



The *Award Winning* Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

January 13, 2015

Annual Bill O’Keeffe “Service Above Self” Public Safety Awards



Tom Elder, American Red Cross
Field Crisis Response



Mike O’Bier, Captain, Victorville F.D.
Fire Service



Aaron Gibbs, Paramedic, AMR
Emergency Medical Response



Jerry Shelton, Sheriff’s Dept.
Law Enforcement

“Annual Bill O’Keeffe ‘Service Above Self’ Public Safety Awards” are presented each year by the Rotary Club of Victorville in the areas of Field Crisis Response, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, and Law Enforcement. This year’s recipients exemplify the Rotary Motto, and are honored for going above and beyond the call of their duties. The late Bill O’Keeffe was a Victorville Rotary Club member since 1957, and retired in the mid-eighties as California Highway Patrol Victorville Commander. Bill was a 30+ year veteran of the C.H.P., and attained the rank of Lieutenant. Following his passing in 2007, the Rotary Club of Victorville named the annual “Service Above Self” awards in dedication to honor the memory of Bill O’Keeffe. In addition to the beautiful Rotary award, each recipient received Proclamations from the City of Victorville and the 1st District Supervisor Robert Lovingood’s office. Mayor Pro-tem Jim Cox and Robert Lovingood’s representative, Curtis Green, assisted M.C. Mark Taylor in the presentations.



THIS WEEK’S GUESTS

We welcomed San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s Lieutenant Linzy Savage, Sergeant Shelton (award recipient) and Deputy Alejandro Ramos, who was paired with a 3rd grader Brentwood student. San Bernardino County Fire Department attendees were Dan Mejia, Nicole Smith, Norm Hurst, Jason McLaughlin, Don Trapp, Heather O’Bier, and Jim Johnstone, Don and Jim paired with a Brentwood student. Lisa Moden joined Aaron Gibbs, AMR O’Keeffe awardee, who also hosted a Brentwood student. Welcome also to Lori Billig with her Brentwood students (Pg. 2); Teresa (Brad) Letner, and Brad’s daughter, Miriam; Bart Wade of Regal Mortgage (Coomes); Trisha Neveu, sitting in for Mary Hennessy; Norm Hurst, Retired S.B. County Sheriff (Yule); April Wing, Don Gordon, and Georgia Duncan of the American Red Cross; and Curtis Green (Lovingood).



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



Students from the Brentwood School of Environmental Studies were paired up with Public Safety officers as “mentors for lunch”. Attending students were Albert Kim, Travion Fleming, Harmony Martinez, and Brian Blanco.

John Kroencke Receives VVC Honors



John Kroencke, Past President, Rotarian of the Year, Paul Harris Fellow and long time Rotary Club of Victorville member, had yet another honor bestowed upon him at this week’s meeting. John received the 2015 Victor Valley College Foundation “President’s Award” for his part in forming the Foundation (First President) and his continued support of the College. Don Brown, President of the Victor Valley College Foundation, made the presentation, and was joined by several VVC administrators and staff.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN !!

Thank you to today’s Functionaries



Invocation: Brad Letner
Flag Salute: Sam Lucia
4-Way Test: Deb Clarkson
Song: Al Castellucci



Club Assembly

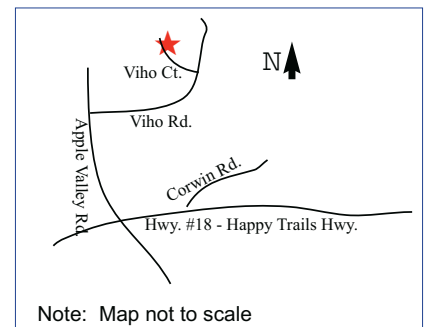
Dan Munsey was unanimously selected at this week’s meeting to be our Club’s President for 2017-2018. It was appropriate to be announced at this meeting, as several members of the the San Bernardino County Fire Department were in attendance for the Bill O’Keeffe Memorial Public Safety Awards. Congratulations, Dan!



Home of Russ & Gaylynn Stringham

Bring a Guest!!

**16437 Viho Court
 Apple Valley
 R.S.V.P. to
 760-949-3377**



Sunday, February 1st

Pre-game - 2:30 p.m.

Food & Beverages Provided



Tafoya's Turn...

Ben took over for **Steve** on a very busy Tuesday, coordinating the many honors doled out to worthy recipients. He asked **Eddie Hernandez** to introduce guests (Pg. 1). Ben included Suzanne Edson, who was given a minute to solicit members to consider being a Facilitator for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) April 17, 18, and 19. RYLA is an intensive leadership weekend for about 300 high school juniors. As a Facilitator, you will have the opportunity to work with the best and brightest students, and possibly have your "Rotary Moment" at this event. Check it out at the District web site, or on Rotary DaCdb.

Russ Stringham reminded us of the Feb. 1st Super Bowl Party at his house (Pg. 2), and **Ben** reminded us of the February 9th Club Valentine Dinner at the Green Tree Golf Course "Corner House". Prime rib or chicken cordon bleu are the choices, and the cost is \$45 per person. This is always a delightful evening. Please RSVP to **Dan Dever**, **Steve Murray**, or **Ben Tafoya...** or sign up on the sheet available at meetings and make your meal selection.

THREE TRUTHS & A LIE...

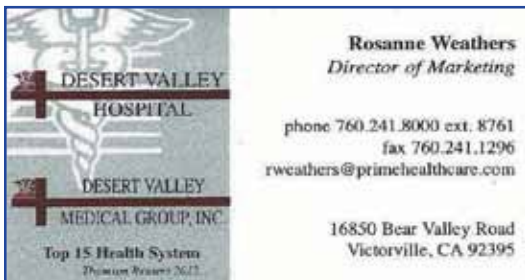
Four hints were given about one of our Rotarians, and one of these is a lie. No one was able to guess this one.

- ★ I have lived in as many states as I have countries
- ★ You are more likely to find a Merle Haggard CD than a Doors CD in my radio
- ★ I got a black belt at the age of 12
- ★ I went to college on a baseball scholarship

This Rotarian turns out to be Ron Boyd!!!



Rosanne Weathers



Rosanne shared information about "Doc Talk" at the Senior Wellness Center of the Desert Valley Medical Group the third Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30. RSVP is required, and food is served. 760-961-8363.

FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor played FineMaster, and hit **Ron Boyd** for \$10, even though **Ron** had the correct answer! **John Kroencke's** recognition netted him a \$10 fine, **Brad Letner** received a \$20 fine for... something or other, and **Rick Hampton** was hit for \$10 for attending.

Lots of nice prizes were donated. **PrintMart's** Ontario Reign Tickets (2) went to **Ron Boyd** and (2) to **Teresa Coomes**; **Midway Home Solutions'** \$25 Gift Card went to **David North**, who also won the **Desert Valley Hospital** Lunch box; and **DCB's** Calendar/Planner went home with **Marilyn Buttlerwerth**. Thank you, donors!



PROPOSED MEMBER

Approved for publication at BOD meeting Dec. 8, 2014

Maureen Mills

Victor Elementary School District

Position: Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services

Classification: Education: Administration: Elementary

Sponsor: Steve Muray

Note: If you protest the admission of this proposed member, please submit your reason(s) in writing to President Steve Murray to be received by 5:00 p.m. Jan. 26, 2015.

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$51.00

Collected to Date: \$11,942.68

Total includes Ron Boyd's \$5 dice win

Total equals: 86,647 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

LUCKY BLUE DICE



Ron Boyd won only \$5, and donated it Margaret's Polio Can.

Next week:

\$300 / 10 Dice



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President	Steve Murray
Immediate Past President	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary & Foundation	Margaret Cooker
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Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker

Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
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Membership	Ben Tafoya
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane / Dwight Johnson
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
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
Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
- 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.
University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** Adelanto Club meets 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed. at R&S
Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto, 7 a.m.;
2nd Wed. at Chamber Rm., Maverick Stadium at
11:30 a.m.; 5th Wed. dark.
San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow,
Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon
University Prep, 7th and Forrester, 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
Victor Valley Sunrise, Coco's, Victorville, 7 a.m.
- FRIDAY:** San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.
Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- Jan. 26:** Past President's Meeting - Green Tree Golf Course "Corner House" 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1:** Rotary "Super Bowl Party" - Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham 16437 Viho Ct., A.V. . 2:30 pre-game. R.S.V.P. to 760-949-3377
- Feb. 9:** Club Valentine Dinner - Corner House at the Green Tree Golf Course Club House /BOD Mtg. Fellowship: 4:30 / Call to order: 5:00 / Fellowship: 6:30 / Dinner: 7p.m. - \$45/pp
- Apr. 16:** Past President's Dinner - Mama Carpino's Restaurant (Outer Hwy. #18, A.V.)

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR JOSHUA TREE LINK VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT MARY TERAN TO GET ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Jan. 20:** John Ohanian, Director of Development, Terra Verde Group - Topic: "Twenty-six Years in the making; Exploring Hesperia's Tapestry Project" (Ontiveros) / S.T.A.R. Students / George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest
- Jan. 27:** Devork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty Undergraduate Studies, CSUSB and Model United Nations Instructor at Victor Valley College. Topic - T.B.A

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