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THE JOSHUA TREE

November 3, 2015

Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



What is Rotary?

This week the Rotary Club of Victorville was honored to receive a visit from District 5300 Governor Randy Pote, along with D.G. Aide Richard Reed, who shared his passion of Rotary and asked a very poignant question, when people ask us about our club, how do we answer, "What is Rotary"?

At this time Rotary International is trying to "Re-engineer" itself. The reason behind this is simple math. 11 years ago we had 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Since that time there have been 1.2 million more new members join. But today, instead of being at 2.4 million Rotarians, we are still at 1.2 million. How does this not equate? One theory behind this is the lack of engaging the new young professionals in our organization. Many times, these new leaders will come into Rotary excited, but soon move on as new education and opportunities arise for them. Another reason is because when we are asked "What is Rotary?", our answers are not engaging enough. Most of the time, we tell people that we are a service organization, which has done great strides in eradicating polio throughout the world, fed 37,000 alone in Guatemala, etc.

Rotary international has re-engineering a new answer to the question, "What is Rotary"?

We are a leadership organization...

We are made up of local business professionals and civic leaders...

We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships and get things done in our community...

And we have fun!

Some suggestions Randy Pote had for our Club is to invite camaraderie with ourselves by doing our Angel Tree shopping as a group outing, making sure we always wear our pins, which makes easier for people to ask us about Rotary, and when we miss a meeting, make sure we visit another club's meeting as our make-up. Let's make this year's theme a reality in the High Desert, and let's be a true gift to our community!

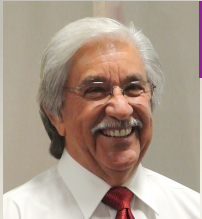


This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Steve Orr
Song:	Al Castellucci



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Tafoya Talk...

What a busy week it has been for Rotary! We were honored to have our District Governor Randy Pote and his Aide Richard Reed with us today.

Stew Anderson spoke to the membership that we now have Angel Tree tags waiting for Rotarians to fill! Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped, as the Salvation Army will have volunteers available to do that part if you do not have time. Each tag comes with an ID#, so you can either buy for one person or get correlating tags to purchase for the whole family! Please come to a meeting a pick up some tags and help a local family. Without you, they will have no Christmas.

Please invite a Veteran! Brad Letner and Dr. Hough will be hosting a special Veteran's Day tribute at next week's meeting and you are encouraged to invite a veteran, so they can be honored properly by the Club. There will also be a pianist and Patriotic readings!

Finally, coming soon we will have another off-site meeting which will be hosted by Jon Hove, at Robar Company. You will get dirty there, so please dress accordingly. Date to be announced soon.

Angel Tree 2015



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. See Stew Anderson or Van Young to get your Angel tree tag now!

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was once again on hand to hand out fines to deserving Rotarians.

John Hulterstrom had the largest fine of the day of \$26, in honor of his 26th Anniversary as a Rotarian. Brad Letner was fined \$10 for not being at last week's meeting to properly pass on the "Spoon of Exemption" to Van Young. Ron Hughes was fined \$10 for being late, as was Ginger Ontiveros, for recently being awarded Executive Director of the Year! Lastly, after much insistence from Mark, Victor Rocha was fined \$10 for the extra customers he will have by finally putting his sign waver on a proper corner so all can see where El Pescador is!

Raffle Prizes

Dr. Hough was kind enough to bring a bevy of raffle prizes to this week's meeting! First she gave a calorie counter that was won by Van Young, who also received a motivational business book by Dr. Hough. Other books raffled off went to Jim Murray, Dan Munsey and Gary Adams who received a romance novel!

Dwight Johnson donated pair of shirts from Y102 and pairs of tickets to "Young Frankenstein", which went to Gary Adams and Victor Rocha. Finally, Victor gave out a \$20 gift certificate to El Pescador, which will be enjoyed by Donna Wells!

Steve Flannery is back at home and resting comfortably. Please call and wish him well.

PLEASE KEEP STEVE IN YOUR PRAYERS!

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$17.00
Collected to Date: \$12,768.58
Total equals: 87,602 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Victor Rocha almost had some extra money this week, but, evening with a one in three chance for the blue dice, was denied! Next week, a 50/50 chance to win some excellent holiday cash!

Only 2 Dice remain and \$500 up for grabs!

Fireside Meeting

A big thank you for Russ and Gaylynn Stringham for opening their home to hold a multi club Fireside Meeting for District Governor Randy Pote. A great time was had by all and was a fantastic time to network with different clubs!



October Membership Winner!

This month we had six outstanding Rotarians who were up for the Membership Award. These Rotary members were: Al Castellucci, Dwight Johnson, Kevin Kane, David North, Rosanne Weathers and Mehdi Mostaedi. Through Dwight Johnson, our Membership Chair's scientific selection of "Eeney Meeney Miney Moe", Al Castellucci received a \$25 Costco card and Kevin Kane won a \$5 Starbucks card! Congratulations to all!



Spoon of Exemption: Van Young

Brad Letner's was absent, and it was time for the Spoon Auction. Bidding unopposed was **Van Young** from the Salvation Army who bid, and won for \$100. Looking forward to hearing about all the great things done by the Salvation Army through the month of November.



This week Van, announced that companies can sponsor a Kettle at any of their locations. When you sponsor a kettle, you put your company name on the kettle and have your people man it for that time. Also, for an extra \$100 a day, the Salvation Army will work your kettle for you. Van also reminded everyone about the Angel Tree program. Please pick up a tag at next week's meeting or call Van at 760-245-2545.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Programs	Mike Page
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Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
Newsletter	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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, 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 High Desert, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES

- Dec. 3:** **Rotary Christmas Dinner**
El Pescador Restaurant
Victorville, CA
- Jan. 2:** **Foundation Dinner**
Double Tree Hotel, Ontario, CA
Rotary Intl. President in Attendance
Deadline Extended
Club will pay 50% of the early bird ticket cost. - deadline 11/30/2015

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Nov. 10:** **Veteran's Day Celebration**
(Hough/Letner)
STAR students Del Rey & Liberty
- Nov. 17:** Merlin Aalborg, COO Heritage
Victor Valley Medical Group **TOPIC:**
**"Healthcare Today; It's Not Your
Parents' Healthcare Anymore!"**
(Orr)
- Nov. 24:** Rikke Sejr Broedsgaard, Denmark
Exchange Student **TOPIC: "A Trip
Through Denmark"** (Letner)

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