



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

**Rotary**  
Club of Victorville, CA 

# *THE* **JOSHUA TREE**

**DECEMBER 20, 2016**

## **A Journey Through the Mojave Desert**

You probably know **Sid Hultquist** as the Fire Chief of Apple Valley, but you may not know he is quite an adventurer too! Along with his wife and children, Sid loves to explore the Mojave Desert!

For our final meeting of 2016, we were treated to a journey into the travels of the Hultquist family. Sid explores all over the Mojave Desert finding old cabins, mines, petroglyphs, Indian camp sites, wildlife and sometimes so much more.

One of his favorite places to explore is Camp Cady 20 miles east of Barstow. Camp Cady was abandoned for a time in early part of the American Civil War and a lot of treasures can be found there. Mining towns, such as Riggs Mine and the Clark Mountain Silver Mines hold some of the oldest equipment still intact.

Finding Indian Petroglyphs are a favorite hobby in Sid's exploring as well. At Blackrock Well there are tons of Indian Petroglyphs and miners signatures on the rocks. At Howe Tank near Lucerne Valley, Sid found old Indian sleeping circles and at Hunter Mountain he located a perfectly preserved Arrastra, a primitive mill for grinding and pulverizing gold or silver ore, which was pulled by a donkey.

There is so much beauty in the Mojave Desert. Sid encourages everyone to go on their own journey and explore, you never know what treasures await you.



### **This Week's Functionaries**

<b>Invocation:</b>	<b>Brad Poiriez</b>
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	<b>Mark Taylor</b>
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	<b>Mike Page</b>
<b>Song:</b>	<b>Al Castellucci</b>

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## *Dwight's Writes*

Well, here we are at the end of 2016 and my presidency has reached its half-way point. So far it has been a great year and much more is to come in 2017!

In January, local High Desert children will be returning to the classroom and with that, our Read B4K program will also be coming back for the rest of the school year. Please make it part of your New Year's Resolutions to join **Brad Letner** and volunteer for this great program. Once a month for one hour is all that is being asked of you. Our volunteer count is extremely low for this project and we need your help!

On February 5th we will be heading up to the home of **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** for their annual Super Bowl Party. If you have never attended, please join us this year as it is a great time to spend with your fellow Rotarians!

As with all good things, there is always sadness. As we start 2017, we say goodbye to a couple of our members, **Sam Lucia** has taken an HR position with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and **Jennifer Starbuck** is moving up to Auburn, California. You will both be missed.

On behalf of myself and your First Lady **Trish Johnson**, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas to you and your family. We hope you have wonderful holiday and a fantastic New Year! We will see you back here on January 3rd!

Finally, my thought of the week is "You miss 100% of the shots you never take." - Wayne Gretzky

## *The Polio Pig*

**Collected this week: \$21.00**

**Collected to Date: \$13,871.00**

**Total equals: 88,789 Doses!**

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

## *Spoon of Exemption*

It has been said recently at a recent Rotary Meeting that **Marie Langley** sings like an Angel and she proved it this week, in her final round with the spoon. Marie treated the assembled group with a beautiful rendition of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas".



While we were all catching our collective breaths, **Mark Taylor** raffled off the Spoon for 5 weeks in January. **Brad Letner** started the bidding off at \$50. Not one to mess about, **Don Lager** jumped in and took the spoon for \$100!

## *Lucky Blue Dice*



Everyone was rooting for **Jennifer Starbuck** to take away the big money in her final Rotary appearance, but in the end, she will not be heading up north with extra cash.

In two weeks we will continue with 13 dice and \$225 for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.





## Raffle Prizes

Well, **Gary Adams** finished off the year as expected... with a bunch of raffle wins! It all began for Gary as the recipient of the Midway \$25 gift card from **Don Lager**, and then proceeded to take home a VVTA coffee mug from **Kevin Kane**, a Rotary keychain brought from the International Convention from **Dwight Johnson** and finally a 3-pack of Disney on Ice tickets!

**Dan Munsey** gave away a couple of gift baskets from the Fire Department that included a mug and disaster recovery guide that will be studied by **Dwight Johnson** and **Craig Garrick**.

**Kevin Kane** was also a big winner this week as he went away with a scented candle from **Dwight Johnson**, and a Water Infuser from **Marie Langley** at Desert Valley Hospital. **Don Lager** also won a water infuser.

**Kevin Kane** gave away the final prizes of the day with a VVTA water bottle was won by **Chris Ackerman** and a pair of Christmas themed Pez Dispensers will be eaten under the mistletoe by **Paula Porter** and our President **Dwight Johnson**.

## Rotary Guests

We had just a few guests this week that featured potential Rotarian **MaryJean Miller** from Cruise Planners, who was a guest of **Al Castellucci**, **Roxy West** from Paint Party Junkies who was invited by our President **Dwight Johnson** and new Victorville Police Captain **John Schuler**, who was brought by **Sam Lucia**, who will be sadly leaving us for a new position with San Bernardino.

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

## Fine Session

**Mark Taylor** was Fine Master again his week and started by inviting **Brad Poiriez** up to the front to receive his Blue Badge. Of course, after receiving it, he was fined \$15!



The "Dr. Ron's" were up next on the chopping block. **Dr. Ron Williams** was given a \$35 fine in celebration for his birthday this week and **Dr. Ron Boyd** was penalized \$10 in honor of his 5 years as a Rotarian.

Finally, after a month of fining **Brad Letner** each and every week, **Mark Taylor** announced that Brad would be "Fine-Free"...for the rest of the year. A Christmas miracle indeed.

## Proposed Member

*If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. January 2 to President Dwight Johnson.*

**MaryJean Miller**

**Co-Owner**

**Cruise Planners**

**Classification: Service: Cruise Planners**

**Sponsors: Al Castellucci**





## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Marie Langley

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

**Feb 5: Superbowl Party**  
Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham  
Time TBA

## Future Rotary Programs

**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)

**Jan 24:** **Public Safety Awards** (Coomes)



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