



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

**Rotary**  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# *THE* **JOSHUA TREE**

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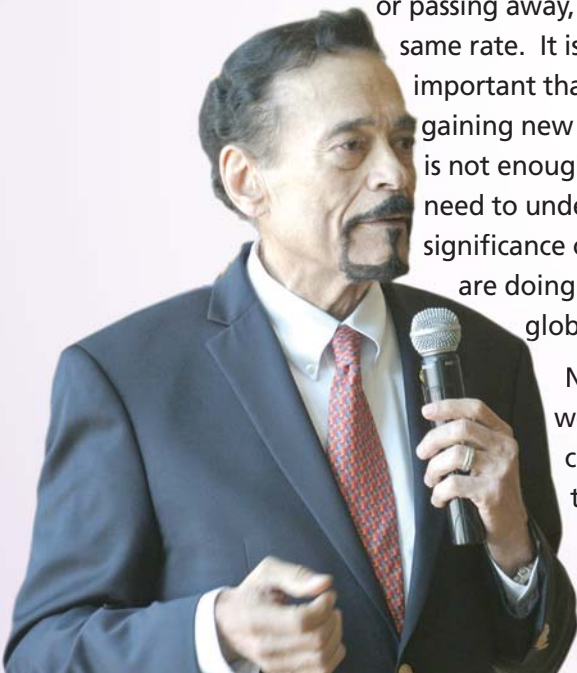
## **The Past, Present, and Future of Rotary**

This week we were honored to receive a visit from District Governor Luciano "Lu" de Sylva and his wife Hazel at our luncheon. Lu shared the goals of Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation, as well as his personal goals for the District.

For the RI president, John F. Germ, membership is at the top of his list. Eight years ago, Rotary was made up of 1.2 million people. In 2016, Rotary is still made up of the same amount of members. Even though we continue to gain members, we lose members whether by dropouts

or passing away, at the same rate. It is more important than ever that gaining new members is not enough, they need to understand the significance of what we are doing locally and globally.

Next year we will be celebrating the 100 Year



Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation began in 1917 at the 8th Annual Rotary Convention in Atlanta Georgia. It was there, in the height of WWI, that the idea of, "wouldn't it be nice if we could do more to help others" became a reality, and now that idealism could finally spell the end of Polio forever.

Polio is almost at an end. That statement has been made for a few years now, but it is now looking like it will finally come true. What has been left of the Polio epidemic over the last few years were areas in Taliban control. Immunization workers went there to vaccinate the children, but the Taliban saw it differently. They were convinced that we were there to poison their children. This was not helped by the fact that there were some CIA operatives in the group trying to do just that! As one can imagine all workers were killed, and no one else dared venture in there again. When the Taliban fell, many people went to places like Syria, and sadly, carried Polio to those regions and it started to spread again. Last year the new regime was convinced that we are only there to help the children and now have "safe passage" to get the Polio Immunization into these countries and finally eliminate it 100%!

D.G. Luciano de Sylva has his own goals within the district this year, and that focus is on expanding the youth programs within Rotary. He would like to expand the Interact programs for middle and high school students and actually create an Interact District Council which will provide more opportunities for leadership, community service and a general improvement in their lives. There are also plans to expand the RYLA Program, as well as speech competition and Stover Music program. District Governor de Sylva wants our Club to continue to work in a positive way with youth. Finally, after a review of our Club, the report is that we are doing great!

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

<b>Invocation:</b>	<b>Van Young</b>
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	<b>Mark Taylor</b>
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	<b>Sam Lucia</b>
<b>Song:</b>	<b>Al Castellucci</b>

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## *Dwight's Writes*

It has been a busy Rotary week with a visit from our District Governor Lu de Sylva along with the Fireside Chat with our local area Clubs. I am looking forward to a great event and fellowship with Rotarians from all over the High Desert.

Stew Anderson spoke to the Club this week on the return of our Angel Tree project with Major Van Young at the Salvation Army. Once again we aim to help 100 families in the Victor Valley which accounts to about 325 gifts that need to be purchased. Tags will be available in the next couple weeks and we will be working with fellow businesses within the Club to get discounts. Gifts are due on December 1st by the Christmas Party.

First Lady Trish Johnson had another batch of birthday cookies for members Mark Taylor, Jim Cox and Mary Hennessy, who has just returned from Argentina.



Finally, our District Governor gave out two very special District Stars to Brad Letner for his stellar work for our Rotary Club and to Russ Stringham for serving as a Club President twice,

Assistant Governor and now Executive Assistant Governor! Congratulations to you both for your hard work for Rotary.



Finally, my thought of the week is "Success is blocked by concentrating on it and planning for it... Success is shy - it won't come out while you're watching." - Tennessee Williams

## *Angel Tree 2016*



The 2016 Angel Tree is coming very soon. Please help a local High Desert family have a Christmas this year, by picking up an Angel Tree tag for one person, or for a whole family, and spread some holiday cheer to those in need. Our goal is to match last year's mission to serve 100 families in the High Desert once again.

See Stew Anderson or Van Young for more information.

## *November Birthdays*

Maureen Mills	November 1
Rob Kilpatrick	November 1
Terry Caldwell	November 8
Paul Stanton	November 12
Mary Teran	November 15
Kevin Porter	November 16
Cynthia Burden	November 26
Marilyn Buttelwerth	November 27
Margaret Cooker	November 28
Lori Burns	November 29

## *The Polio Pig*

**Collected this week: \$17.57**

*Polio Pig: \$12.57 + Dice (Mary Hennessy): \$5.00 = \$15.00*

**Collected to Date: \$13,625.72**

**Total equals: 88,299 Doses!**

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



## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed guest and now potential member **Bill Edwards** from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, as a guest of both **Steve Orr** and **Dwight Johnson**. Our stand-ins this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay**.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Dr. Roger Wagner** had his final week with the spoon going over some financials from the college, such as the college has 817 employees and annual payroll is a whopping 38.6 million. Roger used these figures, and others, to impress how important the passing of Prop 55 for future, much needed college funds.

Then it was time to auction off the spoon to another Rotarian for 5 weeks in November. It quickly became a battle between **Van Young** and **Marie Langley**. Van started the bidding at \$75 but Marie quickly countered at \$85. It went back and forth until Van got the winning bid of \$130 for the spoon for the month!

## Raffle Prizes

A travel coffee mug from **Kevin Kane** at VVTA went to **Mary Hennessey**, and a VVTA thumb drive and candle from Kevin was won by **Steve Orr**.

The wine flowed as well this week with **Brad Letner** winning a bottle from **Stew Anderson** and **Dr. Roger Wagner** will be enjoying the bottle of wine he received from the Club.

## Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. November 7 to President **Dwight Johnson**.

**Bill Edwards**  
**Director**

**Victor Valley Rescue Mission**

**Classification: Non Profit: Administration**

**Sponsors: Steve Orr & Dwight Johnson**

## Fine Session

This week **Mark Taylor** returned as our Fine Master and began by reminding **Kevin Kane** that when **Ryan McEachron** gave him a fine free pass for life, it was for with Ryan only. **Mark Taylor** gave Kevin a \$10 fine to remind him of that.

Birthday fines of \$20 were also given out this week to **Rob Kilpatrick**, **Mary Hennessey** and **Dr. Roger Beeman**. **John Hulterstrom** was given a fine free pass to honor his 20 years as a Rotarian, but **Kevin Porter** was not so lucky and went home with a \$10 fine for another meeting in which he arrived late.

Finally, Mark honored **Russ Stringham** for being Club President twice, the Assistant District Governor and now the Executive Assistant Governor for District 5300. Russ was then fined \$20 for not learning to stop answering his phone!

## November Anniversaries

**Mark Taylor**

**10 Years**

**Lori Burns**

**2 Years**

## Lucky Blue Dice



**Mary Hennessey** returns to Rotary and gets a chance for the Blue dice, but another white dice was drawn!

Next week we will have 4 dice and \$450 up for grabs for the one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.



## 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 • Marie Langley

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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

**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

- Nov. 1 :** San Bernardino County Assessor - Recorder - County Clerk, Bob Dutton  
**TOPIC: "Calico and the Silver King Mines"** (Page)
- Nov. 8 :** **OPEN**  
S.T.A.R. Students from Village and Liberty
- Nov. 15 :** **Annual Veterans Day Program**  
(Letner)

## What 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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