



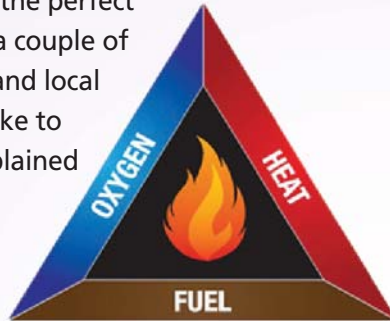
ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY

# THE JOSHUA TREE

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

## The Triangle of Fire Weather

To describe what creates the perfect fire storm comes down to a couple of simple triangles. Rotarian and local Fire Chief **Dan Munsey** spoke to the Club this week and explained why every single morning when Dan awakes is to look at our local weather conditions.



Dan, who is also an instructor of fire weather, explained, to make a fire burn you need three elements coming together: oxygen, heat and fuel. Without oxygen and heat, the fire will burn out, and of course a fire needs fuel to burn, such as wood or brush.

Why does a fire burn? That comes down to the second triangle. A fire consists of three elements; fuel, topography and weather. Depending on how much moisture and condensation is in the fuel elements will determine the power of the fire. The lay of the land will also determine how much can burn and



spread in a fire. But the most important of all of these is the weather.

The temperature, winds and relative humidity play a vital role for firefighters. When these are combined they create a fire storm which create fire whirls (or Firenadoes), dust devils and lightening..all which

makes **Dan Munsey** crazy!

Firefighters have to know the *what, where, how and why* weather forms to be ready to combat fires each and every day!

The hotter the temperature, the more relative humidity decreases, and when there is less water in the air, the quicker fuel burns and easier to burn for longer periods of time.

Finally, wind plays a one of the biggest roles in this triangle. Winds increase the supply of oxygen to the fire and determines the direction of where the fire will spread. Sparks and

firebrands will go further the stronger the gust and can create new spot fires, as we saw when the Blue Cut fire jumped the 15 freeway took out the Summit Inn as well as preheating fuels ahead of a fire.

A lot of great knowledge was passed to Rotarians at this presentation, and if **Dan Munsey** ever retires, with his knowledge, he will make a wonderful weatherman!

### This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation:  | Van Young      |
| Flag Salute: | Mark Taylor    |
| 4-Way Test:  | Rob Kilpatrick |
| Song:        | Al Castellucci |

# ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY



## *Dwight's Writes*

The holiday season is upon us and before First Lady **Trish Johnson** starts on the turkey, she must bake more Birthday Cookies! This week we had treats for **Terry Caldwell, Mary Teran, Dr. Paul Stanton, Maureen Mills, and Rob Kilpatrick**, who also received a special Rotary Pin for South Korea for becoming a member of our Board.

It is always great to know that when someone is in need they call on Rotarians. **Bill Edwards** from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission contacted me and sadly, they had a massive refrigeration break down and have lost 300 turkeys that were planned to feed the homeless this Thanksgiving! If your company can help in purchasing turkey's to allow them to feed our needy this year, please contact myself or Bill at the Mission.

As you will read on page 3, the Angel Tree tags are now in and it is time for us to continue our tradition of making sure needy children in the High Desert receive a Christmas present to open on December 25th. This is a great project that is headed up by **Major Van Young** and **Stew Anderson** and we want to at least meet our goal of purchasing 300 gifts for local children. Please pick up a tag or enough to give a whole family of children a joyous holiday!

Please make note that we will be dark on December 27th this year. We are still in need of a speaker for December 20th, so if you'd like to do the last Rotary program of 2016, please contact **Mike Page**.

Finally, my thought of the week is *"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."*

- Steve Jobs

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## *Rotary Guests*

This week we had a room full of parents and relatives of S.T.A.R. students as well as **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office, along with **Susan Drake** and **Laura Villa** from Supervisor Lovingood's office to hand out certificates to the students.

## *Fine Session*

**Mark Taylor** was back as our Fine Master and began by giving **Brad Poiriez** from Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District a fine of \$10, because the weather is starting to get cooler at night, so Mark is having to turn on his gas, which in turn will raise his monthly bill.

**Stew Anderson**, a Past President of our Club and past District Governor, could not remember to turn his phone to silent mode, so he received a \$20 fine for that infraction.

Finally, **Margaret Cooker**, told our speaker **Dan Munsey** he could not read the book that is being donated to the Victorville Library in his name. When questioned by Mark, Margaret explained she said it because history has shown her that Rotarians never return them. That comment cost her a \$10 fine.

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



**Rob Kilpatrick** had a 33% chance of walking away with some big money, but the odds were not in his favor!

Next week we will have 2 dice and \$500 up for grabs for the one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.





## Raffle Prizes

This week, your favorite *Joshua Tree* editor **Chris Ackerman** was the big winner, receiving a sleeve of Salvation Army golf balls from **Van Young**, a water infuser from **Rosanne Weathers**, a VVTA water bottle from **Kevin Kane** and a Gentiva goodie bag of delectable chocolates and more from **Mary Hennessy**.

A bottle of wine was taken home by **Mark Taylor**, and a pair of water infusers and Salvation Army coffee mugs were won by **Gary Adams** and **Kevin Kane**. Kevin gave out a VVTA bag which went to **Rob Kilpatrick** and a VVTA phone charger was won by **Dr. Roger Wagner**.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Major Van Young** started by asking, "Are you ready for Christmas?" A lot of local children will not have a holiday, because they will receive nothing without our help. Angel Tree tags are now available to pick to help these children receive a present for Christmas. You can grab one tag, or more to cover a whole family! Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the Christmas Party on December 1st, a Rotary meeting, or drop them off at the Salvation Army office in Victorville. If you do not have time to shop, you may also write a check, but make sure you write in the memo, "Christmas Gifts".

Finally, this Thanksgiving, Major Young and his staff will be serving dinner to residents in Victorville and Apple Valley and are looking for volunteers to help serve those less fortunate. If you'd like to help, please contact **Van Young**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$30.33**

*Polio Pig: \$25.33 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick): \$5.00 = \$30.33*

**Collected to Date: \$13,656.05**

**Total equals: 88,359 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

## S.T.A.R. Students

This week, we honored some S.T.A.R. students from Village and Liberty Elementary Schools. Rotarian **Jim Barnes** handled emcee duties for these students. He was joined **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office and **Susan Drake** from Robert Lovingood's Office.

Over at Village Elementary, **Joseph Sprinkle** has shown himself to be a wonderful role models to his peers. He has grown tremendously in



the area of social skills and behavior. **Savannah Wynn** has the most amazing attitude her teacher has seen in 10 years as an instructor.

At Liberty Elementary, **Cheyenne Harding-Robinson** has also had an attitude improvement! For Cheyanne, it is the area of believing in herself, accepting challenges and never giving up. **Brianna Acosta-Cardenas** has shown improvement from a solid "at-level" grade level, to one of the highest in the class! **De'lan Steward** has made great strides in his behavior



and has worked hard with his teacher, mom and Principal to achieve this goal for

himself. Finally, **Avion Walls**, has also made great strides to improve his behavior and continues to grow everyday in improving his focus on academics and positivity!



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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

- 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. 15: Annual Veterans Day Program**  
(Letner)
- Nov. 22: Off-Site - San Bernardino County  
Emergency Operations Center**  
15900 Smoke Tree, Hesperia (Munsey)
- Nov. 29:** Anthony Bonato, Victor Valley College  
Construction Technology Faculty Member  
**TOPIC: "Working Together to Build  
a Home for Habitat for Humanity"**  
(Wagner)

## 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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