



The Joshua Tree



October 31, 2017

The Civil War of Voting

The Voting process has had a long history, both rich and dark, but not many people today, understand just how divisive voting was during and after the Civil War era of our Nation, as was shared this week by Victor Valley College professor **David Wilkerson**.

During the Colonial era voting was extremely restrictive. "All Men are Created Equal" back then meant you were equal and could vote if you were white, male, owned property, 21 years or older, and a member of the Church of England.



After America claimed it's own Independence, if a man could at least afford to own property, he could vote. Basically it made it possible for all white men to have a say.

By 1790 one was then required to live in a state for

at least 14 years to vote, but that was changed to 5 years in 1920. During the Civil War, the provision to own property was off the books, but instead a "Poll Tax" was introduced, that we now call a sales tax. Back then some states even required a literacy test, to make sure one voting understood the issues, even though it was up to the person allowing you to vote the authority to pass or fail anyone. Other states even had a "Faith Test"; the purpose of this was to try and keep Irish-Catholics from voting. Of course women and slaves were unable to cast a ballot. By the mid 1800's, West Coast states like California, Nevada, Utah and parts of Texas were acquired, but people living there were restricted from voting!

After the end of the Civil War, in northern states a free black man could vote and began to own property. By 1870 the 15th Amendment was ratified to make sure voting would not be based on race, your past history of servitude or religion. The word "sex" was purposely missing to make sure women were kept away from the ballot box.

On the other hand, southern states did not make it so easy on the newly freed slaves. States there re-introduced the literacy test and Poll Tax to keep blacks from voting. Mississippi and Oklahoma even began a "Grandfather Clause", saying that if your grandfather was able to vote, then you could, adding another roadblock to freed men. Eventually the Supreme Court outlawed it based on racism.

In 1920, women were finally allowed to vote and in the early 70's the voting age was dropped to 18 years old. The history of voting has had a long history, and as it continues to evolve through every decade, we will see what changes happen in the future of our Nation.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Mike Johnson |
| 4-Way Test: | Bob Basen |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Terry Caldwell |

Hove's in the House



Well, there has to be a first time for everything! I want to thank President **Dwight Johnson**, and **Margaret Cooker** for your support for my first time as luncheon emcee.

Please mark your calendars to join is for our upcoming Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5th at El Pescador. If you attended last year, you know how much fun it was and this year will be even better with the addition of Christmas Bingo with a chance to win an Acer Travel Mate Laptop, Amazon Fire Tablet or a Vera Bradley Mini Purse! Tickets are \$49 per person with meal choices of Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Prime Rib.

Coming up on November 28 will be our Annual Teacher Mini Grant Luncheon and it will be an over-filled room. We are still looking for Rotarians to donate to the Mini Grant fund so we can provide educators, who think outside the box, the tools they need to make our youth the future leaders in our community.

Speaking of packed rooms, next week will be another Annual Program, our Veteran's Day Tribute with Supervisor **Robert Lovingood**. Please make sure you arrive early and remember it will be a perfect opportunity to bring some potential members and help us achieve our goal of 30 new members in this Rotary year.

Our fearless leader will be back next week, but I will be ready to step back up to the podium whenever asked in the future.

Spoon of Exemption

Bill Edwards used his final Tuesday with the Spoon to share some great news... they got the keys!



In February 2018, the Victor Valley Rescue Mission will

move into the old VESD District building and there will be tons of activity and opportunities.

The Spoon was auctioned for 4 weeks in November starting off with a \$25 bid from **David North**, and the next bid, was a whopping \$100 from **Jim Cox**! Then **Brad Letner** went to another level, bid and won the Spoon for \$150.

Raffle Prizes

Your favorite Joshua Tree Editor **Chris Ackerman** went home with some great prizes this week. He won a bag from **Bill Edwards** containing a beard trimmer, makeup and candy galore, and then won a DCB bag from **Mike Johnson**, complete with a \$2 bill and even more candy. **Dr. Roger Wagner** also went away with a DCB bag, and **Dawn Seeley** received a bag from **David North** at Alaska USA. David didn't go home empty handed though, as he will use a DVMG water bottle from **Marie Langley**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$14.00

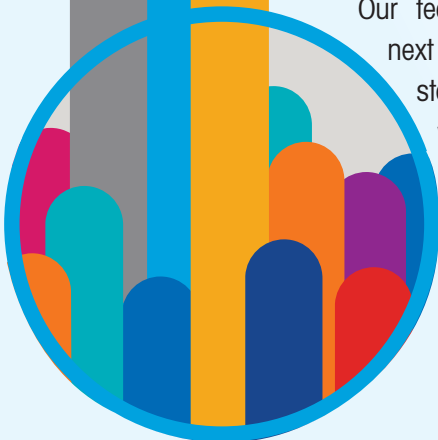
Polio Pig: \$9.00 + Dice (Chris Ackerman): \$5.00 = \$14.00

Collected to Date: \$14,730.17

Total equals: 90,507 Doses!

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

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Lucky Blue Dice



Chris Ackerman got the opportunity to get some big money, but took another white dice out of the bag.

We continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was our Fine Master this week, and gave Rotarians the opportunity to make a "Contribution Fine". Jon Hove was first up asking what his contribution would be for asking Terry to be Fine Master at the last minute. Jon offered \$50. Jim Cox offered \$25 because of an erroneous flyer going around town claiming that he is responsible for all of the problems in Victorville. Jim Murray was asked how much he's pay in celebration of his 55 year wedding anniversary, and before he offered an amount, said he would match what Terry would pay for his upcoming birthday. Both will pay \$79.



Finally Dr. Roger Wagner offered up a \$20 fine for having the best Halloween costume at the meeting!

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. Our Stand-In this week was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

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
Bill Edwards	November 25
Cynthia Burden	November 26
Marilyn Buttlerwerth	November 27
Margaret Cooker	November 28

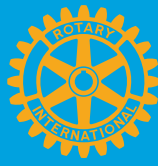
November Anniversaries

Mark Taylor	11 Years
Bill Edwards	1 Year

District 9 Rotary Gathering

Last week, Rotarians from all over District 9, gathered at the Rotary Gardens in Apple Valley to have a Meet and Greet with our District Governor **Raghada Khoury** and enjoy some great food, provided by the Rotary Club of Apple Valley. It was a great time to fellowship with other Clubs and share ideas.





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
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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 Buttelwerth
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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

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 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.
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

- 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
\$49 per person
Meal Choices: Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Prime Rib

Future Rotary Programs

- Nov 7:** Robert Lovingood, San Bernardino 1st District Supervisor, **TOPIC: "Veterans Day Recognition"**
- Nov 14:** **Dan Stover Music Contest**
S.T.A.R. Students
- Nov 21:** **"No More Bad Days"** (Rocha)
- Nov 28:** **Teacher Mini Grants**
- Dec 5:** **Christmas Music Program**
with University Prep (Johnson)

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