



The Joshua Tree



December 19, 2017

Strip Mining, a Journey in the High Desert

The story of **Cyndy Mandell** and **Lois Papner**, the ladies behind Hesperia's Mining Supplies and Rock Shop is an enjoyable journey through the eyes of two people who work hard, but have a lot of fun along the way.



Back in 2004 Cyndy had retired from career life, or so she thought. As a former teacher at Topaz Elementary, a meter reader for Southwest Gas and former Recreational Director for

the City of Victorville, she had earned her time off.

Lois Papner, who began her career in California working in the financial office at VVC, was working hard as the Dean of Admissions at Citrus College, until she retired in 2012.

During these years, Cyndy and Lois opened up their own business together, called Vocal Cords and More, through the Hesperia Recreation and Park District. The company was a costume shop that also provided a singing telegram

service, as well as some... Adult themed cakes we'll say.

From there they opened Focus Photography and sold scenic photos at craft fairs around California. They took a 10 year break to focus on their careers and reunited in 2005



to start up Morphed Rock Jewelry, where they sold slabs, cabochons and jewelry at rock and gem shows. It was in this career path that everything changed.



Mining Supplies and Rock Shop has been in the High Desert in different locations for generations. Cyndy would visit the store often

and was constantly approached by the owner to buy the company, and in 2016 that is exactly what Cyndy and Lois did!

Today, if you visit their location on C Avenue, you will find (of course) mining supplies and rocks, but they also do a whole lot more! They offer classes in rock jewelry making, field trips to look for rocks and minerals and do gold panning demonstrations at local schools.



Two years later they have now run out of space and on January 3, 2018 they will open their new location at 16808 Main Street, in the Orchard Hardware Shopping Center in Hesperia. To get more information, call 760-244-9642 or visit www.miningsuppliesandrockshop.com.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Mark Taylor |
| 4-Way Test: | Jon Schuler |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Ryan McEachron |

Dwight's Writes



Here it is Rotary friends, my final message for the year, or the halfway point of my second term as your President.

Chris Ackerman asked me recently what I am most proud

of these last six months, and let me tell you, the list is pretty long on what we have accomplished so far.

I am so proud of the hard work put forth by **Russ Stringham**, **Ben Tafoya** and others in getting our International Grant for the water tanks in Ensenada, Mexico. I cannot say enough good things about **Rosanne Weathers** and the Wine, Jazz and More committee for all of their hard work, as we closed out this event in style! Education is near and dear to my heart, and I beamed with pride with all of the donations that Rotarians put forth to make our Teacher Mini Grant program this year our biggest ever, as well as the continuing advancements of **Brad Letner** with the Read B4K Program. I want to give big thanks to **Jon Hove** on taking the reins on Club Membership. Due to your hard work, we have upped our weekly attendance to our luncheons and have inducted some great new Rotarians these past 6 months.

On behalf of myself and First Lady **Trish Johnson**, we want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and look forward to what we will accomplish in 2018!

Finally, my thought of the week is "There are three C's to live by. Choose, Chance and Change. We have to choose to take a chance or things will never change." - Zig Ziglar

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Spoon of Exemption

Jim Cox had his final time with the Spoon and shared, while growing up in Missouri and living on Indian Reservations, the pure joy of going cross country and experiencing things you've never imaged on there.

It was them time to auction the Spoon for 5 Tuesdays in January. Since Tax Reform has now passed, **Steve Murray** got the Spoon on behalf of **Dan Dever** in the amount of \$100 to fill us in!

New Rotarian



Stew Anderson inducted the newest Rotarian into the Club this week to round out 2017. **McKenzie Tarango** was joined by her sponsor **Dr. Ron Williams** as she received her pin, badge and plaque as she began her new journey as a Rotarian. McKenzie is the District Administrator with the WUHS, focusing on adult education and job placement for the students.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$23.00

Polio Pig: \$18.00 + Dice (Mark Taylor): \$5.00 = \$23.00

Collected to Date: \$14,899.34

Total equals: 90,846 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Mark Taylor was the last Rotarian to do the dice draw for the year, but grabbed white and left it for another.

We'll begin 2018 with 11 dice and \$275 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

This week **Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master and did a \$17 fine session in honor of the last session of 2017. **Kevin Kane** took the first fine for his phone going off during the meeting as did **Marie Langley**. When Marie argued her case and got off, she was still hit with a penalty for arriving late to the luncheon!

In the area of "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished", **Mike Page** also left with \$17 less in his pocket for the Hospital's new Urgent Care Facility as did **Russ Stringham** for his cover story on Rotary in the latest issue of the Breeze Magazine. **David North** was also fined for moving to a company that is sending jobs out of state and **Dr. Ron Williams** was given the final \$17 fine for bringing in our newest Rotarian, **McKenzie Tarango**.

It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of former member Robert "The Bob" Hove on Friday December 15 at home under the care of Hospice following a bout with pneumonia at Thanksgiving.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jon Hove and the rest of the Hove family during this difficult time.

Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Memory to his life will be January 10th at a location to be determined.

Raffle Prizes

This week the Club raffled off some Sees Candy that went to **Brad Poiriez**, **Robin Cackler** and **Ryan McEachron**. Ryan also went home with candy from **Stew Anderson** and the Alaska USA bag and chip clip from **David North**. Brad also won some candy from Stew, and **Dr. Ron Williams** took home even more holiday candy that was donated by **Marie Langley**. **Mark Taylor** was a big winner as he won both of the \$25 Lawry's Restaurants certificates from the South West Vegas Rotary Club and **Chris Ackerman** will be enjoying an AC Clippers game, with VIP tickets from **Jim Mettler**.

Mike Johnson gave away sets of DCB notebooks, calendars and candy canes that will be used by **Stew Anderson** and **Robin Cackler**, and finally, Robin donated a gift bag of candles and goodies, that will be used over the holiday by **Don Lager**.

Rotary Guests

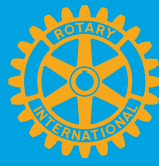
This week our President **Dwight Johnson** invited potential member **Azuree Morris** from Victor Valley Global Medical and Captain **Jon Schuler** brought his Number 2 man, **John Wickem** from the Sheriff's Department.

Our Stand-in this week was **Robin Cackler**, in place of Pastor **Paul Earle**.

Thank You

This week, the Club gave a Christmas bonus in the amount of \$150 to our fantastic El Pescador waiter **Damian** for all of the great work and service he has done over the past year at our luncheons.





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
Community Service	Victor Rocha
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Rosanne Weathers • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Teresa Coomes
R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Ryan McEachron
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Four Way Speech Contest	TBD
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
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

- Jan 8: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Feb 4: Super Bowl Party**
2:00pm • Home of Brad and Teresa Letner
Spring Valley Lake
More info coming soon

Future Rotary Programs

- Dec 26: DARK**
- Jan 2:** Don Ferrarese, Former Major League Pitcher,
TOPIC: "Story's From my Time in the Big Leagues" (Page)
- Jan 9:** Dr. Riad Abdelkarim, St. Joseph Health / St. Mary VP Medical Affairs / CMO
TOPIC- "The Evolution of Hospitals" (Page)

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. January 1 to President Dwight Johnson.

Azuree Morris

HR Director

Victor Valley Global Medical Center

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