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Club of Victorville, CA



THE JOSHUA TREE

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The Genesis of Calico Ghost Town

San Bernardino County Assessor **Bob Dutton** loves "Throwback Thursday". On Thursday's the sbcounty.gov website shares a part of the rich history in our region. This week we were honored to hear the history of Calico and the Silver King Mines.

On April 6, 1881, S. C. Wardan, Hues Thomas and John C. King located claims on Calico Mountain. They named their discovery the Silver King Mine.

Below the Silver King Mine the town of Calico grew slowly. In the spring of 1882 there were only 100 people living there. In July, 1882, the Silver King Mine was

sold to San Francisco interests for \$300,000. This, along with the consolidation of many individual claims led to more efficient mining. There were no less than 46 mines of note near Calico.

At first the ore from the Silver King Mine was hauled to Oro Grande, 40 miles away, but in 1882 a ten-stamp mill was



erected beside the Mojave River at Daggett. In 1887 the Oro Grande Company began building a mill next to their mill at Daggett. Just before completion, the mill burned to the ground. To reduce transportation costs, as narrow gauge railroad was constructed in 1888 to bring ore from the Waterloo and Silver King mines to the mill. The falling price of silver shut down these mines in 1892. By 1896, the Silver King Mining Company also shut down. The mines of Calico produced between \$13,000,000 and \$20,000,000 worth of silver.

Around 1917 cyanide was used to recover silver from the Silver King mine dumps, and during the early 1930s there was a small operation, the Zenda Gold Mining Company, which mined silver. Gold was mined from the Total Wreck (Burcham) Mine from the 1930s until 1941. There is a strong possibility that the enormous quantities of low grade silver ore present at Calico will one day be mined.

As a town, Calico, with its one street perched on an inclined mesa, had a turbulent existence. It burned to the ground in the fall of 1883, and was rebuilt. After it was vacated in the 1930s, the remains of Calico sat derelict until 1950, when Walter Knott, owner of Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park and nephew of the founder of the Silver King Mine, John King, turned Calico into the popular tourist attraction as we know it today.

Source: mojavedesert.net



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Jim Murray
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

It has been a huge seven days for our Club and more is on the way! For those that made it to our Fireside Chat, hosted by the Apple Valley Club, you know what a great time was had by

everyone who attended.

This week I was honored to present **Marie Langley** with a new Pin in her next step as a Rotarian by joining our Board of Directors. Welcome to the Board Marie!



Van Young reminded us that Angel Tree tags should be at our meeting next week. He is requesting that you do not wrap the gifts you purchase, but if you do, they will still be accepted. You may also donate wrapping paper and tape as part of the Project if you choose. Please remember that all gifts are due back by the time of the Christmas Party on December 1st. You may bring your gifts to any Rotary meeting or drop them off at the Salvation Army.

On Thursday, November 17th, **Don Lager** is hosting a Wine and Food Mix and Mingle event at Midway, open to all Rotary Clubs, Chamber of Commerce and police and fire departments. Please bring your families and join us for this great event!

We will be hosting another Off-site meeting this month on Tuesday November 22 at the San Bernardino County Emergency Operations Center at 15900 Smoke Tree in Hesperia. Please sign up with **Margaret Cooker**.

Finally, my thought of the week is *"In prosperity, our friends know us; in adversity, we know our friends"*

- John Churton Collins

New Rotarian



This week **Stew Anderson** inducted **Corey Beck** as our newest Rotarian to our Club! Corey was joined by his sponsor **Al Castellucci**.

Corey Beck is married with two grown daughters. He is the VP of Operations and son of founder **Glen Beck**. Beck Oil will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary next year.

Raffle Prizes

This week, a Midway \$25 gift card went home with **Marie Langley**, and pairs of Home Show tickets from **Dwight Johnson** will be used by **Jim Cox** and **Donna Wells**. Finally, a feast awaits for **Brad Letner**, who won two \$20 gift certificates to **El Pescador**, courtesy of **Victor Rocha**.

Fine Session

This week **Mark Taylor** was our Fine Master and began by fining **Al Castellucci** \$10 for not knowing that November 1st (the day of the meeting) was National Calzone Day, and then finished the session by giving himself a \$10 fine, in honor of his 10 year anniversary as a Rotarian.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Dice (Van Young): \$5.00 = \$18.00

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 **Sarah Clark**, a guest of **Van Young** and **Harrison Hove**, the son and business partner of **Jon Hove**. Our Victorville Fire Chief **Dan Munsey**, brought Apple Valley Fire Chief and Rotarian **Sid Hulquist** to view the best Rotary Club in the High Desert!

Our stand-ins this week were **Jason** from Midway for **Don Lager** and **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay**.

Spoon of Exemption

Major Van Young had his first time with the spoon and began by reminding everyone that when we see people asking for money with signs on freeway off-ramps or when they approach you in parking lots asking for a handout, don't give them anything, you don't know where that money is going and what it being used for. Instead, give your donations to a charity of your choice, whether it be the Salvation Army or another, so you know your money will go to help, not enable.

Van also shared a story of an elderly woman who came to them with breathing issues, who needed an oxygen tank and breathing treatments, but could not because she lived out of her car. But, due to the great work from the Salvation Army, after a series of calls and meetings with the Department of Aging, she is now in a home getting her breathing treatments and oxygen 24 hours a day.



Fireside Chat

Last Thursday, the Apple Valley Club hosted a Fireside Chat for all area Clubs to welcome our District Governor **Luciano "Lu" de Sylva** and his wife Hazel. It was a great night of wine, fellowship, food and delicious desserts!



Lucky Blue Dice



Van Young had a 1 in 4 chance for big money, but even with a prayer, another white dice was drawn.

Next week we will have 3 dice and \$475 up for grabs for the one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

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



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 Buttlerwerth
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

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, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 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 17: Wine & Food Mix and Mingle**
5:00pm - 8:00pm • Midway Home Solutions
14444 Atstar Drive, Victorville, CA
Food, Beer, Wine, Prizes
- 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. 8 :** Dan Munsey, Assistant Chief, San Bernardino County Fire, Fire Chief, City of Victorville **TOPIC: "What is "Fire Weather" Anyway?"** (Page) S.T.A.R. Students from Village and Liberty
- Nov. 15 :** **Annual Veterans Day Program** (Letner)
- Nov. 22 :** **Off-Site - San Bernardino County Emergency Operations Center**
15900 Smoke Tree, Hesperia (Munsey)

Angle Tree 2016



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 in the High Desert.

See Stew Anderson or Van Young for more information.

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