



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

January 15, 2013

## Annual Bill O’Keeffe Memorial Public Service Awards

The Rotary Club of Victorville sponsors an annual Award in memory of Bill O’Keeffe, CHP Commander. Rotarian Mark Taylor, retired Victorville Police Chief, gave a brief history of Bill’s outstanding tenure with the CHP and his Rotary service. In his honor, three recipients were presented this prestigious award.

Evelyn Greaver, American Red Cross, received the award for Field Crisis Response. Evelyn has demonstrated her commitment to the community and the Red Cross; she currently is Team Captain of the Disaster Action Team.

Deputy Sheriff Kristina Winegar is a Retail Theft Investigator for the Victorville Station, and is responsible for the recovery of large amounts of stolen property and exposing a multi-state theft/fraud ring.

Deputy Sheriff Kevin Riberich of the Victorville Police Dept. led the entire county in DUI arrests for July, 2011 through June of 2012. He is dedicated to removing impaired motorists from our streets.

We honor the high standards of dedication to these recipients.



Award Recipients Evelyn Greaver, Kristina Winegar, and Kevin Riberich

## Rotary Awards Deserving Students

S.T.A.R. Awards were presented by President Russ Stringham and Maureen Mills, Victor Elementary School District. Students who make significant improvement in their G.P.A., attitude, and/or attendance receive this recognition. Sixth Street Prep. School was represented by Kody Baxley, West Palms Conservatory by Ashlyn DeBaca, and Village Elementary School by Roldan Solorzano.



Deputy Kevin Riberich and Superintendent Robert Lovingood



Deputy Kristina Winegar, and Victorville Mayor Jim Cox



Evelyn Greaver and Rotary President Russ Stringham

## Thank you to today’s Functionaries



- Invocation:** Joe Andreasen
- Flag Salute:** Todd Sturges
- 4-Way Test:** Jim Cox
- 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



Sandra Luna introduced this week's guests. We welcomed our S.T.A.R. students, Kody Baxley, Ashlynn DeBaca, and Roldan Solorzano and their families and supporting school staff and Maureen Mills of the Victor School District. Also in attendance were our O'Keeffe Awardees, Evelyn Greaver, Kevin Riberich, and Kristina Winegar and their guests. Yvonne Hester (Page) sat in for Kirby Brill of the Mojave Water Agency and Manny Manahan for Rick Hampton. Welcome to Bradford Harris of Southwest Gas (Castellucci); Breana Luna (Sandra); Clifton Harris of Time Wise Private Investigations and Bail Bonds (Castellucci); Jacquie Lukocsffi (Edson); Jimmie Polk, H.D. Young Life (Cooker); Kaela Holloway (Edson); Matt Hunt, CHP Public Information Officer (Sturges); Nolan Starbuck, (Colleen); Steve Davidson (Lager) and Samuel Mayfield, Interactor from Texas (Cooker). Mark Taylor's guests included Joe Cusimano, Current Deputy Chief Sheriff and Leland Bolat, Executive Officer of the Victorville Station.

## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



**Matt Drake** was on a roll this week, and had us all in stitches! Fines were levied on several Rotarians; **Dick Cole** plead the 5th, so \$10 to him. **Dan Dever's** new tax season nets him a \$20 fine, but **Pastor Earle** prays

daily for **Matt**, so goes fine free! **Supervisor Lovingood's** recent publicity gets him a \$10 fine, and **Todd Sturges** gets the same for bringing all the law enforcement. **Hough's** book brought her a \$20 fine, **Joe Andreasen** was hit for \$10 for the longest Rotary prayer, and \$20 goes to **Margaret Cooker** for her comment. Nice raffle prizes today. **H&R Block** Earbuds went to **Jacquie Lukocsffi**; **Hough's** "Fat Burner" book was won by a guest, who also won **Midway's** \$25 Gift Card. **Donna Wells** won the **PrintMart** Pocket Knife, but has one, so **Matt** gave it to the "new Southwest Gas guy", **Bradford Harris**, and **Ben Tafoya** passed his win of the **Le Chartreuse** Gem Globe Key Chain to **Jacquie Lukocsffi**. **Pastor Paul Earle** had an opportunity to take home a whopping \$500 with a total of only 8 marbles, but won only \$5 instead, which he donated to **Margaret's** Polio Can!



Rotary International District 5300  
18th Annual Peace Conference  
The Power of Youth to Promote Peace

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013  
9:00AM - 12:30PM

\$20 ticket includes Continental Breakfast. All 5 slots are filled.

### MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

Visit: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

**Past Presidents Meeting**

**January 28th**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Green Tree Clubhouse**



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!



## WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$9,108.78

Total equals: 79,272 Doses!

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

*Includes \$5 Marble donation from Paul Earle!*





## Russ' Rap

**Russ** welcomed a large turnout of Rotarians and guests, and made a plea for the return of his Rotary Bell. The back table looked like it was ready for interrogation with many Sheriff guests, but no "perps" were produced.

**Joe Andreasen** spoke about the 2012-13 Scholarship Drive. This year we will not be having a Golf Tournament, so will depend entirely upon what the Club has budgeted and what members generously provide for our Scholarships. We hope to have, in addition to the college Scholarships we offer, as many \$500 high school Scholarships for our local students as possible. **Joe** is seeking donations from Club members and their friends. For anyone donating \$500 or more, their name can be attached to that scholarship.

**Margaret Cooker** reminds Rotarians to help sell the tickets for the special Macy's shopping day (See Pg. two). **Margaret** tells us there will be a total of three \$500 drawings that day! Tickets are only \$5 each!

**Margaret** also announced the March 9th District Peace Conference, focusing on youth. More info is on Pg. two.

**Charles Gehrke** awarded the Membership prize (\$25 Gift Card) to **Al Castellucci**, winner of the December contest.

Two upcoming events to look forward are the Feb. 3rd **Superbowl Party** hosted by the Stringhams and the Feb. 11th **Club Valentines Dinner Party**. Next week's Joshua Tree will contain a map to the Stringham home.

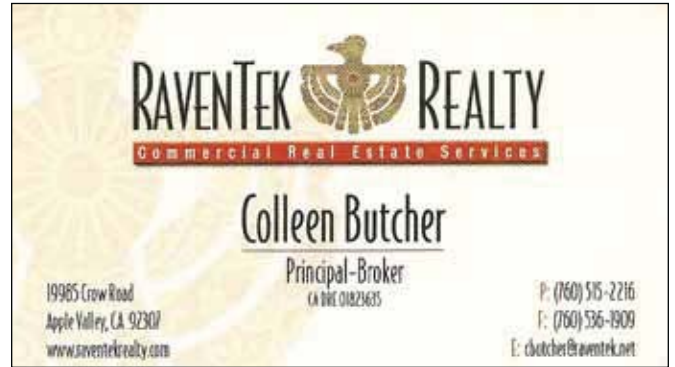


### LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

**Pastor Paul** donated his take of \$5 this week to **Margaret's Polio Can**. Next week's take is \$550 with only 7 marbles left!



Colleen Butcher



**Colleen Butcher** provided a list of her current major clients, recent completed deals, and major deals in the works. **Colleen** has been quite busy, and a few of her commercial deals will bring more tax dollars and employment opportunities to our H.D. Let **Colleen** know which stores and restaurants you'd like to see in the Victor Valley!

### PROPOSED MEMBERS

*Approved for publication at Nov., 2012 BOD meeting*

#### Bradford Harris

Southwest Gas Corp.

Position: V.P., So. Cal. Division

Classification: Utility: Gas

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

*Approved for publication in an E-poll January 16, 2013*

#### Clifton Harris

Time Wise Private Investigations

Position: Publisher/Investigative Reporter

Classification: Services: Private Investigations/Bail Bonds

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

*Note: If you protest the admission of these members, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by January 29, 2013.*

## ★ Upcoming Events ★



**February 3rd**  
**Home of Russ & Gaylynn**  
**16437 Viho Ct., A.V.**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 11**  
**Green Tree**  
**Clubhouse**  
**6:00 p.m.**



## 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 Farriere

Past President (2011-12) .....	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14) .....	Russ Stringham
President-Elect (2014-15) .....	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16) .....	Ben Tafoya

### 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

<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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Dennies, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club 3rd Wed. (8 a.m.) 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
<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 Victor Valley Sunrise, Coco's, Victorville, 7 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



## Important Dates

### Mark your Calendar!

**Jan. 28:** Past President's Meeting - 5:30  
Green Tree Clubhouse

**Feb. 3rd** Super Bowl Party  
at the home of Russ & Gaylynn  
Stringham • 3:00 P.M.  
16437 Viho Ct., Apple Valley, CA

**Feb. 11th** Valentine Dinner Party  
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. **Must sign up in advance.**

**Mar. 16th** Victorville Macy's Grand Opening  
Macy's Charity Day - \$5  
Please see Margaret for your ticket.

**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. 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)
- Feb. 5:** Topic: SANBAG - Widening of I-15 and I0 (Page)

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