



The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

January 8, 2013

There's a New Sheriff in Town!



The Rotary Club of Victorville was fortunate to have new Sheriff John McMahon as the special Guest Speaker this week, and he certainly came with both barrels

loaded and full of interesting facts about what he deals with as San Bernardino County's Sheriff.

The Board of Supervisors appointed Assistant Sheriff John McMahon to succeed Sheriff Rod Hoops upon his retirement in December, 2012. John has over 27 years of law enforcement experience, is married with two daughters, grew up and still lives in the High Desert.

John feels he works in a great department, and doesn't have huge changes in mind. Among his challenges will be management of a department that has seen budget cuts while its responsibilities have grown. The state's jail realignment program and jail overcrowding will continue to be a continuing problem, however there will be some relief with the expansion of the Adelanto Jail facility in late 2013. John states, though, that "We can't build ourselves out of this problem". "We have to look at things a little bit differently when it comes to rehabilitating these inmates." He explained the programs put in place that offer training for employment upon release.

In his spare time, McMahon enjoys fishing and horseback riding and serves as Chairman of the Sheriff's Rodeo Committee. We thank Sheriff John for taking the time to address the Rotary Club and share his perspectives.



Rotary Bell Goes Missing...

On January 8, 2013, the beloved "Rotary Bell" belonging to the Rotary Club of Victorville, was stolen from its place of distinction on the Podium at the Green Tree Golf Clubhouse restaurant. In spite of strong law enforcement presence, the bell was "burgled" some time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Rotary meeting Tuesday.

The victim was wearing surf shorts and a Rotary tee shirt. His face bears the familiar Rotary Wheel.

Investigators have several (usual) suspects in mind. If you have information pertaining to the whereabouts of Dan Dever, Ben Tafoya, Steve Murray, or any



other possible guilty party, please contact Chief Stringham at 760-949-3377.

The Rotary Bell was last seen in the presence of Sheriff John McMahon at Tuesday's Rotary meeting. Chief Investigator Russ Stringham is presently considering offering a large reward for its return.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** Van Young
- Flag Salute:** Mark Taylor
- 4-Way Test:** Marie Langley
- Song:** Al Castellucci

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 11:30 A.M. BEFORE OUR MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON.

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Todd Sturges introduced guests this week. We welcomed Jimmy Polk of High Desert Young Life (Cooker); Butch Butcher (Colleen); Breanna Luna (Sandra); Jacquie Lukocffi (Edson);

Leland Bolar of the Victorville Police Dept.; Tony Marshall (Castellucci); Jackie Morgan and Leyli Roberts from the St. Mary's Foundation (Page); Guest Speaker John McMahon of the S.B. Sheriff's Dept., and Chuck Utgard (Dana). Sitting in for members were: Jason Montana (Lager); Manny Manahan (Hampton) and Melanie Lovingood (Robert).

Have yourself a "Rotary Moment"...

Be a Mentor-for-a-Day for a young Brentwood Student and inspire, teach, and motivate him/her with your Rotary spirit! Margaret Cooker is looking for six Rotarians to pair up with a Brentwood student next Tuesday!! Contact Margaret at 760-243-5928 to get your student assignment.



★ Attention Rotarians ★

There will be a Club Assembly at the January 15th meeting to vote on Club President for 2015-2016.

BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

YEAR 'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. This is an ongoing, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$20.06

Collected to Date: \$9,099.78

Total equals: 79,254 Doses!

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

Includes \$5 Marble donation from Marie Langley

FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Carroll Yule served this week as Finemaster, and brought a little fun with her "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader" game! Mark Sawyer's correct answer dubbed him fine-free, as did Margaret Cooker's, but

Carroll should have paid Doug Robertson for his crafty (and correct) answer. \$25 fines were placed for those answering incorrectly; Hough, Joe Andreasen, Dan Dever, Jim Cox, and Rob Kilpatrick! Nice raffle prizes today: Donna Wells took home an H&R Block Calculator; Ben Tafoya won the Midway \$25 Gift Card; PrintMart's Pocket Knife went to Margaret Cooker; Hough's Picture Frame was won by Ryan McEachron; 5 Boxes of Shredding from Apple Valley Transfer & Storage were won by a St. Mary's guest, Pastor Paul Earle, and Carroll Yule. A Gemstone Globe from Le Chartreuse went to Ben Tafoya, and Marie Langley tried to pick the lucky marble worth \$450, but came up short. She passed her \$5 winnings on to Margaret's Polio Can. Thanks, Marie!



"We don't keep people in jail anymore that we're mad at; we just keep people in jail that we're afraid of."

S.B. County Sheriff Captain via Sheriff John McMahon



The new Victorville Macy's is having a very unique fundraiser for are non-profits... This event is not open to the public, and offers an opportunity for our Club to make some money, and our employees, families, friends, etc... to enjoy a wonderful shopping experience in the new Macy's and save money at the same time! The date is March 16th. Your \$5 donation benefits our Club's service projects, and includes lots of savings at Macy's on that day. Please see Margaret for tickets (only \$5) that gives you \$10 back on your purchase, offers more discounts, and a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card! Cash and checks only, please. All of every \$5 we raise goes to our service projects, and we can sell the tickets to anyone!





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Join the Rotary Club of Victorville's "President's Circle"
with your monthly pledge to support Club projects:

Platinum: \$ 100

Gold: \$ 50

Bronze: \$ 25

It's never too late to be added to the "President's Circle". See Margaret for information.



Russ' Rap

Russ reminds us that our Club will be holding a **Club Assembly** at the regular meeting on January 15th to vote on the Club President for 2015-16.

Mark you calendar now for the annual Super Bowl Party to be held at the home of **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** on Feb 3rd. Note Russ' new home address is: 16437 Viho Court, Apple Valley. A map will be forthcoming.

Russ reported on the shopping cart he filled with canned goods collected at Rotary meetings and delivered to the Salvation Army. **Van Young** followed up with his appreciation to our club for that and the many gifts given to needy children from the "Be An Angel" program this Christmas. **Great job, V.V. Rotarians!**

Charles Gehrke is Membership Chair, and is challenging Rotarians to give him a name of a potential member for the Victorville or Adelanto Club. Don't be shy... membership is one of the most important aspects of a successful Club!

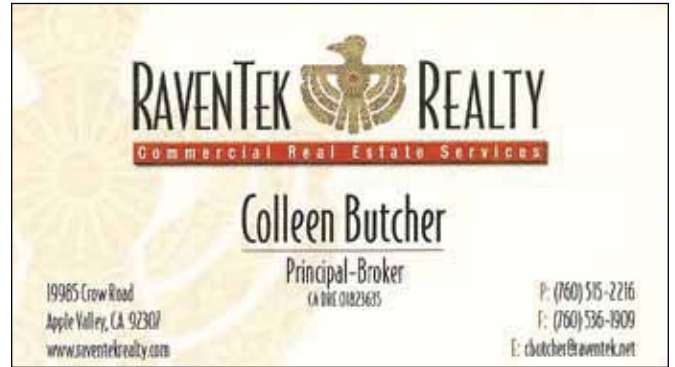
Margaret Cooker reported that from May through December of last year, \$418.77 was collected in the Polio Change Jar that goes around at our meetings. Remember ... put your change in that jar... make a change in the world... and eradicate polio!

One last time... it's your responsibility to update your information in the Club Directory. Go to <http://www.dacdb.com> to make the changes. If you need assistance, contact **Margaret Cooker** or **Russ Stringham**, or contact your Joshua Tree editor for written instructions.

Thank you, **Ryan McEachron**, for the great introduction to our new Sheriff, John McMahon.

SPOON OF Exemption

Colleen Butcher



Colleen Butcher, January's "Spoonholder", took an opportunity this week to introduce her business, RavenTek Realty. This full service real estate company offers investments, site selection, retail development, landlord rep, tenant rep, commercial building sales/leasing, Industrial sales/leasing, land sales and business opportunity sales.



Rotarians... are YOUR friends!

Rotary's Membership...

The Foundation of Our Club

- Your friend will thank you
- The new Rotarian will thank you
- Your Rotary club will thank you
- Your community will thank you

REMEMBER someone just has to be asked!



NEXT WEEK...

- ★ Club Assembly
- ★ Brentwood Students
- ★ O'Keeffe Memorial P.S. Awards



NOTE:

The Adelanto Satellite Rotary Club meeting is the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto, CA

Read below for details...



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Marie Langley took home \$5 this week. Next week's take is \$500 with only 8 marbles left, so be sure and get your tickets, folks!

The Adelanto Satellite Rotary Club plans the 1st Wednesday of each month's meeting at a member's place of business. The 2nd week's meeting is at the Adelanto Chamber of Commerce. The 3rd (8 a.m.) and 4th (11:30 a.m.) Wednesday of each month they meet at 11:30 a.m. at R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto. The 5th Wednesday of each month (if there is one) is dark.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Steve Murray
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
New Generations	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational	Joe Andreasen
International	Ben Tafoya
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams

Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Bob Basen • Robert Lovingood • Stephanie La Fariere

Past President (2011-12)	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14)	Russ Stringham
President-Elect (2014-15)	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16) ...	Club Assembly January 15th

Current Chair Persons:

Membership	Charles Gehrke
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls	Gaylynn Stringham
Programs	Mike Page
Club Activities	Dan Dever
Newsletter	Mary Teran

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., Dennies, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	Adelanto Club (3rd and 4th Wed.), 11:30 a.m., R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 7th and Forrester, 2:00 p.m. High Desert, 6:00 P.M. - Los Domingo's Rest., 6:00 p.m. 17790- Hwy. #18, Apple Valley
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 Victor Valley Sunrise, Coco's, Victorville, 7 a.m.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- Feb. 3rd Super Bowl Party**
at the home of Russ & Gaylynn Stringham • 2:00 P.M.
16437 Viho Ct., Apple Valley, CA
- Feb. 11th Valentine Dinner**
Cocktails - 6:00 p.m. / Dinner - 7:00
Fireside Restaurant , Green Tree
Golf Course Cuntry Clubhouse.
Cost: \$45/pp. Food choices: Prime
Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu or
Salmon.
- Mar. 16th Victorville Macy's Grand Opening**
Macy's Charity Day
Please see Margaret for your ticket

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Jan. 15: O'Keeffe Memorial Public Safety Awards / Brentwood Students**
- Jan. 22: Ron Wilson - Topic: "Secrets of the Boardroom" - 2nd Installment of Ron's time at DCB (Page)**
- Jan. 29 Terry Caldwell - Caldwell, Kenndy & Porter - Topic: "Unions and Regulations: Why Our Summer Sailing the San Juan Islands Started in Ensenada" (Page)**

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