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Club of Victorville, CA



THE JOSHUA TREE



NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Honoring Our Veterans



Tony Cooker
Army, 1943

Al Castellucci
Air Force, 1952

Jim Cox
Navy, 1957

Terry Caldwell
Army, 1963

Don Lager
Army, 1967

Roger Wagner
Air Force, 1973

Brad Letner
Army, 1986

If a picture says a thousand words, then the photos on this page speak millions. This week we honored Veterans, not only within our Club, but also from the VFW Spring Valley Lake Post #12039, led by Commander **William Ponder**.

Brad Letner hosted the event, reminding Rotarians that our Military are willing to give their lives, not just for friends, but for anyone. Our Veterans fought for ideals embedded into the Constitution, not for our flawed nation. Our nation has always been imperfect, but our American Flag is a symbol of those ideals they have fought and died for. They have battled for our freedom, to honor the Flag or do desecrate it. Anyone has a right to dishonor our nation's colors, but we have the same rights to be offended by it.

This week's event culminated with a receiving line of all Rotarians in attendance, thanking each and every veteran present, from our own Club members to our guests from the VFW, **Willy Cockrell, Robert Hart and Richard Hawkins**.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Mark Taylor
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

This week began our Fall holiday season by honoring Veterans from not only our Club, but from the community as well. Thank you **Brad Letner** for the great program.



As I spoke of last week, **Bill Edwards** was in desperate need from the Mission's refrigeration disaster, and our Club came to the rescue! There were enough available funds in the Foundation to allow us

to present Bill with a check for \$300 to help replenish his freezer with new turkey's for our area homeless.

Make your plans to attend our Christmas Party on December 1st at El Pescador! We begin at 5:30pm, with delicious food, wine and much more. Cost is \$45 and it's the perfect event to put you into the holiday spirit!

Congratulations to our own **Tony Cooker**, who will be receiving the French Legion of Honor on December 15th! .What an honor!



Birthday cookies from the First Lady were brought this week for **Kevin Porter** and **Mary Teran**. Kevin was present, but **Chris Ackerman** made a trip to Mary's house

to give her the cookies. Mary says hello and misses the Club very much!

Finally, my thought of the week is *"Life is pretty much like a buffet - it offers us many choices, both good and bad."* - Unknown

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master and started off by fining **Kevin Porter** \$25 for his birthday, and **Don Lager** \$10 for having a "giant chicken" on top of his store. It's actually a turkey.

Jim Cox was congratulated for winning his election, but was fined \$10 for having his phone ring during the meeting! Both **Dr. Roger Wagner** and **Mary Hennessy** were awarded their Blue Badges this week,



and also received a \$15 fine for their accomplishments. Judging by the above photo, one would think that **Dwight Johnson** should receive a fine for the perfect "Photobomb!"

Finally, Mark gave himself a \$10 fine for mistakingly giving **Brad Poiriez** from MDAQMD a fine for his gas bill, instead of **Sam Grandlienard** from Southwest Gas! Sam got a \$20 fine.

Lucky Blue Dice



DENIED!! Dwight Johnson had a 50/50 chance for huge money, but drew the last white, leaving only the Blue Dice!

Only the blue dice is left, and \$525 will be given to one lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn next week!



Raffle Prizes

This week, **Doug Robertson** went home with some great raffle gifts from our members. Doug first received a jar of Lifesavers, courtesy of **Teresa Coomes** at Citizens Business Bank, then continued by winning a holiday cup full of delectable chocolates from **Mary Hennessy** at Gentiva Hospice. Doug wrapped up his prize collection by receiving, along with **Gary Adams**, a flashlight from **Rosanne Weathers** at DVMG.

Rosanne also gave away a pair of Water Infusers that were won by **Major Van Young** and new member **Bill Edwards**. As the old adage goes, "if you give, you get," and Rosanne won a Hip Hop 96.3 shirt from **Dwight Johnson** and a VVUHSD water bottle from **Dr. Keith Beeman**.

Dwight Johnson had some El Dorado "Trunk or Treat" shirts, coupled with \$25 gift certificates to Johnny Carinos that will be used by **Steve Orr** and **Margaret Cooker**. Margaret then won another shirt coupled with a VIP Car Wash \$25 certificate. **Chris Ackerman** also won the final gift from Dwight, a Ronald Regan 2017 Calendar.

Finally, **Brad Letner** went home with the coveted \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**.

Spoon of Exemption

In honor of our Veterans' Day program, **Major Van Young** shared that during both World Wars, 15 and 16 year old girls from the Salvation Army used to deliver coffee and donuts to the soldiers. The Salvation Army is proud to partner with Veterans.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.35

Polio Pig: \$13.35 + Dice (Dwight Johnson): \$5.00 = \$18.35

Collected to Date: \$13,674.40

Total equals: 88,396 Doses!

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

New Member

This week, we welcomed a new member to our fold, **Bill Edwards** from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. **Mike Page** was on hand to induct Bill into the Club along with his sponsors, **Steve Orr** and **Dwight Johnson**.



Bill Edwards has grown up in the High Desert since the age of 4. He has been married to his wife Mary Ann for 28 years, and together they have four children ranging in ages from 28 - 18. In 2008 he

began his work with the Rescue Mission and now serves as the Mission's Director.

Bill is honored to be in the position that he is in. Bill was once an addict, and now serves those using the lessons and gifts that God has blessed him with. Welcome to our Club Bill!



Rotary Guests

This week we saluted Veterans from the VFW Spring Valley Lake Post #12039, Commander **William Ponder**, **Willie Cockrell**, **Robert Hart** and **Richard Hawkins**.

Leading our musical accompaniment was **Hugo Sanchez** from Parade of Pianos.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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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

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. 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)

Dec 6: Teacher Mini Grants (A. Anderson)
TLC Students Talk about Experience

Dec 13: Christmas Music Program

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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