



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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S.B. Defender explains “Three Strikes” Revision



The Rotary Club of Victorville had a very special speaker this week. Not only is she a Public Defender for the County of San Bernardino, Phyllis is the daughter of Garner Morris, who represents Victorville Rotarian and 1st District County Supervisor, Robert Lovingood. A graduate of the Martin Luther King School of Law, U.C. Davis, she has been with the Public Defender’s office since 1984. Phyllis spoke to Rotary about the reasoning behind the initiative to reform the “Three Strikes Law”, and offered a bit of history of Proposition 36, where it all began. One of her first comments related to the Rotary 4-Way Test, and how it should be used by lawmakers in making their decisions.

California’s original “Three Strikes” Law was approved by the voters in 1994. November, 2012’s Proposition 36 offered approximately 3,000 convicted felons (then serving life terms under the Three Strikes law) whose third strike conviction was for a nonviolent crime, to become eligible to petition the court for a new, reduced, sentence. Today, there are approximately 137,000 inmates; 33,000 of which are second strikers, and 9,000 are third strikers. Approximately 1,000 would qualify for re-sentencing. Phyllis emphasized the exorbitant costs for medical and psychiatric services for inmates, and that prisons have been understaffed for years in these two areas. Two cases filed against the state argued that at least one-third of inmates have psychiatric issues, and inmates in California have the highest suicide rate. Prison overcrowding was a whole other problem, as was finding qualified staff to work in the prisons. Unable to address the issue, California ultimately passed the responsibility for prisons down to the county level, and all of the law enforcement agencies of San Bernardino County are working very hard to handle this challenge. An interesting fact: It costs the state double to house inmates in our state, as opposed to house them out of state! Phyllis cited examples of states that have been successful in reducing its prison population, and feels that early treatment intervention is the key.



Thank you to today’s Functionaries



Invocation: David North
Flag Salute: Rosanne Weathers
4-Way Test: Sam Lucia
Song: Al Castellucci

THIS WEEK’S GUESTS



Holly Noel introduced this weeks guests, and commented on the “quality” of Rotarians in attendance, rather than quantity! We welcomed Nolan Smith from Taylison High Desert Academy; Suzanne Edson, and Phyllis Morris, S.B. County Public Defender, our guest speaker.

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

Russ' Bell Mysteriously Reappears



The threat to eliminate Easter Baskets for children seemed to be effective. Or was it the investigative efforts by the Victorville P.D. that resulted in the return of the missing Rotary Bell? Either way...

President Russ' bell was mysteriously returned to his office after this week's meeting (by Mr. Dwight Johnson, who said "someone" brought it by his office.) The theft of our Rotary Bell is considered to be a grand theft crime, as it's value exceeds \$400, so there is an ongoing investigation, people.



President Nominee Dwight Johnson is the only person of interest at this time. Russ really wants to find out who was involved in this capital theft. The Sheriff's department, along with the Fireside Restaurant, have an ongoing investigation into this matter. Fortunately,

the Fireside Restaurant has six months of videotape that will aid the Sheriff's department in this investigation.



S.B. COUNTY
03-4426-9

LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Dwight tried yet again, but brought home only \$5. He redeemed himself by donating it to Margaret's Polio can.

Next week...



\$600 / 6 marbles



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!

MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

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



Eddie Hernandez described his experience at the 25th Annual Rotary District 5300 Peace Conference as an "eye opener". "Unity Through Diversity" was the theme, and Eddie was inspired by what we can accomplish together through Rotary. The brochure Eddie shared states: "There is a strong passion growing - a passion for peace, or a state of harmony characterized by a lack of conflict, violence, and hostility. A world where there is prosperity in matters of social or economic welfare, equality, and a political order that serves the true interests of all mankind. It begins with a small seed and is watered with understanding, tolerance, and appreciation of the diversity in culture, belief, and faith."

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$8.20

+ Dwight's Marble Winnings = \$5.00

Tripled by Gates Foundation = \$39.60

Collected to Date: \$10,780.65

Total equals: 84,440 Doses!



Russ' Rap

Of Special note... Jon Edson joined us again, and we were very glad to have him back! As well, it was great to see **Ron Hughes**, and **Russ** reported **Gene Gregory** is improving and should be back with us soon, too!

Nolan Smith of the Taylion H.D. Academy attended to invite us to the grand opening of the new location in Victorville on March 14th at noon. For information, contact 760-246-3344.

Eddie Hernandez was allowed time to report on his impressions of the recent Rotary Peace Conference (See Pg. 2 for more info. To learn more about the Garbis Peace Institute, go to: <http://www.district5300.org/>

90 people so far have signed up to hear Congressman Paul Cook on March 18th. Be sure you are one of them!

Reminders: ★ District Assembly - April 5th
★ Superbuild - May 3rd
★ District Conference - May 15-18



With the latest QuickBooks update, our members can do the following:

- * Improved Email Invoices
- * Instead of PDF attachments, our members can now view the most current invoice online any-time, anywhere - on any device!



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Hough sent her representative, Theresa Shellcroft, to tell us about "TPS Creative Expressions, Inc.", a non-profit Corporation supporting the arts. She is working to promote the arts within the community and told us that three of six grants recently awarded by the Irvine Foundation were given here in the high desert.

FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor held court this week, and led us in singing "Happy Birthday" to **Dwight Johnson**. **Mark** then rained down a few fines, beginning with **Dwight** for half his age, netting a \$26 fine; **Sam Lucia** was hit for \$10 for his long-term red badge; and **Russ' Club**

presidency isn't an immunity from fines, so he received a fine of \$20 for his Rotary anniversary.

On to the raffling, **Midway Home Solutions'** \$25 Gift Card was won by **Gary Adams**; **KATJ's** Vitelli's Deli Coupon went to **Rosanne Weathers**; **Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group** Water Bottle and Back Scratcher (or shoehorn?) was also won by **Rosanne**; Riesling Wine from **Dwight Johnson** went

home with **Ron Hughes**; **Desert Valley Hospital's** Bag of Goodies went to **Dwight Johnson**; another **Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group** Water Bottle and Back Scratcher was won by **Dwight Johnson**, and **KAT Country's** Vitelli's Deli Coupons and "Rent" Theater Tickets went home with **Ron Hughes**. **Dwight** had yet another opportunity to win the marble... netting only \$5 (again).



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE Sept. 20: Wine, Jazz & More fund Raiser. See Ben Tafoya.



There was light attendance this week, but enough interest by a few members to provide a very low-key auction for the "Spoon of Exemption" for the month of March. **Russ Stringham**,

Bill Scott, and **Craig Garrick** bid against each other, with **Craig** offering up the winning bid of \$65.00.

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.

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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.

WEDNESDAY: 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.

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!

April 5: District Assembly - Victor Valley College

May 3: Superbuild Project - Corezon, Mexico

May 15-18: District Conference - Palm Springs

Hilton Palm Springs
 400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
 Palm Springs, California
 TEL: 1-760-320-6868
 FAX: 1-760-320-2126



Sept. 20: Wine, Jazz & More Club Event
NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEE
CONTACT BEN TAFOYA

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

Mar. 11: Dr. Pat Mark 4-Way Speech Contest - Middle School (Sawyer)

Mar. 18: SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
 Congressman Paul Cook (Page)
See inside for special RSVP requirements
S.T.A.R. Awards

Mar. 25: Victor Valley College, Model United Nations - Topic: "USA and Saudi Arabia - Friends or Foes?" (Ontiveros)

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