



# The Joshua Tree



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## Dr. Al Mariam



Professor Alemayehu G. Mariam teaches political science at California State University, San Bernardino. His teaching areas include American constitutional law, civil rights law, judicial process, American and California state governments, and African politics. He is the Senior Editor of the International Journal of Ethiopian Studies, a leading scholarly journal on Ethiopia. For the last several years, Prof. Mariam has written a weekly web commentary on Ethiopian human rights and African issues that is widely read online.

Dr. Mariam explained to the Rotary Club of Victorville aspects of the relationship that China has developed with Africa over many years; one which he feels is a win-win for China. Africa's many natural resources are the prize which China obtains for providing exportation and infrastructure.

Dr. Mariam stated that China has a monopoly on public works in many countries of Africa, adding that "whoever controls the economy controls the politics". He feels that China's involvement in Africa is strictly for business, and they have no military, human rights, or counter-terrorism concerns. We thank Dr. Mariam for an enlightening lecture.



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

Dr. Hough Everage presented the winners of the Club level "Art for Peace" contest, established by First Lady Debbie Fowler in 2011.

Three local artists submitted their entries to the District as part of the International Peace Conference. The concept of "Peace Building" was to be represented in the submissions. Hook Jr.

High School student Michelle Mejia was our first place winner (artwork above), with Jason Anderson in second place, followed by third place winner, Emily Aquino. Pictured above is by the first place winner.



*Principal Daryl Bell with Jason Anderson, Emily Aquino and Michelle Mejia.*

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

## Thank you to today's Functionaries



**Invocation:** Mark Sawyer  
**Flag Salute:** Eddie Hernandez  
**4-Way Test:** Brad Harris  
**Song:** Al Castellucci

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Stephen Orr introduced guests this week. Welcome to David Keck of the Daily Press and Steve Kim, New Star Realty, guests of Al Castellucci; Cathy Abbott of VVC Foundation; Cora

McPhee and Daryl Bell of Hook Jr. High; Garner Morris (Lovingood); Breana (Sandra) Luna and Gregory Winston (Earle). Congratulations to the Art for Peace winners, Michelle Mejia, Jason Anderson and Emily Aquino, and we welcomed their families and school staff who attended to support them.

## Plan to Attend:



**Mar. 21st**  
**5:30 - 8 p.m.**  
**Home of Jon Hove**

The main dish is provided by Juliano's; attendees, please bring appetizer, salad, veggies, desserts. Let Teresa or Jon know what you're bringing.

## 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.



## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor hit up Steve Murray for his Rotary anniversary; \$2.00/year times 7 = \$14. Kevin Porter miscalibrated his watch and arrived on time, while Jon Hove's tardiness earned



him a \$10 fine, and Gary Adams' ringing cell phone netted him a fine of \$10 as well. Girl Scout Cookies (unknown donor) were won by Stephen Orr and Pastor Paul Earle (who promptly gave them to Holly Noel), and Hough's Candle went to Jim Murray. Sandra Luna celebrating one year with the Club; gets a \$5 fine, and Jim Murray took home a fiver from the pot. (Note: We're getting a bit low on raffle prizes, folks.)

## SPOON OF Exemption

*Pastor Paul Earle*

Pastor Paul Earle told us about the excitement his Life Church brings to Easter... or is it the other way around?



Kids play an important part in both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Pastor Earle passed out a beautiful advertisement for Life Church's Easter celebration. If you would like to sponsor a "Golden Egg", or bring your children or grandchildren to participate, contact Pastor Earle, call 760-995-3217, or go to the web site: [www.vv-lifetchurch.com](http://www.vv-lifetchurch.com).

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

Collected this week: \$18.65

Collected to Date: \$9,212.29

Total equals: 79,458 Doses!

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





## Russ' Rap

Steve Murray reported on the International Peace Conference, attended by himself, Charles Gehrke, Caroll Yule, and Dr. Hough. He reminds everyone to sign up for the March 21st Fireside and the April 9th Off-Site meeting at Midway Appliance. Steve strongly recommended to all Rotarians, particularly new ones, to attend the District Assembly at the Victor Valley College April 20th followed by the Friendship Dinner in Apple Valley.

Dwight Johnson thanked Gene Gregory for his generous bag of food, and reminded us of the ongoing quest for canned foods. The Lord's Table will be a recipient.

Margaret Cooker is seeking nominations for "Rotarian of the Year". Guidelines will be on the tables for the next two weeks, and your nomination needs to be received by last year's "Rotarian of the Year", Steve Flannery, by **March 30th**. Any questions, contact Steve at 221-6292.

Mark Sawyer requests your presence at the March 19th meeting for the High School 4-Way Speech Contest. This is the first year the Adelanto High School will participate. Mark thanked several Rotarians for helping out the Boys & Girls Club, and presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following: David and Carrie North, Macerich Malls (Eddie Hernandez), ServPro (Rick Hampton/Manny Manahan), J.C. Penney (Matt Metzen), and the Rotary Club of Victorville. In return, Russ thanked Mark for the help he gives to our Club.

We expect a good crowd to hear Congressman Paul Cook at the March 16th meeting, and Russ asks members to RSVP for a head count. Outside guests and visitors will pay \$20 in advance. There is a sign-up sheet at meetings, or contact Printmart to RSVP at 949-3377.



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!



## LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Jim Murray tried his best to win \$200 this week from 14 marbles, but came up with only \$5. Sorry, Jim.

Next week... \$250 and 13 marbles

## PROPOSED MEMBERS

*Approved for publication in an E-poll March 6th*

### David Keck

The Daily Press

Position: Editor

Classification: Newspaper: Editor

Sponsor: Al Castellucci



### Steve S. Kim

New Star Realty

Position: Realtor

Classification: Real Estate: Sales

Sponsor: Al Castellucci



### Sam Lucia

Victorville Police Department (SBCoSD)

Position: Chief of Police

Classification: Law Enforcement: Municipal

Sponsor: Mark Taylor



**Note:** *If you protest the admission of these members, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by March 18, 2013.*

*Approved for publication in an E-poll December, 2012*

### Capt. Phil Brown

City of Adelanto

Position: Chief of Police

Classification: Law Enforcement: City

Sponsor: Jim Hart



*Approved for publication in an E-poll March 13th*

### Jermaine Wright, Sr.

City of Adelanto Council

Position: Councilman

Classification: Government: Municipal

Sponsor: Jim Hart

**Note:** *If you protest the admission of these members, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by March 25, 2013.*

## 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 Ferriere

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., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club 1st and 3rd Wed. (8 a.m.), 4th Wed. (11:30 a.m.), R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto. 2nd Wed. (11:30 a.m.), Adelanto Chamber. 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.



### Important Dates

## Mark your Calendar!

- Mar. 16:** Victorville Macy's Grand Opening  
Macy's Charity Day - \$5  
Please see Margaret for your ticket.
- Mar. 21:** Fireside - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Hove home in Apple Valley. **The main dish is provided by Juliano's; attendees, please bring appetizer, salad, veggies, desserts. Let Teresa or Jon know what you're bringing.** (See Map on Page 2).
- April 20:** District Assembly, VVC / Friendship Dinner
- April 25:** Meet the GSE Team (Social)  
Rotary Garden (Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce building)

**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. 19:** High School 4-Way Speech Contest (Sawyer) / S.T.A.R. Students / Brentwood Students
- Mar. 26:** Congressman Paul Cook, 8th Congressional District (Page) **RSVP will be mandatory due to space limitations. Get on the sign-up list or call Printmart (949-3377 ) to RSVP by March 19th!**

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