



# The Joshua Tree



October 24, 2017

## A Visit from the District Governor

Usually, when we get a visit from our District Governor, they meet with the Board of Directors first, and then report to the Club with an official update, but our 2017-2018 District 5300 Governor **Raghada Khoury** is a woman who does things a little different. Instead, as part of her visit to our Club this week, she had leaders report our own Club Assembly.

The Assembly began with Club Administrator, Past District Governor and head of our foundation **Margaret Cooker** who gave the latest updates on Polio eradication around the world.



In the area of Membership, **Jon Hove** once again referred to our new membership chart to track the Club's progress. As of right now, Rotarians have brought a



total of 13 potential members as guests, 7 membership applications have been filled out and out of that, **Mike Johnson** and **Robert Barton** have become members.

**Brad Letner** spoke about Club Service opportunities available to members and their families. Upcoming events include our Christmas Party, Super Bowl Party, Valentines Dinner and our 5th Tuesday evening meetings.

Internationally, **Ben Tafoya** announced that our Global Grant has been approved, which will provide 20 water tanks for 10 schools in Mexico for children who need fresh water. Ben also mentioned the upcoming November trip as they will deliver clothes, food and toys to families, and collecting donations for the orphanage in Ensenada.



Up next **Ryan McEachron** shared information on the upcoming Teacher Mini Grants, and Ryan is looking for Rotarians to donate amounts of \$300, if they are able, to cover a full Grant. Next year we will see the return on the RYLA and TLC Camps and the Dan Stover Music Contest will now have a \$10,000 grant given out with it, so the competition will be fierce!



**Victor Rocha** heads up the Community Service arm of the Club, but in his absence this week our President **Dwight Johnson** gave an update on

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### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Mark Taylor**
- 4-Way Test: **Brad Letner**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**
- Finemaster: **Mark Taylor**

## Dwight's Writes



It's always special when we receive a visit from a District Governor, but it is even more special when it is a visit from **Raghada Khoury**, who I am blessed to count as a dear friend and leader.



My heart has been heavy this week with the news late last week of the passing of Rotarian **Dick Cole**. Services will begin with a viewing at Sunset Hills in Apple Valley on Thursday, October 26 at 3:00pm and on Friday the 27th, will be a full Catholic Mass at Our Lady of the Desert at 11:00am. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

This week I honored a couple of "Johns" by recognizing **John Kroencke** as our



August Rotarian of the Month, and **Jon Hove** was given the honor for September. **John Kroencke** has been instrumental in getting our library books we donate in our speaker's names, and **Jon Hove** for his hard work with the Club's membership.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

# ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Paul Harris Fellow



This week our District Governor **Raghada Khoury** inducted **Jim Coomes**, husband of Rotarian **Teressa Coomes** as the newest Paul Harris Fellow, honoring him for financial donations to Rotary International of \$1,000 or more, to help build homes, feed the hungry, educate children, dig wells, plant trees and give eyesight to people all over the world.

## Raffle Prizes

Lady Luck, **Robin Cackler** once again had the winning raffle tickets! Robin went home with the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**, a golf towel from **David North** at Alaska USA, and a goodie bag from **Mike Johnson** at DCB! **Dawn Seeley** also took home a DCB bag, and in return, both **David North** and **Mike Johnson** received \$20 El Pescador gift cards from **Victor Rocha**. **Bill Edwards**, after giving a lot of prizes over the last few weeks, went home with a Husqvarna Motorcycle mug from B&B Cycles. Finally, **Don Lager** will be going to Big Bear, winning a pair of tickets to their Oktoberfest, courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$216.00**

*Polio Pig: \$108.00, incl. \$20 each from Dwight Johnson, Steve Murray and Mark Taylor in honor of World Polio Day + Club Match: \$108.00 = \$216.00*

**Collected to Date: \$14,716.17**

**Total equals: 90,479 Doses!**

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



# Lucky Blue Dice



This week Ben Tafoya started us off on another round for the Blue Dice, but took out the first white one out!

We continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

## Fine Session

**Mark Taylor** was back as our Fine Master, and began by fining himself \$20 for being absent from his duties last week, and proceeded to put his fine directly into the Polio Pig. Due to time, only one other fine was given to **Gary Adams** in the amount of \$50 in honor of his birthday.

## Rotary Guests

This week, we once again welcomed **Arsalee Morales** from Apple Valley Communications, who attended as a guest of **David North** and **Bill Edwards** once again invited co-worker **Dawn Seeley** to the meeting. Captain **Joe Alvarez** from the Salvation Army was once again a guest of **Dwight Johnson**. Our Stand-Ins this week were, **Chad Harrington** for **Robert Barton** and **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Bill Edwards** used his time with the Spoon this week by asking Rotarians for their thoughts and prayers as the Mission work toward a 26 month conclusion to purchase a 12,000 sq. ft. building in Victorville that will change lives and grow the Rescue Mission to another level.

## Governor...

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his behalf. In our ongoing canned food drive, our next donation of goods will be to St. Joan of Arc and we will continue our support of the Victor Valley Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army. Read B4K has now expanded to Brentwood Elementary School where 6th graders from **Teresa Letner's** class, work with the kindergarten class on the software, which not only teaches the kindergartens to read at a 1st and 2nd grade level, but also teaches responsibility to the 6th graders.

Finally, District 9 Assistant Governor and Club Member **Steve Murray** shared information about the District gathering at the



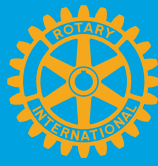
Rotary Gardens in Apple Valley this week. There will be a raffle at the event, in which all of the money raised will be given back to Polio funds.

After the Club Assembly, our District Governor Khoury spoke about her background in Rotary, and let the members know that our Club is very strong, in fact, considered one of the best kept secrets, due to the fact that she hears Clubs from all over the District talk about the work we are doing, but we are not being loud enough about it ourselves. Raghada encouraged us to be brag about our accomplishments and let the community know of all the work we are doing.

Finally, this year Rotary International, will be focusing more on the amount of time a Rotarian is putting into the Club over attendance, "Coming to a meeting does not make one a Rotarian", shared Raghada, "Your level involvement determines your value." Understanding, the importance of attendance, she honored Al Castellucci, who has had perfect attendance for 57 years, with a 2017-2018 Rotary tie.



Rotary is continuing to grow and advance, and yes there will be changes and some growing pains, but with leaders like our District Governor, we will see a new era of Rotary and attract a new generation of Rotarians.



## 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

<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, 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

**Nov. 13: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

**Dec. 5: Rotary Christmas Party**  
5:30pm, El Pescador Restaurant

## Future Rotary Programs

**October 31:** David Wilkerson, Victor Valley College  
Professor, **TOPIC: "Right to Vote: from  
the Colonial Period to the Present"**  
(Wagner)

**Nov 7:** Robert Lovingood, San Bernardino 1st District  
Supervisor, **TOPIC: "Veterans Day  
Recognition"**

**Nov 14: Dan Stover Music Contest**  
S.T.A.R. Students

## Who is Rotary?

The "better answer"

We're a leadership organization of local business,  
professional and civic leaders.

We meet regularly, get to know each other, form  
friendships, and through that, we're able to get  
things done in this community.

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