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Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA 

THE **JOSHUA TREE**



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Encouraging Youth to Build

For Victor Valley College Construction Technology Chair **Tony Bonato**, it can get very frustrating when someone says the only way to succeed in life is with a 4-year degree type of career. As a former high end business executive, he found that he was spending more time on airplanes than being with his family, so a change was needed. That change came in the form of construction, which turned into a teaching career.

Too often a life of building things, fixing cars or electronics as a career choice is considered a failure. Tony lives to build something to completion, and now wants to pass that along to high school students. Victor Valley College has some fantastic 2 year programs along with construction, such as solar, auto repair and more. To help show young students this passion, he has partnered with Habitat for Humanity.



Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in nearly 1,400 communities across the United States and in approximately 70 countries around the world. Habitat works in partnership with people and families in need of a decent and affordable home by building a modest 3-4 bedroom home in communities. The house is first sold before being built, when an affordable mortgage plan is set up. Volunteers are then put to the task of building the home. The buyer must also put in 500 hours of work on the project itself to qualify.



Tony will head up one of these homes which will be built next spring in Hesperia. In the meantime he has partnered with local high schools and now has a class of 25 high school students which meet on Thursday evenings for classroom learning on construction basics as well as a 7' x 14' practice house on campus. Working on this project shows the students that this type of career choice really matters, as well as the satisfaction of a completed working structure.

“Between our local high schools, Victor Valley College and Habitat for Humanity, all areas of the 4-Way test are covered.” said Tony to our Club Tuesday afternoon.

In upcoming weeks and months at Victor Valley College there will be a building competition between local high schools, a construction scholarship program and in the summer of 2017, a 6-week Construction Academy will be held for certifications.

Tony says that most high schoolers love to work and build things, and this is a perfect match for those students.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Jennifer Starbuck
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

The holiday time is now officially upon us! I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and now Christmas is just 4 short weeks away.

If you did not book for this year's Rotary Christmas Party then we will miss you! Sign ups are now closed and I am looking forward to a great evening of fellowship, food, wine and festivities. Please remember to bring your Angel Tree Gifts that night.

While we are on the subject of the Angel Tree gifts, I have to admit, I was a bit disheartened to see that out of 100 tags, only 50 were taken to fulfill a child's wish this Christmas. Please see **Stew Anderson** or **Major Van Young** and pick up one if you have not already.

Congratulations to our own **David North**, who is now the Commercial Lending Manager for Alaska Federal Credit Union! We know you will make quite an impact in your new duties.



Even if you have not attended a meeting for a while, First Lady **Trish Johnson**, will still remember you on your special day. Birthday cookies were made this week for **Marilyn Buttlerwerth** and **Lori Burns**.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Success is best measured by the achiever." - Joe Paterno

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$142.00

Polio Pig: \$42.00 + Carlos Sarmiento (guest): \$100.00 = \$142.00

Collected to Date: \$13,823.40

Total equals: 88,694 Doses!

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

Fine Session

Kevin Porter was Fine Master this week and began by fining \$10 to the person he was filling in for...**Terry Caldwell!** Even though **Mike Page** is the Godfather to his only child, his constant bragging over another Ohio State win over Michigan, cost him \$25.

Kevin applauded **Ryan McEachron** for his bravery in serving in public office through years of political nonsense, but still penalized him \$25 for losing his re-election bid! **Don Lager** was fined \$10 because Kevin's granddaughter commented that the giant turkey atop Midway, looked like him! Over at High Desert Church it appears **Marie Langley**, "sings like an angel". Kevin said he is insecure and can't take anyone who can do something better than him, so he fined her \$10.

Finally, in the oddest fine levied, **Gary Adams** had to hand over \$20 due to the fact that he told Kevin a certain individual had passed away, and then 2 nights later, the "supposed" deceased person called Kevin at home!

In Loving Memory

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of former Club member Janice Olsen. Janice passed away on Wednesday, November 30th at St. Mary Hospital. More details will be announced as soon as we receive them.

Lucky Blue Dice



Gary Adams started us off on a new round of the Blue Dice Opportunity, but came up short and picked white! **Next week we will have 13 dice and \$225 up for grabs for the one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.**



Raffle Prizes

This week **Gary Adams** reminded everyone just why he is King of the Raffle! Gary took home some caramel popcorn from **Marie Langley** (as did **Steve Orr**), two coffee travel mugs from **Cathy Caruso** from Gentiva Hospice and a bottle of wine from **Paula Porter**!

Stew Anderson brought a cute, decorated peppermint candy decoration, which will be enjoyed by guest **Catherine Abbott**. **Maribel Langley** also received some peppermint candy, courtesy of **Teresa Coomes** at CBB.



Rosanne Weathers gave away a 3-pack of tickets to an upcoming performance of A Christmas Carol, along with a Desert Valley Medical Group MAG flashlight, that was won by **Don Lager**. **Jim Cox** won a flashlight as well. Rosanne did not leave empty handed, as she also won a Gentiva Hospice coffee travel mug.

Rotary Guests

This week we had a full room of guests, starting with **John Rhodes** from Experea as well as **Catherine Abbott** and **Frank Castelros** from the VVC Foundation, all who were guests of **Steve Orr**.

Al Castellucci would not be outdone, as he invited **Maryjean Miller** from Cruise Planners and **Ernie Avina** from WinCo Foods.

Our President **Dwight Johnson** extended an invitation to **Chris Lamoreaux** and **Josie Martinez** from Coldwell Banker Home Source and **Brad Letner** brought **Carlos Sarmiento** from Collision Auto Repair Specialists in Hesperia. **Donna Wells** had **Luis Barcis** from Paychex at her table and **Kirsten Acosta** from Victor Valley College was also in attendance with our speaker, **Tony Bonato**.

Finally, our stand-in this week was **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessey**.

Spoon of Exemption

In his final week with the Spoon, **Van Young** invited fellow non-profits **Bill Edwards** from the VV Rescue Mission and **Catherine Abbott** from the College Foundation to join him up front. Van shared the story of **Jane Doe**, who is currently ringing a bell at a Salvation Army Kettle. She has never measured up in people's eyes, had her child taken away, and the only love she has ever known has been violent in nature.



The Salvation Army cannot do it alone, but all non profits in the High Desert need to work closer together, to help save the lives of all of the Jane Does out there.

After that it was time to auction off the Spoon for 3 weeks in December, and after a lot of hints from **Kevin Porter**, **Don Lager** offered up \$100 for the Spoon, but **Marie Langley** spoke up and took the Spoon and the win for \$125.

Spoon of Exemption



Congratulations to the November Rotarian of the Month, **Marie Langley**! Marie recently became part of our Board and has already become an active volunteer! She

has been helping out with **Margaret Cooker** and will be even more active with Rotary events in 2017.

December Birthdays

David North	December 5
John Kroencke	December 6
Ron Williams	December 21
Medi Mostaedi	December 23
Marie Langley	December 30
Robert Lovingood	December 31



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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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, 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

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

Dec 13: Christmas Music Program

December Anniversaries

Jean Conrady	14 Years
Glee Heikes	14 Years
Paul Earle	5 Years
Ron Boyd	5 Years



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