



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## High School Students Interpret the Rotary 4-Way Test

Rotarian Mark Sawyer introduced three local high school students who competed in the Annual Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, and explained how the “4-Way Test” became the theme of Rotary. Utilizing this theme, these students proved their generation to be eloquent orators with impressive future goals. Elden Arellano from Victor Valley High School related a story of how a complete stranger made a difference to him, and also stressed the importance of “being there for others”. He loves technology and soccer, and looks forward to becoming a Computer Engineer. India Owens is also from Victor Valley High School, and compared recent generations and how the positive influence of our youth can make the change needed in our world. She is working toward making the state championships in track, and plans on becoming a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. Annie Tsai represented University Preparatory High School. She wishes to raise awareness by giving back to the local and global communities, and she shared how engaging Rotary has already changed her life in many positive ways. She is an athlete, looking forward to attending college.

Our thanks go to Rotarian Judges Jim Barnes, Gary Adams, David North, and Holly Noel. We also thank our Timekeeper, Marilyn Buttelwerth, and particularly Mark Sawyer, Speech Contest Chair. The students were supported by Vicki Archer of Silverado High School, Samantha Lillard, Victor Valley High School, and parents Mindy and Michael Tsai.

Only five points separated first through third place! A check for \$125 went to 1st Place Winner Elden Arellano; 2nd Place check was for \$100, going to Annie Tsai, with India Owens taking 3rd with a check for \$75.00. Congratulations, contestants!



### Thank you to today's Functionaries



**Invocation:** David North  
**Flag Salute:** Eddie Hernandez  
**4-Way Test:** Ron Boyd  
**Song:** Al Castellucci



### THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

Mary Hennessy introduced guests this week, which included our high school 4-Way Test contestants and their support group, as well as the Mojave Vista Junior Rotary Club members with Christina San Nicholas. Welcome all!

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

## Lost in Transit... Or ??



A few suspicious "types" have been notably missing from our weekly meetings, but you wouldn't know anything about that, would you... Ben... or Dan... or ???



**25th Annual District 5300 Peace Conference**  
**March 1, 2014 - University of LaVerne**  
**8:30 - 12:30 p.m. (See <http://www.district5300.org> for more information.)**

(Lunch 12:00 – 12:45 P.M., President's Dining Room)

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GeBren Blakely, Manager of Community Corporate Relations at Brandman University, stood in for Dr. Hough and brought boxes of Brandman mints and a Brandman brochure. She explained the opportunities available at Brandman. They are located right here in Victorville.

## FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION:



**Mark Taylor** levied only two fines this week, due to the shortage of time. He began with **Mark Sawyer** for not wearing his pin... \$10. **Mark** self-fined himself \$20 for not attending

BODTS, and began to give away a bunch of raffle gifts. **Club Wine** was won by **Margaret Cooker**; **Don Lager** took home the nice Rotary License Plate Frame; a **Le-Chartreuse Purse** and a \$25 **Midway Home Solutions Gift Card** went home with **Marilyn Buttelerwerth**, and **Gary Adams'** lucky streak has begun anew, although he only took home \$5 this week.



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

Platinum: \$ 100

Gold: \$ 50

Bronze: \$ 25

**With your monthly pledge you are able to choose which projects you support!**

**Please consider joining... choose the projects your money supports! See Margaret Cooker for more info.**

## MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

Monthly awards are available to Rotarians for bringing guests. We have great speakers lined up, so any week is a great time to invite a potential Rotary Club of Victorville member!

## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



**Gary Adams** gave it his best shot,, but won only \$5 :(

**Next week...**

**\$500 / 8 marbles**



## Russ' Rap

**President Russ** asked **David North** to report on the Club's financial condition, which is "fluid". **David** passed around the actual vs. budgeted amounts for both the Club account and the Victorville Rotary Foundation account.

**Russ** reported **Gene Gregory's** surgery was successful, he is anxious to get to rehab at Knoll's West within a few days. He would like visitors! **Jon Edson** is at Sterling Inn. You can get a phone number from DaCdb or call **Russ**. He also would like visitors!

**Mike Page** reminded us the importance of the RSVP for the March 18th meeting with Congressman Cook! **Victorville Rotarians and guests are \$18.00/ticket; all others will pay \$20/ticket. Proceeds derived from the (5) bids to sit at the Congressman's table will go to the Victorville Rotary Foundation.**

**Steve Flannery** was presented with his photo taken at the Foundation Dinner with R.I. President, Ron Burton, and **Russ**' thanks for **Steve's** support on the Foundation.

**Russ** discussed the additional activities in and around Palm Springs for those planning to attend the District Conference May 15 through 18. Info is available at the District Website (can link from our web site: <http://victorvillerotary.org/>) or through DaCdb.

**President Russ** presented "Engage Rotary" pins to **Mark Sawyer** and **Caroll Yule** for their wonderful work on the programs with student speakers and musicians.

**MARCH 18th ROTARY MEETING**  
**Special Guest Speaker: RSVP required**



Mike Page reminds members that an RSVP will be required to attend the March 18th meeting. We expect unusually high attendance, with all high desert Rotary Clubs invited. Please RSVP to President Russ at 760-949-3377. If you seen an invite in your email inbox from Russ, just "reply" and let Russ know that you're coming.

**If you'd like to sit at Congressman Cook's table, contact Russ and place your bid. All money collected goes to the Victorville Rotary Foundation.**

**This is the perfect opportunity to bring a potential Rotary Club member as a guest!**



## Rotary Celebrations!

### March Member Birthdays

Dwight Johnson	Mar. 5
Diane Anderson	Mar. 14
Todd Sturges	Mar. 25
Jim Barnes	Mar. 27
Sharon Becker	Mar. 27
Steve Murray	Mar. 28

### March Partner Birthdays

Glynda (Rick) York	Mar. 4
Lucia (Sam) Lucia	Mar. 5
Lynae (Rob) Kilpatrick	Mar. 6
Diane (Stew) Anderson	Mar. 14
Kenneth Mark (Alicia Anderson)	Mar. 17
Kelly (Jim) Barnes	Mar. 21

### Wedding Anniversaries

Steve & Diane Flannery	Mar. 5
Dan & Kristine Dever	Mar. 17
Mary & Robert Teran	Mar. 31

### Club Anniversaries

Margee Powers	Mar. 1
Russ Stringham	Mar. 1
Manjita Patel	Mar. 8
Mark Layton	Mar. 13
Steve Murray	Mar. 16
Steve Kim	Mar. 18
Sam Lucia	Mar. 18
Teressa DeAtley	Mar. 22

**Mentors needed next week for Brentwood Students. Contact Margaret**

**1 Pantry Item = 1 Raffle Ticket**

**BRING YOUR CANS  
TO ROTARY!!**

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directords

President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer .....	David North
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership .....	Steve Murray
Club Service & President 2015-16 .....	Ben Tafoya
Community Service .....	Mark Layton
Youth Service .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service .....	Jim Barnes
International .....	Dan Dever
Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth

### Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Bob Basen • Rob Kilpatrick • Kevin Porter • Mark Taylor

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
Club Activities .....	Ben Tafoya
Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Dwight Johnson
Scholarships .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Ben Tafoya
Cards and Calls .....	Gaylynn Stringham
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 Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
<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., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at 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.
<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. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



### Important Dates

## Mark your Calendar!

- Mar. 1:** 25th Annual District 5300 Peace Conference - University of LaVerne
- April 5:** District Assembly - Victor Valley College
- May 3:** Superbuild Project - Corezon, Mexico
- May 15-18:** District Conference - Palm Springs

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

- Feb. 25:** Anna Garcia, Senior Hydrologist, Mojave Water Agency. **Topic: "High Desert's Water History Offers Instructions for the Future"** (Page) / **S.T.A.R. Awards / Brentwood Students**
- Mar. 4:** Phyllis Morris, San Bernardino Public Defender (Daughter of Garner Morris) **Topic: "Three Strikes Reform; the Real Reason Behind the Initiative"** (Page)
- Mar. 11:** **4-Way Speech Contest - Middle School** (Sawyer)
- Mar. 18:** **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
Congressman Paul Cook (Page)  
**See inside for special RSVP requirements.**

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