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Club of Victorville, CA



THE JOSHUA TREE

DECEMBER 13, 2016

The Sounds of Christmas Blessings



Led by **Luke Kelly**, the Magicals, consisting of students from University Prep, entertained a full room of Rotarians and guests this week. The Magicals are the advanced choir for the school, competing in competitions throughout the State.

Today's concert was not limited to only Christmas songs, as the group began with a breathtaking rendition of *The Sounds of Silence*. From there, Luke invited one of his students, **Amber Ragalin**, up to the piano to lead the group in a piece entitled *Christmas Medley*, which she herself put together.

For the remainder of their performance, The Magicals, entertained us with a selection of songs they will be performing at a competition in the upcoming weeks. These selections included such songs as *Mary, Did You Know* and *Angel Breathing Out*.

At the conclusion of the performance, the Club donated a check in the amount of \$300 to the University Prep Philharmonic Choir.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Bill Edwards
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

Nothing makes me feel more festive than holiday music, and University Prep did just that at our Annual Christmas Program this week.

As we wrap up this year and activities are winding down, I want to remind all Rotarians that we will be Dark on Tuesday, December 27th. If you do happen to show up, please stay and have a great lunch at El Pescador. And no, the Club is not picking up your tab!

A group of us went to visit the ailing **Gene Gregory** this week and our visit definitely lifted his spirits. We presented him with framed artwork, honoring his work as the founder of Wine, Jazz and More as a Rotarian.



Please join us next week for our final meeting of 2016 as we will hear from Apple Valley Fire Chief **Sid Hulquist** as he takes us on a tour of the Mojave Desert.

Finally, my thought of the week is "You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence." - Abraham Lincoln

Spoon of Exemption

Marie Langley had another week with the Spoon and invited guest **Cindie Schmidt** from Today's Woman Foundation to speak. Cindie shared about their Bundles of Hope Project which is a way for the community to "Give Back" and make a difference in the lives of those who need comfort, peace and hope. Volunteers from all generations create hand-made inspirational items for women facing breast cancer. It is just as inspirational for the "giver" as it is for the "receiver."



Fine Session

Mark Taylor was Fine Master this week and began by fining \$10 to **Margaret Cooker** for listing our new Senator as "Steve" Wilk, instead of his correct name, Scott in the program. **David North** was given a \$40 fine for his birthday and **Brad Letner** took one for the team! After a 15-year losing streak, Army finally beat Navy this past weekend and Brad was relieved of \$15 for the win! **Kevin Porter** was given a fine of \$20 because his mom, our own **Paula Porter**, does not like being called "Mumsy"! Finally, **Dan Munsey** left the meeting \$10 lighter because of his constant desire to show up at the meetings "fashionably late".

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$12.60

Collected to Date: \$13,850.00

Total equals: 88,747 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Lady Luck was on the side of **David North** who drew the Blue Dice this week with 12 still left in the bag! He received an early Christmas gift of \$250!

Next week we start again with 14 dice and \$200 for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.





S.T.A.R. Students

Raffle Prizes

It was a battle this week between **Diane Anderson**, wife of **Stew Anderson** and, of course, **Gary Adams**. Diane left the meeting with a poinsettia from **Caroll Yule**, a box of Sees Candy from the Club, and a digital download card for the Rascal Flatts Christmas album from **Dwight Johnson**. Gary took home a magnetic note clip from **David North**, a 3-piece salad set and two boxes of Sees Candy!

David North also gave away an Alaska USA golf towel that was won by President Dwight. Dwight returned the favor by donating a Ronald Regan calendar, that was won by Mr. North, and a Athena Jean gift certificate that was won by **Brad Poiriez**.

A pair of flashlight extenders from Desert Valley Medical were taken away from **Jimmie Smith** and **Teressa Coomes**, and finally, a holiday tin of Chex Mix, will be enjoyed by the mother of S.T.A.R. Student **Maria Perez Lara**!

Rotary Guests

Along with a full room of parents with our S.T.A.R. students, we welcomed **Robin Cooker**, son of **Tony Cooker**, and **Cari Thomas** from the United Way, who was once again a guest of **Steve Orr**.

Marie Langley was joined at her table this week by her husband **James Langley** and **Cindie Schmidt** from Today's Woman Foundation. Speaking of spouses, **Stew Anderson** brought his wife **Diane Anderson** and brother-in-law **Don Richardson**.

With **Don Lager** traveling down south, daughter and Midway Operations Manager **Laurie Battee** was in attendance, as was potential Rotarian **MaryJean Miller** from Cruise Planners, who was a guest of **Al Castellucci**.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay**, **Jason Montana** for **Don Lager** and **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessy**.

This week we honored S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale and Riverside Prep for exemplary improvements in their education. Along with a \$25 gift card from Costco, students also received commendations from **Susan Drake**



at Supervisor Lovingood's office and **Wasey Noori** from Representative Paul Cook's and Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's office.

Mark Andreasen, Principal at Riverside Prep recognized **Courtney Magdaleno** for her academic improvements since transferring from another school where she struggled. **Maria Perez Lara** came from Central America where English was not her first language and has grown into a confident and improved student. Finally, **Omar Lopez** has shown a true interest in learning and it shows in his increased test scores.

Over at Helendale Elementary, Principal **Cindy Espinoza** honored **Elijah Smith** who has improved his diligence and



attitude in math in the first half of the school year. **Juliana Santillanes**

used to struggle with her academics, but this year there has been a strong improvement in

her grades. Finally, **Nathan Howe** has also improved in his studies, coming from attending tutoring sessions as well as his positive attitude and persistence.

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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

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

Feb 8: Superbowl Party
Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham
Time TBA

Future Rotary Programs

Dec 20: Amateur Historian, Fire Chief, Apple
Valley Fire Protection District, Sid
Hulquist **TOPIC: "Exploring the Mojave
Desert's Historic & Prehistoric Sites"**
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Dec 27: DARK

Jan 3: Colonel Taylor, Fort Irwin
TOPIC: "Fort Irwin" (Letner)

**Jan 10: S.T.A.R. Students from Discover, Del
Rey and Green Tree East**

Jan 17: Tony Winkel, Senior Hydrogeologist,
Mojave Water Agency **TOPIC: "The Hide
and Seek River"** (Page)

Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in
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