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# THE JOSHUA TREE



October 13, 2015

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA 

## Rising Stars in the High Desert



This week the Rotary Club of Victorville was proud to honor some great S.T.A.R. students from Challenger School of Sports & Fitness and Green Tree East Leadership Academy. **Maureen Mills**, the Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services at VESD, was on hand to present the awards and was joined by President **Ben Tafoya**, **Jim Barnes**, **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office and **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** from Robert Lovingood's office.

From Challenger School we honored **Braulio Manzo**, who has matured into a wonderful student, developed a positive attitude for learning and one who leads with encouragement and support in his class. **Isaiah Nicholson** has been working hard to make progress in his math studies and completes all

his classwork and homework neatly and on time. **David Porter** has been working very hard to be an outstanding student and being a positive role model to all of his classmates. Finally, **Paola Tamayo** is continuing to show eagerness to learn by volunteering to answer questions and working with peers to solve problems.

Over at Green Tree East, **Jaime Aispuro's** reading level has increased nearly 200 points in one school year! Along with reading comprehension, he has also excelled in oral communication. **Celine Al Samaan** came to the High Desert from Syria and started the school year with very little English skills. Since her time here, her reading level has gone from 143 to a whopping 679! On top of that she has gone from a level 1 in English skills to a level 3 in a very short amount of time! Finally, **Daniella Rodriguez** has had tremendous growth in her math skills and also serves on the Student Leadership Team.

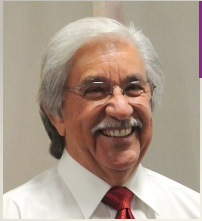
The Rotary Club of Victorville is proud to support and honor our young students in the Victor Valley, and their teachers, who strive to improve and reach goals, to become our future leaders, inventors, entrepreneurs and business professionals.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Van Young**
- Flag Salute: **Sam Lucia**
- 4-Way Test: **Ron Williams**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**



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## Tafoya Talk...

Thank you all who participated in the Happy Trails Chili Cook-Off this past weekend. It was a great event once again with our Rotary Chili and long lines from patrons to sample and vote on! We gave out more chili this year, than in year's past, and took home 3rd place in the "Community Chili" Category! Thanks to **Dan Dever, Ginger Ontiveros, Dwight Johnson and Chris Ackerman** for all of your help in the booth!



This week we were honored to have **Dan Munsey** present a check to the Police Fire Activities League to help them continue their great service to our community. Officer Marvin Wilkie was on hand to accept the check in the amount of \$1,000 to continue to assist and inspire the 50 kids in their program. Some of the kids who come to them are from troubled homes, like Daphney who has been in their program for 4 years and graduated with a 3.9 GPA and has now joined the Marines! Success stories like this are due in part to the generous assistance of the Rotary Club of Victorville.

## The Polio Pig...

**Collected this week: \$10.50**

**Collected to Date: \$12,721.58**

**Total equals: 87,508 Doses!**

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

## Fine Session

**Dan Munsey** thought he was going to be "smart" this week and play a game "Are you Smarter than a Challenger or Green Tree East Student", by asking Rotarians questions that our S.T.A.R. Students are currently learning about in school and see if they know the answer. If answered correctly, no fine! Answer wrong and it is a \$5 fine.

Well the plan backfired on Dan as his contestants **Sam Lucia, Kevin Kane, Stew Anderson and Brad Letner** all answered their questions correctly so Dan Munsey fined himself \$5 each for a total of \$20!

## Rotary Guests

**Stew Anderson** walked the tables for guests introductions today and we had a lot of them. Along with family members of our S.T.A.R. students, we also had Wasey Noori from Congressman Cook's office and Regina Bell, the Field Representative for **Robert Lovingood**, who also served today as a Stand-In for Robert. Joining the students today from Green Tree East was Principal Brian Bettger.

**Kevin Kane** welcomed his guest Susan Zirgen from Home Watch Care, **Dwight Johnson** brought Tiffani Calvert from Oggi's and **David North** introduced Linda Moore from DCB. Finally, Gregory Winston was a guest of **Pastor Paul Earle** while Marlena Scott was a "stand-in" for Pastor Earle.

## Raffle Prizes

**Dr. Hough** was back with us this week and along with her another slew of raffle gifts. This time she provided four American Flag tote bags, that went to **Sam Lucia, Ben Tafoya and Gary Adams**. Wait that's only three names? Oh yes, Mr. Lucky Gary Adams won two of them!

**Dwight Johnson** donated a fantastic Ronald Regan 2016 calendar, which was won by Ben, but he gave it to **Dan Munsey**, who really, REALLY wanted it.

## Lucky Blue Dice



**Our Fine Master this week, Dan Munsey was selected to win some big money this week by getting the elusive blue dice, but once again made the chances a little better for someone else by grabbing a white one and \$5.**

**5 Dice remain and \$425 up for grabs!**

## Spoon of Exemption: Brad Letner

This week was **Brad Letner's** time and he chose to talk to everyone about the 5th Annual God and Country Celebration which will take place on November 5th from 7am - 9am at the High Desert Event Center. This is an event for High School Students and Veterans, and tables are sponsored by those in the business community to keep



tickets free for those students and military personnel. Right now only half the tables are sold, so our help is needed to give \$250 and be a Table Sponsor for this great event. The event consist of breakfast, songs by the Azusa Pacific Choir and inspirational speeches. Please contact Brad for your company to become a Table Sponsor.

## The Future of the Death Penalty

This week we heard from Assistant D.A. Gary Roth, the no. 2 man to D.A. Mike Ramos, about the possible future of the Death Penalty in California. The last time there was an execution in California was in 2006 and since then it has come under attack as being unconstitutional.



Right now there are 750 inmates on Death Row. Some of them have been there for 20 to 30 years. As well as being expensive there are endless delays and appeals for the inmate, all of which has ended

with a Federal Judge in Los Angeles declaring the death penalty as unconstitutional. The D.A. office is working hard for a ballot imitative in 2016 to reform the death penalty by eliminating delays and expense. Right now inmates are housed in special housing with perks, and in the new imitative, those perks would be removed and they would be transferred with regular prisoners in the general population, although still segregated. All appeals will be capped at 10 years and the method of execution will be streamlined to make the process quicker.

This will of course become a major debating point in months to come, and the D.A.'s office is looking for support from the community to have this on the ballot. Of course, with the passing of AB 109 and Prop 47, this will be an uphill battle.

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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

<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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, 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 Victor Valley Sunrise, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

- Dec. 3:** **Rotary Christmas Dinner**  
El Pescador Restaurant  
Victorville, CA
- Jan. 2:** **Foundation Dinner**  
Double Tree Hotel, Ontario, CA  
Rotary Intl. President in Attendance  
Club will pay 50% of the early bird ticket cost. - deadline 11/1/2015

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Oct. 20:** Dr. Pascal, Desert Valley Hospital  
**TOPIC: "Educating Our Community on Urgent Care vs. Emergency (Weathers)**  
TLC Students talk about Experience
- Oct. 27:** Craig Garrick, President/CEO, ComAV, LLC  
**TOPIC: "How Commercial Aviation is Impacting the High Desert, Our Perspective"** (Page)
- Nov. 3:** **District Governor's Visit** (Tafoya)
- Nov. 10:** **Hough / Letner**  
**STAR students Del Rey & Liberty**

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