



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



October 2, 2018

SAVING SMILES...SAVING LIVES

Serving on a medical mission to Retalhuleu, Guatemala, **Roger Schulte** personally witnessed the humanitarian results of Rotaplast, a nonprofit organization through which Rotarians and volunteers provide reconstruction surgeries and treatments to children with cleft lips, cleft palates and related anomalies.

Roger has been a member of the Rotary Club of Upland since 1978 and was president in 1984-85. He has chaired numerous district committees including RYLA, Teen Leadership Camp, Interact Symposium, and the Rotary Foundation Dinner. He served as our district governor in 2010-11. He is currently the chair of the District Rotaplast Committee.

Rotaplast was started in San Francisco over 26 years ago by Rotarians and has grown into a non-profit organization that goes on 12-15, two-week missions per year. Funds for these trips mainly come from Club and District Donations. A Rotaplast team is made up of Rotarians from the United States, as well as local Rotarians, from whatever Country they are in. Recently at the Guatemala trip, the local club got the word out by going to village to village, speaking with

people one-on-one. Along with the team are medical staff, as well as non medical staff.

In Guatemala, hundreds of people came out for help and many of them were served. The doctors for these missions are top of the line, not people fresh out of medical school. The same applies for the Anesthesiologists and Nurses who take part. There is also a Quartermaster, who is in charge of getting equipment in and out of the country as well as a photo journalist, who writes a daily blog about the mission.



In one 90 minute operation, a child's life is changed forever. In these countries, a child with a cleft lip or palette is considered an outcast, demon possessed or cursed. Rotarians with Rotaplast, give them back their lives and their futures. One Guatemalan woman described the doctors as having "miracle hands".

The next trip through District 5300 is scheduled for June 9-23, 2019 where they will go to Arusha, Tanzania. They will be taking a full team of over 32 staff members and will do cleft lip and palette surgery, Maxillofacial surgeries as well as burn scar repair. The amount of \$60,000 needs to be raised to allow them to do their full mission in Tanzania. Rotaplast is looking for Club and individual contributions, as well as non-medical volunteers.

For more information please visit www.Rotaplast.org or email rogerschulte@gmail.com.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Art Rico
4-Way Test:	Victor Rocha
Finemaster:	Mark Taylor

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LETNER'S LETTER



What a great week it has been to be a Rotarian! The Mardi Gras fundraiser was a great success and a lot of money was raised for the important projects our Club does throughout the community and abroad. I want to thank all of our



committee members for putting on a fantastic event!

Ryan McEachron spoke to the Club this week seeking donations and sponsorships for the upcoming Teacher Mini-Grants, that will be happening here at our November 27th Rotary meeting. Each Grant is in the amount of \$300 and helps our local teachers fund unique projects that help teach our young people on a whole new level and career path.

Sponsorships range from \$300, up to \$1200 and each Club member will be billed for 1 instructor's lunch at that meeting. Please see Ryan for more information.

Dwight Johnson shared some District news to pass along to you fine folks as well. This weekend will be the Annual City of Victorville Fall Festival and the Rotary Club of the High Desert will be running their beer tent, as will the Rotary Club of Apple Valley at the upcoming Apple Valley Air Show on October 13th. Have a brew and support Rotary!

Rounding out with the induction of **Lauretta Tkaczyk**, this has been a wonderful week to be a Rotarian!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

John Hulterstrom	29 Years
Cynthia Burden	8 Years
Marie Langley	7 Years
Corey Beck	2 Years
Lynne Cole	1 Year

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. October 8th to President Brad Letner.

David Placentia

Position: Owner

Organization: ADR Creative Solutions

Classification: Services: Creative Solutions

Sponsor: Don Lager

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$35.00

Polio Pig: \$30.00 + Dice (Art Rico): \$5.00 = \$35.00

Collected to Date: \$15,682.10

Total equals: 92,412 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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NEW ROTARIAN



Rotarians celebrated this week the induction of our newest member **Lauretta Tkaczyk** from Kindred Hospice. Lauretta was joined by sponsor **Dwight Johnson** and her volunteer Case Manager, **Sarah Rojas**, who will serve as her "Stand-in". She was inducted into the Club by Past President **Jon Hove**.

Lauretta was a combat medic in the Army, and after service, became a nurse in emergency and labor rooms, before moving onto Hospice care. She is passionate about being part of the eradication of Polio and we are blessed to have her as a member.

LUCKY BLUE DICE



New Rotarian Art Rico was given his chance to draw for some big \$, but took another white dice out of the bag and donated his \$5 winning back to the Polio Pig.

We will continue next week with 8 Dice and \$350 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

ROTARY GUESTS

Joining **Lauretta Tkaczyk** for her induction this week was her "Stand-in" **Sarah Rojas**, and potential member **David Placencia** from ADR Solutions was in attendance with **Art Rico**.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Jackie Morgan** from St. Joseph Health/St. Mary, who stood in for **Mike Page**.

FINE SESSION

Mark Taylor was our Fine Master this week and due to time only handed out fines to **Steve Orr** for the sum of \$10 for attending the Hitt wedding over the Mardi Gras Fundraiser and hit **Victor Rocha** for \$20 for making a rare appearance, which just happened to coincide with his birthday week!

SPOON OF EXCEPTION



Starting off a new month of Spoon activity, **Jackie Morgan** from St. Joseph Health/St. Mary spoke to the Club about the upcoming St. Mary Gala, which will be happening on Saturday, November 3rd. This year they are raising money for

Panda Warmers. These new warmers will provide safe care for all newborns, and immensely important for the care of their smallest and most vulnerable patients.

Some ways to help them raise their much needed funds are to buy an opportunity drawing ticket for a Jeep Cherokee, bidding on a New Year's Eve getaway to Capistrano or a trip to Sedona, AZ anytime in 2019. For more information and to bid on these items, visit bidfastandlast.com.

To find out more about the Gala and purchase tickets, email jacqueline.morgan@stjoe.org.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Get yer cowboy boots on cause both **Victor Rocha** and **Brad Poiriez** will be attending the Adelanto Rodeo courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**. Goodie bags, donated by **Bill Edwards** will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells** and **Dwight Johnson**, while **Rob Kilpatrick** took home a business portfolio from **Jackie Morgan** at St. Joseph Health/St. Mary and **Captain Rick Bessinger** donated a Sheriff's coffee mug, note pad and more, that went home with **David Placencia**.



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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

- Oct 15:** **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

- Oct 9:** **Off-Site - Apple Valley**
Communications: 21845 Hwy 18,
Apple Valley (Morales)
- Oct 16:** Greg Benson, Fire Chief City of Victorville
- Oct 23:** Steve Garcia, Executive Director of Facilities
Victor Valley College **TOPIC: "Victor Valley College Measure JJ Building Projects - Past, Present, and Future"** (Wagner)
- Oct 30:** Evening Rotary Meeting - TBA
- Nov 6:** Mark Smith, Administrative Sergeant San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
TOPIC: "K9 Presentation" (Bessinger)
- Nov 13:** Dougal Agan (McEachron)

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