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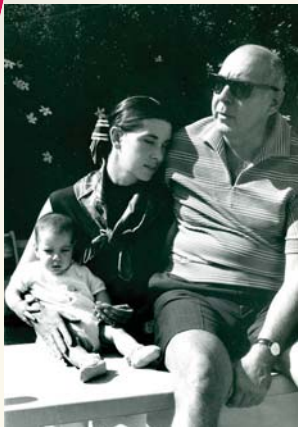
Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



December 22, 2015

Growing Up Hollywood



Rotarian and Joshua Tree editor, **Chris Ackerman** of Signify Designs was our final speaker of 2015 and what a presentation he brought with him! Chris did a presentation at the request of **Mike Page**, entitled "Growing Up Hollywood", where he told stories of being



pedestal and look down on others. Chris shared a great story on honesty, how his dad, who as an avid collector in Abraham Lincoln memorabilia, won Lincoln's wallet at auction, and when examining the wallet, found a secret compartment, that, inside, contains Lincoln's Jack Knife! Harry tried to return the knife out of good conscience, but was told that "whatever was in the wallet was his, and as a proud example to be upfront with people in all situations. In the story of integrity, Chris shared a story on how others in Hollywood

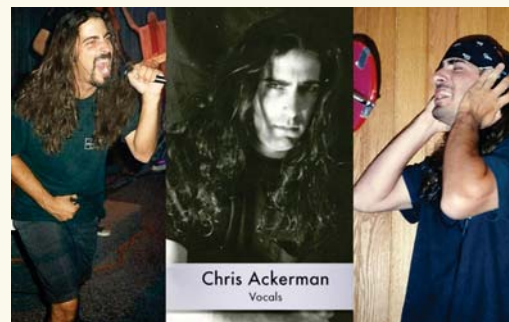
the youngest son to actress Elinor Donahue (Father Knows Best, Andy Griffith Show) and producer Harry Ackerman (I Love Lucy, Gidget, Bewitched). After an opening film featuring clips of some of his mother's many performances and credits of his father, Chris spoke about his life growing up in Hollywood.

While most people would expect to hear stories of scandals and negativity, these stories focused on humility, honesty and integrity, that were taught to Chris by his parents' actions and situations, that helped shape him as a 20+ year business professional in the High Desert.

Chris learned from an early age, that what his parents did was just a career to them and they never used their fame and popularity to put themselves or the family on a higher

pedestal and look down on others. Chris shared a great story on honesty, how his dad, who as an avid collector in Abraham Lincoln memorabilia, won Lincoln's wallet at auction, and when examining the wallet, found a secret compartment, that, inside, contains Lincoln's Jack Knife! Harry tried to return the knife out of good conscience, but was told that "whatever was in the wallet was his, and as a proud example to be upfront with people in all situations. In the story of integrity, Chris shared a story on how others in Hollywood

took credit for his father's ingenuity in developing the "3 camera technique", which is still used in sitcoms today. Harry chose to not sully other individuals' reputations by exposing them, and was happy enough that his family knew the truth.



Along with these important lessons, Chris also shared other hilarious stories of his life,

such as almost crashing the Goodyear Blimp, his life as a "Rock Star", and a date going horribly wrong by taking a girl to see the film "Pretty Woman", not knowing that his mom was in it!

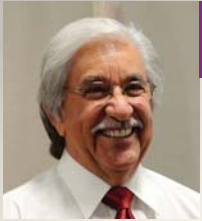
Those in attendance were tickled that Chris brought his mom Elinor Donahue as a guest today, and were happy to meet her, get an autograph and have a picture or two taken with her.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: Van Young
- Flag Salute: Mark Taylor
- 4-Way Test: Ron Hughes
- Song: Al Castellucci



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

Thank you to everyone who came out for our final Rotary meeting of 2015. Not only did we get a great presentation from **Chris Ackerman**, but also had a true Hollywood star in our presence, as Chris' mom, actress **Elinor Donahue** was in attendance!

There is still a short amount of time to get some of the LUCI solar lights before they go away till the next holiday season. They make great birthday gifts to friends and colleagues. As a reminder, the money raised from these sales help our Teacher Mini Grants, Scholarships and upcoming Literacy Program. Please see **Margaret Cooker** to get yours before they are gone.



I was honored to present our wonderful hostess, **Patricia Rocha** with a "Christmas Bonus" on behalf of the Club for all of her extraordinary hard work this year with

us, making sure are all well-fed and our needs our met. We cannot thank you enough Patricia for going above and beyond for the Rotary Club of Victorville!

The next time we meet will be in 2016, so I will take this time to wish you all a safe and joyous New Year! We have a lot of great things planned for 2016, so stay tuned and get ready for an exciting year!

The Polio Pig...

Collected this week: \$6.00

Collected to Date: \$12,867.73

Total equals: 87,803 Doses!

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

Spoon of Exemption: Marie Langley



Marie Langley was back at Rotary again, and used her final time with the spoon to talk about the Today's Women Foundation.

The mission of the Today's Women Foundation is to Empower Today's Woman through the delivery of resources to enhance body, mind and spirit! When our emotions are in turmoil or our mind is bombarded with obsessive thoughts, our health is compromised. It is important to create balance in your life by nurturing your whole person, which includes spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical needs.

In 2016, they will begin Transitional Workshops. Every month (3rd Saturday) in 2016 you are invited to learn invaluable skills that will TRANSFORM every aspect of your life... body, mind & spirit! The workshop/classes are all designed with FOCUS and FUN! Engage with women of all ages, who share the same mind set, and are looking to refine their lives. On January 16th they will have their first event, a fantastic Goal-Setting Workshop. Tickets are \$25 and can be ordered directly at todayswoman.org.

Dan Munsey auctioned the spoon for January, and it was a short battle, but in the end, the first month of 2016 will belong to **David North** of Desert Community Bank for \$100.

Fine Session

Dan Munsey was our Fine Master this week and went right after **Brad Letner** with a \$5 fine for coming to Rotary way too casual in dress attire. Brad really stood out due to the fact that he was sitting next to **David North**, who was dressed as sharp as ever. **Mike Page** was fined \$10 for admitting to the club that he is not buying his wife a Christmas gift this year and finally, **Chris Ackerman** and **Victor Rocha** both received \$10 fines this week. Chris received his for inviting 10 guests to hear his talk, and Victor for only inviting 1 guest..even though this is his restaurant we hold our meetings in!

Rotary Guests

Well, it appears that when **Chris Ackerman** talks, people come hear him speak! **Sam Thatte** of Thatte Presentations, **Cari Thomas** from The United Way and **Lisa Iskandar**, Sales Manager from the Daily Press all came out this week as guests of Chris. Chris Ackerman also had in attendance his wife LeeAnn, children Liam and Aubrey, and his mom, **Elinor Donahue** and her husband Lou. Staff from KVVB, **Theodore Bradshaw**, **Christina Carlos** and owner **Tim Harris** came out as well to film for their nightly newscast.

Kevin Kane invited **Matthew Cabe** from the Daily Press, **Victor Rocha** brought **Chris Aspell** and **Steve Orr** had **Mark Austin** from Cme Promotions as his guest. **Margaret Cooker** had a couple of very special guests with her today; **Carole Voll** and **John Blanc**.

Finally, this week **Mike Page** had his lovely wife **Sharon Page** from HR Edge, join him at Rotary.

Raffle Prizes

Thank you everyone who stepped up today bringing in some great raffle prizes. **David North** brought some 2016 DCB Calendars that will go on the walls of **Van Young** and **Donna Wells**. **Ben Tafoya** was the big winner today by receiving a tin of cookies from DCB, a holiday candle from **Dr. Hough** and a Salvation Army Ornament. **Van Young** also had a set of golf balls that was won by **Gary Adams** and a couple of secret gift bags that went to **Dan Dever** and **Dwight Johnson**. Both Dan and Dwight were again double winners again as they both got Go-Lunch Kits from **Rosanne Weathers** at DVMG. **Dr. Hough** may have been absent this week, but she still left her mark on the raffle. She had gifts of a holiday spoon holder that went to **Don Lager** and a holiday goodie that went to **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight had another copy of "The Transparent Leader" what has happily accepted by **Dan Munsey** and a Bluetooth speaker from Midway Home Solutions will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells**.

Marie Langley had her mind on holiday sweets as she gave away a raspberry bread mix, won by **David North** and a small box a chocolates to **Jennifer Starbuck**. Lastly, Marie raffled off a large bag of Ghirardelli Chocolates that went home with **Rosanne Weathers**!

In our final raffle giveaway, **Chris Ackerman** donated a rare and out of print copy of his moms autobiography/cookbook, "In the Kitchen with Elinor Donahue" which was won by **Van Young**, who promptly took it over to the actress herself, and had it personally autographed for his wife!

Lucky Blue Dice



The disappointed look on Gary Adam's face speaks volumes! Yes, he drew a white dice.

9 Dice remain and \$350 is waiting for someone when we reconvene in January 2016

January Anniversaries

Jim Murray	39 Years
Ben Tafoya	39 Years
Jon Hove	32 Years
Kevin Porter	30 Years
Robert Lovingood	24 Years
Kirk Riding	22 Years
Caroll Yule	15 Years
Ginger Ontiveros	14 Years
Tony Cooker	13 Years
Cliff Harris	3 Years

January Birthdays

Dick Cole	January 08
Jim Murray	January 10
Ginger Ontiveros	January 13
Ron Kabalin	January 29
Ryan McEachron	January 31

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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President	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation	Margaret Cooker
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Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service/Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever

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Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Dan Munsey
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
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
Check in & photographs with
RI President: 5p.m. • Dinner: 7.30p.m.
- Feb. 7: Super Bowl Party**
TBA - at the Stingham's
Fellowship at 2:00pm
- Feb. 8: Valentine's Dinner**
Following Board Meeting • TBA

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Jan 5:** Don Lager, Owner, Midway Home Solutions **TOPIC: "The History of Midway Appliance Solutions"** (Tafoya)
- Jan 12:** Dr. Tomas Morales, President California State University, San Bernardino
STAR students Discovery & Irwin (Page)
- Jan 19:** Merlin Aalborg, COO Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group **TOPIC: "Healthcare Today: it's not your parent's healthcare anymore!"** (Orr)

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