Club a lot of information about the California Water Fix.

Wine, Jazz and More is just a few days away and all Rotarians are needed to support our biggest fundraiser of the year! Whether you attend, buy a table, donate a raffle item, or buy a case of wine, we need every Rotarian's participation in some way! Thank you to our wonderful WJM committee for all of your hard work in making this final event such a success.

Read B4K is growing! **Brad Letner** shared with the Club that the 6th grade class at Brentwood, headed up by **Teresa Letner**, is using Read B4K software with a local pre-kindergarten class to help speed up the learning process as well as help with their own literacy skills!

Please make plans to join us November 10-12 as we will be heading down to Ensenada to visit the school water tanks, buying food for the orphanage, and meeting Ensenada Rotarians and their families. See **Margaret Cooker** to make your reservations and to choose your hotel.

Finally, my thought of the week is "You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence."

- Abraham Lincoln

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lucky Blue Dice



Close...but no (Blue) dice! David North had a 33% chance, but came up short, so next is a 50% chance!

Next week we will continue with 2 dice and \$500 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

New Rotarian



This week, the Rotary Club of Victorville welcomed **Michael Johnson** from Desert Community Bank as our newest member. **Stew Anderson** emceed the induction and was joined by Michael's sponsor **David North**.

Michael has been with DCB for six years and is married with four children, two of which are home schooled.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$12.00

Polio Pig: \$7.00 + Dice (David North): \$5.00 = \$12.00

Collected to Date: \$14,463.17

Total equals: 89,973 Doses!

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

Raffle Prizes

The queen of the raffle **Robin Cackler** was a big winner again this week by going home with the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**, a goodie bag from **Michael Johnson** at DCB, a Alaska USA tumbler from **David North** and finally another goodie bag from **Bill Edwards** at the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, as did **Gary Adams**.

Dwight Johnson donated three pairs of tickets to the upcoming Apple Valley Air Show that will be used by **Ron Williams, Rosanne Weathers** and **Jim Cox**. In return, Dwight won an Alaska USA bag from **David North**.

Fine Session

David North debuted this week as a Fine Master and began his service by fining everyone in the Club a \$10 fine! Then he deleted those fines for **Margaret Cooker** and **Dr. Paul Stanton** for saving a speaker's life 5 years ago, then first responders **Jon Schuler** and **Dan Mejia**, and followed by deleting fines for all veterans! Finally, David made sure Rotarians were reading the Joshua Tree Newsletter, so preceded to ask Rotarians questions from the current issue. **Steve Orr, Rosanne Weathers, Ron Williams** all answered their questions correctly and had their fines taken away. The only Rotarian who answered incorrectly and kept their \$10 fine was **Bill Edwards**!

Rotary Guests

The Club welcomed a couple of guests from Apple Valley Communications this week, **Arsalee Morales**, who attended as a guest of **David North**, and **Randi Coffman**, who is a Corporate Member of the Apple Valley Rotary Club. Also in attendance was **Deputy Neil Slawson** who attended with **Captain Jon Schuler** and **McKenzie Tarango** who came with **Dr. Ron Williams**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Robin Cackler**, in the place of **Pastor Paul Earle**, and **Jimmy Smith** for **Mark McKay**.

Spoon of Exemption

Jim Cox had his final week with the Spoon and chose to share some information about his life. Although Jim has made the City of Victorville his life for the last 40 years, his family is number one! Jim also shared that volunteers are needed to help with this year's Fall Festival if anyone is interested. Finally, for those in the Victorville voting area, please don't forget to vote in support of our Fire and Police this November!



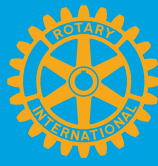
The Spoon was then put up for auction with **Steve Orr** starting the bidding at \$100! **Bill Edwards** got into the mix by upping it another \$25, as did Steve, but in the end, **Bill Edwards** got the spoon for 5 weeks in October for \$175!

October Birthdays

Jon Schuler	October 3
Victor Rocha	October 7
Pam Murray	October 8
Mark Taylor	October 11
Stew Anderson	October 11
Ron Wilson	October 12
Jon Hove	October 14
Kirk Riding	October 16
Jim Cox	October 19
Gary Adams	October 20
Brad Poiriez	October 25

October Anniversaries

John Hulterstrom	28 Years
Cynthia Burden	7 Years
Marie Langley	6 Years
Corey Beck	1 Year



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.....	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

October 3: Dwight Johnson, Club President **In House Project... "BANNER UP!"**

This is a perfect opportunity to bring a service minded person as your guest to enjoy the camaraderie of a Rotary service project and the opportunity to experience Rotary as a Service-only member.

October 10: Sr. Christine Schleich, St. Mary Medical Center, **TOPIC:" My Time as Sister of St. Joseph of Orange"** (Page)

October 17: Association of the United States Army (Weathers)

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