



# The Joshua Tree



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March 13, 2012

## TERRY CALDWELL EXPLAINS THE BEGINNINGS OF THE VVWRA

“It all started with the Sanitary District Act of 1923, and no, I was not a part of the creation of the old Victorville Sanitation District”, began Terry Caldwell as he reminisced about the beginnings of his association with VVWRA (in 1968). Jim Cox was the new City Manager and persuaded Terry to run for his first elected office, which was with the Victorville Sanitation District.

Terry explained how sewage disposal worked for around 50 years. In the sixties, The EPA issued the “Clean Water Act”, substantiating the need for a regional waste water treatment facility in the high desert. With Victorville’s recent growth spurt, the sanitation issue had to be addressed, and the Victorville Sanitation District had the foresight and found the funding to build sewers in the city of Victorville. Hesperia and Apple Valley were unincorporated at the time, and ground water degradation wasn’t a concern due to the large lot sizes of minimal growth in those cities.

Victorville’s community leaders appointed a task force (Jim Cox, Bill Porter, Terry Caldwell, and others) to determine how to handle the discharge and where to site the facility. He explained how they worked through several issues, and that the reclaimed water can be utilized in parks, medians, golf courses, etc. Terry expressed kudos to the late Bill Porter, then President of the Mojave Water Agency, for his part in obtaining grant money from the Clean Water Act to build the facility in Victorville. The formation of the Victor Valley Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility then followed, and the history continues today, albeit with some issues. Thanks, Terry, for the interesting walk through history and explaining the exhaustive process of forming an agency such as the VVWRA!



Past Mayor Terry Caldwell shares more history

### New Rotary Member Inducted



Mark Layton, our newest member, is a transferee from the Sunrise Club, and was inducted this week by Margaret Cooker. Mark is with Apple Valley Transfer & Storage Co. They offer storage facilities and shredding services as well as moving. Mark’s sponsor is Russ Stringham.

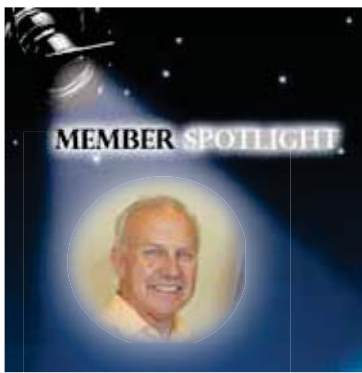
### THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to our young visitors from the Mojave Vista Youthact Club; Amore Simpson, Angela Ellizarraras, Antonio Olmos, Isaiah Phillips, and their Principal, Chris San Nichols. Welcome to

Garner Morris of Brad Mitzelfelt’s office; Paisley Taylor from the Lifestyle Magazine and Business Journal, and Apple Valley Rotarian; Joseph Morris and Pat Luther of VVC (Castellucci), and Pat (“Charlie”) Caldwell.

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



**Charles Gehrke**, our current leader, shared his business history dating back to 1968 where he taught school in Lynwood. He arrived in the high desert as a teacher, and started the Excelsior Education Center. Charles retired in 2008 after 40+ years in the field

of education. Charles is instrumental in starting a satellite Rotary Club in Adelanto, and invites members to visit. The first meeting is March 28th at noon at R&S Beverages, 17500 Adelanto Rd. (760) 530-2288.



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## RAFFLE SESSION:

Apple Valley Transfer & Storage's Picture Clock was won by Jim Murray; a "Sippy Cup" from **St. Mary's Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine Center** was won by Jon Edson, as was **St. Mary's Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine Center's** Popcorn Cone. **LegalShield's** Book was won by Luis Frisby; another "Sippy Cup" from **St. Mary's Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine Center** was won by Jon Edson, but he paid it forward to **Gary Adams!** Jon did, however, take home the **St. Mary's Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine Center's** Popcorn Cone and pen.



**Gary Adams** (again, Gary??) tried to win the pot worth \$300, but went home with only \$5. Awwwww.

## ★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★

## NEW DATE, TIME & LOCATION

COMBINED

Regional

Dan Stover Music Contest

Regional 4-Way Speech Contest

Wed., March 28 - 6:00 p.m.

Green Tree Clubhouse



## Thank you to today's Functionaries



**Invocation:** Dale Marsden  
**Flag Salute:** Isaiah, Youthact  
**4-Way Test:** Antonio, Youthact  
**Song:** Al Castellucci



*Please keep Todd Tatum's family in your prayers.*  
*Todd lost his father, Jim this past week.*

Sandra Luna of LegalShield receives her Certificate of Membership.



## LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Gary Adams tried this week...  
but won only \$5, leaving...

**Next week: \$350 / 9 marbles**

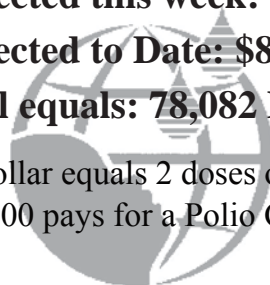
## WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$19.28

Collected to Date: \$8,506.91

Total equals: 78,082 Doses!

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







## Notes from Charles

**Charles** read a great note of thanks from Kyleigh Schultz of Riverside Preparatory School for her wonderful RYLA experience. **Charles** took the opportunity to thank **Bob Basen** for taking over the program in 2013, and stated, “we will keep you in our prayers”.

**Margaret Cooker** handled the induction process this week for **Mark Layton**, and discussed the many opportunities of fellowship within Rotary. One example was the recent Fireside at **Jon Hove’s** home, and **Margaret** thanked everyone who attended. The food was apparently out of this world, especially the desserts!

The induction offered an opportunity to tout upcoming Rotary fellowship events: The off-road Calico Trip, the Havasu River Trip, the Christmas and Valentine’s parties, and the time prior to each weekly meeting.

**Charles’** “Happy Birthdays” this week go to **Diane** (Stew) **Anderson**, **Kenneth** (Alicia) **Anderson**, and **Butch** (Colleen) **Butcher!** **Colleen** took home some of **Charles’** yummy cookies.

**Ginger Ontiveros’** Thank You letter was read by **Charles**, and she is extremely thankful for the fabulous Cocktail Basket our Club donates each year to the VVC Hall of Fame Event. **Ginger** stated, “It is always a big hit!” Our thanks go also to **Teressa DeAtley**, who worked tirelessly to fill the basket. \$135,000 was raised at this event!

**Russ Stringham** announced the District Assembly coming up on April 14th in our own back yard! It will be at VVC, and is from 8:30 until noon. It’s FREE. A sign-up sheet is available at meetings. Please plan to attend this very informative event; Russ recommends it!

Antonio Olmos shared what their Youthact Club is doing: cleaning up local parks and going to “old folks’ homes”... oops, he means, “Veterans homes”... “to talk to them, play games, and other things.”

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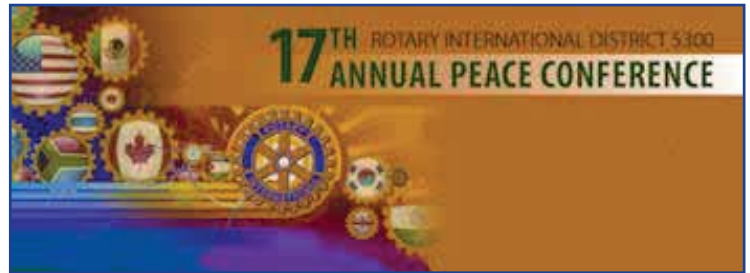
**BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!**  
**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!**

**YEAR ’ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:**  
Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. In March President Charles will be delivering the food to the Salvation Army.



## Upcoming Events

March 24, 2012 - Victor Valley College



For information: [raghada@khouryent.net](mailto:raghada@khouryent.net)

March 27, 2012

### Youthact

**Margaret Cooker** announced a newly formed program for elementary students. Brentwood Elementary School will visit us at the March 27th meeting. Rotarians are needed who will be a student’s host and discuss education and career choices. Six are needed for March 27th.

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY Victor Valley College

for the 2012-2013 Rotary Year

Victor Valley College - 8:30 a.m. - noon

## June 18 - ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Robert Lovingood is looking for sponsors and teams for this year’s Golf Tournament. **It’s one of our biggest fundraisers of the year**, so please plan to support it by golfing, donating prizes, or sponsoring!



## DISTRICT 5300 2012 CONFERENCE

May 31-June June 3, 2012

Lake Arrowhead, CA  
Limited rooms available...

Book now! Phone:  
866-906-4096



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Treasurer ..... David North  
 Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Club Service ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 Community Service ..... David Leicht  
 Youth Service ..... Rob Kilpatrick  
 Vocational ..... Bob Basen  
 International ..... Ben Tafoya  
 Foundation ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Recording Secretary ..... Marilyn Buttlerwerth  
 Sergeant At Arms..... Gary Adams

### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Dwight Johnson • Steve Murray • Robert Lovingood • Ginger Ontiveros

Past President (2010-11) ..... Teresa DeAtley  
 Incoming President (2012-13 ) ..... Russ Stringham  
 President-Elect (2013-14) ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 President-Elect-Elect (2014-15) ..... Steve Murray

### Current Chair Persons:

New Generations.....Rob Kilpatrick  
 Membership ..... Russ Stringham  
 SongMaster ..... Al Castellucci  
 Scholarships ..... Ginger Ontiveros  
 Publicity/Public Relations ..... Charles Gehrke  
 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

**MONDAY:** San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon  
**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., Dennies, 14165 Main St.  
**WEDNESDAY:** 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  
**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.



## Important Dates

# Mark your Calendar!

**Mar. 28:** Regional Dan Stover Music Contest and Regional 4-Way Speech Contest (See Pg. 2)

**Apr. 5th:** Past President's Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse.

**RE-SCHEDULED - DATE T.B.A.**

**Rotary Off-Site - Victor Valley Transit Authority (Kane)**

**May 12:** Immunization Clinic - Hesperia Azusa Pacific - 15283 Pahute (between Cottonwood and Locust) Volunteers needed.

**June 18:** Rotary Golf Tournament - SVL CC **Sponsors needed!**

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## UPCOMING

# ROTARY PROGRAMS

**Mar. 20:** Former Assemblyman Anthony Adams - Topic: "What I learned During My Four Years in Sacramento" (Page)

**Mar. 27:** T.B.A. / S.T.A.R. Awards - Mojave Vista, 6th St. Prep, Riverside Prep and Victor Valley Christian

**April 3:** Robert Lovingood - Topic: "Job Creation in the Victor Valley"

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