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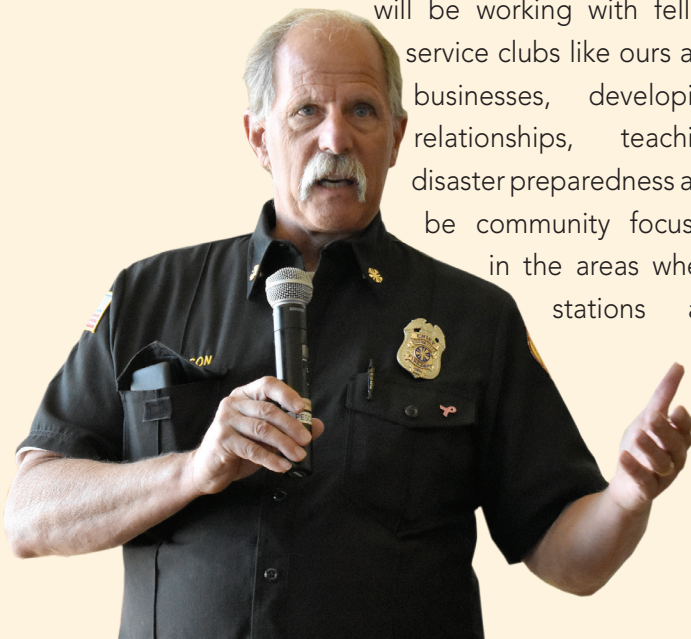
October 16, 2018

SERVICE, SAFETY & EXCELLENCE!

With of 40 years experience, the new Fire Chief for the Victorville Fire Department, **Greg Benson**, spoke to the Club this week, and was joined by other members of his staff; Division Chief **Fredrick Stout**, Battalion Chief's **Moses Neal & David Hernandez**, plus Training Captain **Dyjuan Washington**.

Greg spoke about the direction of the new Department, that will go into full effect on March 30, 2019. Engagement with the public is paramount with the new department. They

will be working with fellow service clubs like ours and businesses, developing relationships, teaching disaster preparedness and be community focused in the areas where stations are



active. They will get to know the people in their neighborhoods, meet the residents, and open dialogue for questions and concerns. Once they know the needs of the area, they will be implementing programs to specifically address the needs of the neighborhood.

There will be a better use of technology coming as well, to help manage resources better and allow for shorter response times. There will be performance systems put in place to do more than just reporting the amount of calls received. This new system will allow to truly see not only how the Department is doing, but how to be better.

To date, they have hired command staff, engineers, paramedics, as well as the Captains who attended the meeting, secured a dispatch center contract and transitioned Station 319, over at the Southern California Logistics Airport. Right now they are in the process of purchasing new vehicles and apparatus including five command cars, two type-1 structure engines and two paramedic squad units, so for minor injuries a whole fire engine won't need to be called. Finally, they have already established great relationships with neighboring fire agencies like the Apple Valley Fire District, CALFire, the Bureau of Land Management and the Barstow Fire Department.

The immediate goals are to finish their hiring process, develop new policies and procedures, begin public educational programs and begin implementing their neighborhood programs.

The new Victorville Fire Department will focus on being the best service in their neighborhood, keeping the community safe, to not just be better, but be excellent and to add value to the City of Victorville and its residents.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Terry Caldwell**
- 4-Way Test: **Ryan McEachron**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

LETNER'S LETTER



We had a great lunch meeting Tuesday. Thank you **Jim Cox** for bringing City Manager **Keith Metzler** and Deputy City Manager **George Harris II** to help introduce the leadership of the new City of Victorville Fire Department. Our thanks especially go out to Fire Chief **Greg Benson** for a very informative presentation!

Don't forget that Tuesday, October 30, we will be having our "5th Tuesday Mixer" in the evening INSTEAD of our luncheon. Add it to your calendar! We'll be meeting in the evening: Tues., Oct 30, 5:30 p.m., at Chateau Chang. Bring your "Rotary Partner" (spouse or significant other) and bring a guest who might be interested in joining our great Rotary Club. Once more - no lunch meeting on Tuesday, October 30.

It's time for Teacher Mini-Grants. Sign up at a luncheon, or email **Ryan McEachron** to let us know how much you will be able to support our teachers. Over 121 have applied for a \$300 grant. We have grant levels at \$300 (1 grant), \$600 (2 grants), and \$1200 (4 grants) – but EVERY amount helps! We'll gladly bundle your gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to offer more grants.

Look for details for this year's Rotary Christmas party. And that means our Angel Tree partnership with the Salvation Army is coming up soon. We do a LOT for our community by working together. You don't have to do it all... find your passion and be a part of our mission: to identify unmet needs in our community, and mobilize our members' time and treasure to meet those needs when appropriate.

Thank you all for being the inspiration for our community.

When we all do a little,
together we can do a
lot!



SPOON OF EXCEPTION

Mike Page had another week with the Spoon and spoke to the Club once again about the 27th Annual St. Mary Gala on Saturday, November 3rd. He and **Jon Hove** have tickets for the Jeep Cherokee worth \$25,000!

Tickets are \$100 each or you can purchase ten tickets for \$500. Mike shared that your chances are very good to win, but you must be a California resident to enter and win (Sorry Russ!).

ROTARY NEWS

Ryan McEachron spoke to the Club this week on the upcoming Teacher Mini Grant luncheon on November 27th. A total of 121 teacher applications have been submitted, and each grant is in the amount of \$300 for instructors to use the money for their programs. The Club is looking for donations in the amounts of \$300, \$600, \$900 or more. Please see Ryan for more information.

Jon Hove shared a Membership Moment, we currently have 4 new members this year, 20 invited guests and 11 applications have been turned in. We still have a long way to go, so keep inviting potential members.



Dwight Johnson made our members aware that the Hesperia High Desert Rotary Club will be hosting a beer garden at the Desert Rocks Film Festival this weekend and that the Adelanto Club will have a booth at a variety of events going on at the stadium.

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$26.00

Polio Pig: \$21.00 + Dice (Ryan McEachron): \$5.00 = \$26.00

Collected to Date: \$15,730.10

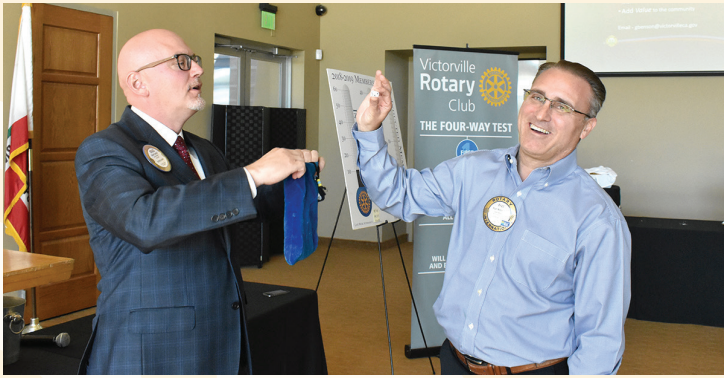
Total equals: 92,508 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



The Fine Master won the chance to get some big dollars this week, but took another white dice out of the bag!

We will continue next week with 6 Dice and \$400 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and began by fining last week's Finer **David North** \$10 for flying to Denver and not being at the meeting. **Russ Stringham** is not a California resident, so he was penalized \$100 (because obviously he has a lot of money)!



Jon Hove left the meeting with \$10 less in his pocket due to emailing Ryan at 11:45am to ask him if he was coming to the day's meeting.

Finally, **Terry Caldwell** was given a \$10 fine for calling Ryan the "Junior Former Mayor" during the Functionaries introduction, but for Terry to accept the fine, Ryan had to give himself a \$20 fine for saying that he will not be at next week's Past Presidents meeting!

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ROTARY GUESTS

Joining our speaker today, were members of the new Victorville Fire Department, all introduced by City of Victorville City Manager and guest **Keith Metzger**. We were introduced Division Chief **Fredrick Stout**, Battalion Chief **Moses Neal**, Battalion Chief **David Hernandez** and Training Captain **Dyjuan Washington**. Also from the City of Victorville we met **George Harris**.

Dr. Breda Leach brought **W. Daniel Tate** from the Don Ferrarese Foundation to the meeting and our only stand-in this week was **Sarah Rojas** from Kindred Hospice, who attended for **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.

RAFFLE PRIZES

In a fabulous turnaround from last week's meeting, the raffle table was filled with goodies this week. **Dwight Johnson** started things off this week by taking home a book from **Kevin Kane** and a Heritage water bottle from **Steve Orr**. Another water bottle and a "Dead & Co." tour shirt from Kevin went away with **Dr. Ron Boyd**, and **Steve Orr** will be using the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**.

Jon Hove won a Sheriff's water bottle & journal from **Capt. Rick Bessinger**, then **Bill Edwards** donated another collection of prizes which were taken home by **Steve Orr** and **Dr. Roger Wagner**.

Finally, Dr. Wagner took home a left over gift from the Mari Gras... a \$100 hair salon gift card!

See's CANDIES
2018 Winter Fundraising

 Assorted Chocolates 100% real dark chocolate. Delivered in insulated wrap. 1 lb \$20.00 #928 2 lb \$41.00 #929	 Milk Chocolates Fudge, milk, & vanilla assortments. Delivered in insulated wrap. 1 lb \$20.00 #902	 Dark Chocolates A mix of dark chocolate, milk, & vanilla assortments. Delivered in insulated wrap. 1 lb \$20.00 #930
 Mints & Chews Tiramisu, chocolate, and peppermint. Delivered in insulated wrap. 1 lb \$20.00 #924 2 lb \$41.00 #925	 Truffles Handmade confections and more. 1 lb \$20.00 #902	 Assorted Peppermints Orange, mint, cherry, & milk and dark chocolate. 8 lb \$19.00 #904
 Assorted Lollypops Vanilla, blueberry, salted caramel, and chocolate. Assorted toppings. 1 lb \$20.00 #926	 Peanut Brittle Buttery, crunchy and irresistible. 1 lb \$20.00 #905	 Assorted Molasses Chips Orange, white, and milk and dark chocolate. 8 lb \$19.00 #903
 Polar Bear Box The ultimate meeting treat. 4 ea \$7.70 #955	 Mini Merry Assortment All occasions are. 4 ea \$7.70 #951	 Gift Certificate For one (1) hour Open House Shop. 1 lb \$20.00 #927 (minimum continental U.S. 1 lb \$22.00 #928 international orders)

SEE MARGARET COOKER TO GET YOUR ORDER IN EARLY!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2018-2019	Brad Letner
Immediate Past President	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
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International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLA & TLC	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Jon Hove

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Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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Programs	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards.....	Rick Bessinger
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Teresa Letner
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 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 22:** **Past Presidents Meeting**
5:30pm • El Pescador Restaurant
- Nov 12:** **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 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
Chateau Chang, Park Ave. - 5:30pm
- 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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