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# The Joshua Tree



**November 6, 2018**

## **A VISIT FROM RAIDER**

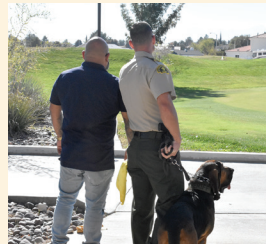
A lot of the time, our weekly speakers at Rotary luncheons are informational, and this week was no different, but with a twist of fun, as we met **Raider**, a 3-year old bloodhound with the San Bernardino County Sheriff K9 Unit.



Barstow, the suspect took off, crashing his car about a mile into the desert, and then fleeing on foot. After getting a scent from the car, Raider took off with his officer and SWAT members and found the suspect hiding in a drainage ditch some distance away.

To show this in action, our newest Rotarian, **David Placencia** was our "suspect" and after getting his scent, Raider took off to find David, who was hiding behind a tree on the Green Tree Golf Course. It didn't take long for Raider to pick up his scent and go on the hunt. A few minutes later, David was found and brought back to the Luncheon!

Along with **Officer Antonio Higuera**, his partner for the last two years, Raider was trained in South Carolina and is a human tracking dog. He does not search for drugs or explosives, but his area of expertise is missing children, lost adults and of course fleeing suspects. Raider is not only with Officer Higuera at work, but also lives with him and his family at their home, so the bond between the two is quite strong.

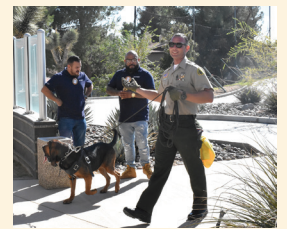


Although they have been on a lot of cases the past couple of years, their first one always remains their most special. After the unfortunate murder of a young lady in



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

- Invocation:** Dr. Roger Wagner
- Flag Salute:** Jim Murray
- 4-Way Test:** Dr. Ron Williams
- Finemaster:** Ryan McEachron



## HOVE'S HELLO



This week's meeting was so much fun with Officer **Antonio Higuera** and **Raider** and their great demonstration. It was a perfect time to host the luncheon, filling in for our President, **Brad Letner**.

Teacher Mini-Grants are just a couple of weeks away and we need your help raising funds for this year's goal to exceed \$12,000 in donations for teachers to fund unique projects for their students that are not covered by funds from the District. **Ryan McEachron** has information how you can support these \$300 Grants by your contribution of \$300 - \$1200.

Speaking of schooling, **Margaret Cooker** reminded Club members that District applications are online for overseas scholarships. There has yet to be a High Desert student take advantage of one of these scholarships, but it is a great opportunity for a \$26,000 scholarship for a student finishing up their Post Bachelor's Degree. The student is also assisted by the Rotary Club located in the country they choose to attend school.

**Dwight Johnson** shared that on November 19th, there will be a TLC meeting at the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce office. This meeting is for students and their parents, as well as volunteers for the camp. Please see Dwight to get involved!

Finally, in keeping with tradition, here is my inspirational quote for the week. *"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."*

- John C. Maxwell.



## NEW ROTARIAN



We were so blessed this week to have another Rotarian inducted into our Club! **Mike Page** led the proceedings as sponsor **Don Lager** welcomed **David Placencia**, owner of ADR Creative Solutions as our newest member.

David has a passion for helping out in the community, and is looking forward to helping our Club grow!

### Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. November 19th to President Brad Letner.*

**Billy Mack McMahon**

**Position: VP & COO**

**Organization: Victorville Motors**

**Classification: Sales: Automotive**

**Sponsor: Dr. Breda Leach**

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**Oscar Garcia**

**Position: President**

**Organization: Elementum Services**

**Classification: Services: Elementum**

**Sponsor: Dr. Breda Leach**

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## LUCKY BLUE DICE



*This week, Arsalee Morales got the chance to grab the Blue Dice and big money, but once again, it was not to be.*

*We will continue next week with 4 Dice and \$475 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!*

## RAFFLE PRIZES

This week it was a 3-way tie on two-fer raffle prizes! **Craig Garrick** went home with a back-up phone battery charger from **Dr. Roger Wagner**, and the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**.

Our newest Rotarian **David Placentia** won a \$25 El Pescador gift card from **Esther Mears** at DCB, as well as a VVC journal/notebook from Dr. Wagner.

Finemaster **Ryan McEachron** took his share of prizes by winning a set of kabob sticks from **Jim Murray** and once again from Dr. Wagner, a Swiss Army Knife.

Finally, in a special drawing for those who voted this week, the \$5 prize was won by **John Kroencke!**

## THE POLIO PIG

**Collected this week: \$31.00**

*Polio Pig: \$26.00 + Dice (Arsalee Morales): \$5.00 = \$31.00*

**Collected to Date: \$15,777.10**

**Total equals: 92,602 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

## SPOON OF EXCEPTION

**Dwight Johnson** had his first chance to speak with the Spoon this week, and was happy to report there will be no more political ads running on the station, at least for another year!



November and December are times of giving back for El Dorado Broadcasters, and a few events they are holding, do just that. One of these events beginning on Black Friday, in conjunction with AMR, is their "Fill The Ambulance" toy drive. Dwight is calling for the community help with donations such as helmets and knee pads for all of the bike and skateboard donations they receive. On the same line, they get a lot of donations of wrapping paper, but need help with tape, ribbon and name tags as well. Finally, they also get a lot of gifts for young children, but also need gifts for tweens and teenagers as well. Please see Dwight on how you can assist!

## ROTARY FINES

This week, Finemaster **Ryan McEachron** began the session by fining those who were on the ballot this week, starting with **Mike Page** in the amount of \$20 and \$5 each for the three votes the McEachron house gave to **Margaret Cooker!**

Continuing with the voting theme, both **Dr. Roger Wagner** and **Dr. Ron Williams** both paid \$10 due to their changing boards they have to adjust to after the election. **Jim Murray** was fined \$10 as well, for returning from vacation, and **Esther Mears** was given a \$10 penalty because Ryan feels things are much more friendlier now at DCB.

Finally, even though **Captain Rick Bessinger** hosted our speaker today, he was fined \$10 because when Ryan was on the City Council, **Raider** the K9 officer, was much better behaved than he was this week at the meeting.



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2018-2019 .....	Brad Letner
Immediate Past President .....	Dwight Johnson
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Club Service .....	Brad Letner
Community Service .....	Dwight Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLA & TLC .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests .....	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Jon Hove

### Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever  
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Corporal At Arms .....	Arsalee Morales
Programs .....	Mike Page
Public Safety Awards.....	Rick Bessinger
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts .....	Teresa Letner
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 Adelanto 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 Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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 12: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

**Nov 30- Dec 2: TLC - Camp Cedar Crest**

**Feb 23: Rotary Peace Conference**  
8:00AM • La Verne College  
Registration now open

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

**Nov 13:** Dougal Agan, Stirling Development  
**TOPIC: "Update on Development at SCLA"** (McEachron)

**Nov 20: OPEN**

**Nov 27: Teacher Mini Grants**  
(McEachron/Hughes)

**Dec 4: Christmas Program** (Johnson)

**Dec 11: State Senator Scott Wilk** (Letner)

**Dec 18: STAR Students Program**

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