



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

**Rotary**  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# *THE* **JOSHUA TREE**

**OCTOBER 11, 2016**

## **No Water = No Economic Growth**

Rotarians this week got a chance to hear from author **Jeff Crider** on the history of water in the High Desert, and what a tale it was! Jeff is public relations consultant and writer with nearly 20 years of experience providing strategic media relations counsel and specialized writing services for water agencies across Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

A former Desert Sun and Press-Enterprise reporter, Jeff recently wrote a 105-page history book titled *"Delivering the Future: 60 Years of Vision and Innovation at San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District"*, which is now available in several public and university libraries across Southern California.



He is currently developing a history book for Mojave Water Agency, which explores controversies involving the adjudication of high desert water rights, the impact of the State Water Project and the Mojave Water Agency's evolving role as it works with other agencies to provide water security for the high desert region.

The Mojave Water Agency was formed in

1960 for the specific purpose of bringing supplemental water into communities that would otherwise run out of water if they relied solely on surface and groundwater supplies. MWA also manages surface and groundwater supplies throughout its 5,000 square mile area to ensure that the High Desert region doesn't run out of water.

Water interests in Los Angeles and Orange Counties posed similar threats to the future development of the High Desert in the 1920's and 30's when they tried to divert the waters of the Mojave River for themselves.

One such effort involved the city of Pasadena, which filed a claim with the State Water Commission for "the entire run-off of the Mojave River watershed, including all waters not now used by riparian owners," according to a Jan. 25, 1921 article in the San Bernardino County Sun. Pasadena's plan was to store water at the Fork's reservoir site and to direct the water through a 10-mile-long tunnel down the mountain to Devil Canyon and then westward through a conduit line that would run along the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains to Pasadena.

High Desert landowners fight finally stopped Pasadena from taking our water. In years continuing other cities tried the same thing including, San Bernardino, Riverside and even Orange County, just to keep watering their orange groves!

By the late 1950's, concerns about the inability of High Desert groundwater supplies to meet future demands led lawmakers to create the Mojave Water Agency for the specific purpose of importing water from Northern California to make up for anticipated shortfalls in local supplies as the region continued to grow. Without our much needed water, there would have been no economic growth in the High Desert, and it would not be what it is today.

### **This Week's Functionaries**

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| <b>Invocation:</b>  | <b>Van Young</b>      |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | <b>Brad Letner</b>    |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | <b>Marie Langley</b>  |
| <b>Song:</b>        | <b>Al Castellucci</b> |

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## Cooker's Corner

**Dwight Johnson** was absent this week wrapping up the wedding of his son this past weekend, so our very own **Margaret Cooker** took over emcee duties for the meeting and to bring forth some upcoming rotary information.

This weekend will be the Happy Trails Chili Cook-off at

Brewster Park in Apple Valley. **Dan Dever** has his booth, chefs and chili ready, but is in desperate need of volunteers to help hand out samples to the many people in our community coming out to the event. Dan is looking for people looking to give an hour of their time at this fantastic event. Call Dan at 760-963-2198 to volunteer.



**Dan Dever** also shared information about the Calico Off-Road taking place on Saturday, October 22. If you'd like to be a front seat guest or have a off-road vehicle and would like to participate, please call Dan at the above number. Lunch will be served in the "back country" and it is a whole lot of fun.

**Mike Page** spoke to the Club on our upcoming luncheon programs. We are looking for speakers for various dates in November and December. If you, or know someone in the community that would be beneficial as a speaker, please contact Mike Page at mpage948@gmail.com.

Finally, a friendly reminder, we will not be at El Pescador next Tuesday, as we will be holding an off-site meeting with **Kevin Kane** at VVTA at 17150 Smoketree in Hesperia. If you have not yet rsvp'd for this special meeting, please do so as soon as possible.



## Spoon of Exemption

**Dr. Roger Wagner** chose this week to give some insight into what goes into a College Accreditation. In March 2017, there will be a comprehensive accreditation evaluation standard covering 4 major areas of the college. The first one is Mission Academic Quality & Institutional effectiveness & integrity, next is Student Learn Progress and Support services, followed by Resources and finally Leadership of Governance. Along with this are 121 sub-standards which will cover such things as budgeting, equipment and counselors. The accreditation team may want to reach out to some of our community leaders, so please stay informed of developments.

## Rotary Around Town

Although, not technically "in town", Immediate past President **Ben Tafoya** was recently spotted on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai, attending a Rotary Meeting. His only question was, "Does this constitute a make-up?"



## Raffle Prizes

This week **Steve Orr** donated a \$25 Visa gift card from Heritage that was won by **Chris Ackerman**, as well as cell phone workout armbands that went to **David North** and **Robin Cackler**. Robin also won a bottle of Port Wine from **Steve Murray** and David also won a set of decorated notepads, which he gave to **Marie Langley**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$16.00**

Polio Pig: \$11.00 + Dice (Dr. Roger Wagner): \$5.00 = \$16.00

**Collected to Date: \$13,588.15**

**Total equals: 88,234 Doses!**

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





## *S.T.A.R. Students*

### NOTICE OF CLUB ASSEMBLY

We will be holding a Club Assembly to vote for our Rotary President for 2019-2020 on Tuesday, October 18. All members in good standing that are present have the right to vote.

### *Fine Session*

This week we had **Kevin Kane** as our Fine Master and the only fine he gave out was a \$10 fine to **Margaret Cooker** for "Delay of Game", as he felt she was taking up too much mic time!

### *Rotary Guests*

Along with the many family members and school officials in attendance for our STAR Students, we welcomed **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office, **Regina Bell** from Robert Lovingood's office and **Ross Sevy** from Jay Obernolte's office. **Major Van Young** had his lovely wife **Nathalie** in attendance and **Dr. Ron Williams** invited **McKenzie Tarango** as a visitor.

Finally, **Al Castellucci** brought two guests to join us today, **Mirna Valasco** from 98.7FM and **Leo Wallach** from TV/90 Fox Life.

Our "Stand-Ins" this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Yvonne Hester** for **Kirby Brill**, and **James Gurth** for **Dr. Ron Williams**.

### *Lucky Blue Dice*



**Dr. Roger Wagner** got a chance to get some good money, but the blue dice avoided another Rotarian this week.

Next week we will have 6 dice and \$400 up for grabs for the one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

This week **Maureen Mills**, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services at the Victor Elementary School District emceed the presentation to students from the Challenger School of Sports and Fitness and the Irwin Academy of Performing Arts.



At Challenger, **Isaiah Fitzgerald** has had a difficult time after losing his mother in June of this year. Even with this devastating challenge, he continues to have a good attitude

towards school and his peers, while going out of his way to be helpful in all aspects of learning. **Christian Player** has gone a long way in improving his emotions and reacting in a negative way. Christian has become more positive and has improved on his tardiness. Finally, **Damian Venegas** began his school career very reluctant to participate and interact in classroom discussions, but has grown into a bright young man, completing assignments, participating and an excitement to learn!



Over at Irwin Academy, **Edgar Coria's** reading level continues to improve and has shown excellent growth with his thinking and problem solving skills. **Daniela de Paz** has been improving in her reading comprehension and is showing great confidence in her creativity and work production. Finally, **Angelique Gonzalez** has shown great improvements in collaboration and teamwork, better attendance, as well as homework and classwork completion.



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2016-2017 .....	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President 2017-2018/Membership .....	Dan Munsey
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2019 .....	Brad Letner
Community Service .....	Victor Rocha
Youth Service/Scholarships .....	Van Young
Vocational Service .....	Alicia Anderson

### Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer .....	Jennifer Starbuck
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master .....	Al Castellucci
Programs .....	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Brad Letner
R.Y.L.A./TLC/Public Safety Awards .....	Teresa Coomes
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- Oct 24:** **Past Presidents Meeting**  
5:30pm • El Pescador, Victorville
- Oct 27:** **HD Fireside - District Governor Luciano de Sylva at AV Chamber**  
5pm • 16010 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley
- Dec 1:** **2016 Club Christmas Party**  
5:30pm • \$45 per person  
Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse  
Meal Choices: Chicken Cordon Bleu,  
Prime Rib or Salmon

## Future Rotary Programs

- Oct. 18 :** **OFFSITE** Victor Valley Transit Authority  
17150 Smoke tree St., Hesperia
- Oct. 25 :** **District Governor Visit** (Johnson)  
*BOD meets with Governor at 10.30 am to review club*
- Nov. 1 :** San Bernardino County Assessor -  
Recorder - County Clerk, Bob Dutton  
**TOPIC: "Calico and the Silver King Mines"** (Page)

## Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. October 17 to President Dwight Johnson.

**Corey Beck**

**Vice President**

**Beck Oil**

**Classification: Petroleum**

**Sponsor: Al Castellucci**

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