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THE JOSHUA TREE



December 1, 2015

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA

Top Notch Educators Receive Mini-Grants!

This week, Rotarians honored some outstanding teachers in the Victor Valley with our annual Teacher Mini-Grant Program. **Alica Anderson** from Excelsior Charter Schools, was on hand to emcee the proceedings.

A grant a teacher can receive is up to \$300.00 and the teacher must provide a budget and certifies being unable to find funds anywhere else except his/her own pocket. All submissions were then reviewed by a panel, consisting this year of **Dr. Hough, Dwight Johnson** and **Caroll Yule**, who chose the most deserving teachers. In total, \$15,972.38 was given out today! Finally, special thanks to **Jim Barnes** and Dr. Hough for all of their hard work in making this program a huge success!



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Nancy Noble
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Mark Taylor
Song:	Al Castellucci





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Tafoya Talk...

If you missed the sight of our room backed wall to wall today, well, you missed a great feeling. We, of course, had our great educators on hand to receive their Mini-Grants and there were a lot of happy faces in the room! Thank you all who made this week's meeting so spectacular!

By the time you read this issue of the Joshua Tree, our annual Christmas Party will have just concluded. Please take a look at some photos on page 3!

Final reminder to all Rotarians that Angel Tree gifts will be due no later than our December 14th meeting. There are about 30 more tags that need you to select, to make sure a child in the High Desert, will have a Christmas to remember! See **Stew Anderson** or **Van Young** to get an Angel Tree tag!

Kevin Kane, who is in charge of Marketing and Promotions for the Club, asked **Chris Ackerman** to stand up and say a few words about his presentation on December 22, "Growing Up Hollywood". In the presentation he will talk about growing up in a show business family, and how his upbringing shaped who he is today. Please make sure you join us for this final meeting of 2015!

The Polio Pig...

Collected this week: \$12.89

Collected to Date: \$12,818.48

Total equals: 87,702 Doses!

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

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master today to hand out a round of \$10 fines for those who were deserving. **David North** received a fine for his birthday this week, and **Steve Orr** will be \$10 shy in his pocket when he celebrates his 33rd Wedding Anniversary!

We all must applaud the hard work of **Margaret Cooker** for placing all the orders for discounted Sees Candy for the Club, but a few came in after the deadline, namely **Donna Wells, Bill Scott, Rosanne Weathers** and **Brad Letner**. They still got their candy ordered, but had to throw in an extra \$10 for making Margaret to another order!

Victor Rocha was given a fine of \$5 each for getting a new truck and having Holiday music piped into the Rotary meeting room while Al was singing, and finally, **Kevin Kane** was given the final \$10 fine for giving away the ending to the book "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" before **Dwight Johnson** got to read it!

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!

Angel Tree gifts are due no later than December 14. Please drop off at Salvation Army, the Christmas party or the December 8 Rotary meeting. Lots of tags left, please grab some and help make a family's Christmas!



Spoon of Exemption: Marie Langley

Jim Barnes said that December was a hot month for Rotarians wanting the Spoon, and he was not kidding! Starting the bidding at \$75 it became a three-way battle for the spoon between **Marie Langley** for Choice Medical Group, **Rosanne Weathers** for Desert Valley Medical Group and **Kirk Riding** for Capstone Consulting! In end Marie won it with a whopping bid of \$250! We will hear from Marie next issue...

Rotary Guests

Violette Roberts was a stand-in for Eldon Heaston today and we had a room full of fine educators and guests...96 to be exact! Nuff said!

Raffle Prizes

This week was a marathon in raffle prizes, as everyone is in the giving spirit. The result? A table full of raffle gifts! A bottle of wine from **Paula Porter** was won by **Alicia Anderson** and her aide, **Amy Rueger** won a reindeer toy from **Stew Anderson**, as well as a book from **Dr. Hough**!

More books from Dr. Hough were taken home by **Dwight Johnson**, **Rosanne Weathers**, **Don Lager** and to one of our guest educators. **Dr. Hough** also gave away some Iphone/Ipod/Cell Phone cases that went to Dwight Johnson, Stew Anderson, **Donna Wells**, and **Gary Adams**, who got the coveted Spongebob Squarepants case!

Dwight Johnson also gave away a book, "TL2 - The Transparent Leader", that went to **Donna Wells**, as well as t-shirts from the El Dorado stations that were won by **Gary Adams**, **David North** and one of our guests. **David North** gave a DCB Journal, in which **Rosanne Weathers** will now have a place to write her deepest, darkest secrets! Speaking of Rosanne, she donated a couple of cell phone chargers that went to **Stew Anderson** and **Dr. Hough**, who also won a wooden star decoration, courtesy of **Don Lager**.

Kevin Kane donated a couple more VVTA USB buses, that went to Dwight and Don, and **Gary Adams** finally gave instead of receiving, and gave a jar of candy that was received by a guest. Finally, **Kirk Riding** humbly gave a dried fruit package as penance for missing so many meetings, which will be enjoyed by our very own, **Rosanne Weathers**.

Lucky Blue Dice



Victor Rocha was the lucky Rotarian picked to draw for the big money today, but once again, the Blue Dice was saved for another week!

12 Dice remain and \$275 up for grabs!

Christmas Party 2015



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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

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

Dec 8: Apple Valley High School Sunsatons

Dec 15: Senator Sharon Runner (Page)

Dec 22: Chris Ackerman, Signify Designs
TOPIC: "Growing Up Hollywood"
(Page)

Dec 29: Dark...Happy New Year!

Jan 5: Merlin Aalborg, COO Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group
TOPIC: "Healthcare Today; it's not your parent's healthcare anymore" (Orr)

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