



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## Rotarian CPA's Share Enlightened Tax Knowledge

Victorville Rotarians made up an informative panel to answer tax questions from fellow Club members. Dan Dever was the official Moderator, and first asked for a moment of silence before "Talking Taxes". There were audience questions relating to the current high rate of foreclosures and short sales and how they affect taxing agencies and lenders. The answers were quite surprising! Reducing taxes was a popular subject, as was tax audits.

Donna Wells shared how a client can be a "professional gambler" and show a loss; John Hulterstrom stated that almost any tax question could be answered with the phrase "it depends"; and Jennifer Starbuck explained "suspended losses" on income property for landlords with income over a certain amount of "threshold" income.

Dan Dever gave us some history on how taxing citizens began in our country in 1913 and has it ever evolved. The IRS has this year added more than 4,000 Auditors! Dan's parting advice is that, "Tax laws change yearly... it is best to hire a professional!"



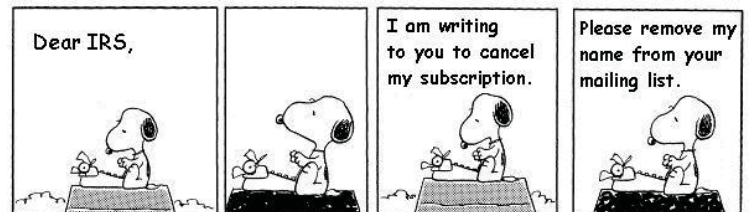
Panelists, all CPA's were John Hulterstrom, Donna Wells of Miers & Miers LLP, and Jennifer Starbuck of Starbuck Walsh, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. The moderator was Dan Dever of H&R Block.

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

Matthew Metzen, Manager of J.C. Penney, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Victorville on Tuesday. Matt's sponsor is Al Castellucci, and Incoming President Charles Gehrke handled the formalities.



Matt chose the oldest Rotary Club in the Victor Valley (nothing personal), and we are proactive... our visibility is seen in four locations in Victorville sporting Rotary billboards... AND we also as advertise in the Daily Press periodically!



## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Greetings this week to Amy Scott, Bill's daughter visiting from her college's Spring Break, Vito Bello, Marketing Manager for the Mall of Victor Valley and guest of Mark Sawyer, and Peter Crawford of the Big Bear Lake Club, guest of Jennifer Starbuck. Dan Dever's guest from the Kansas City office of H&R Block was Kevin Hannahs. Welcome, all!

## Thank you to today's Functionaries



**Invocation:** David North  
**Flag Salute:** Maria Okpara  
**4-Way Test:** Matt Metzen  
**Song:** Al Castellucci

**Bring a Prospective Member to Fireside!**



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OF LOCATION**

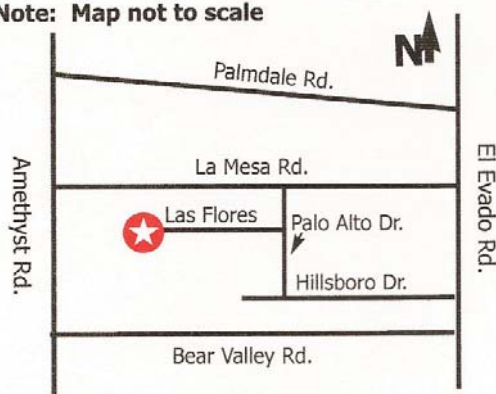
**March 17, 2011**

**Home of President Teresa**

**14330 Las Flores Dr., Victorville**

**Wear Green for the Italian Dinner**

Note: Map not to scale



## New Bequest Society Member Mike Hayhurst



Mike Hayhurst is the newest Victorville Rotarian to become a Bequest Society Contributor.



Mike helps secure the future of the Foundation's Educational and Humanitarian Grants programs by including The Rotary Foundation in his estate plans.

Mike received an engraved crystal recognition piece from President Teresa, and also a Bequest Society pin, pinned by his fellow Bequest Society Member, Hough.

Monies garnered from the Bequest Society stay in the Foundation; only the interest earned is utilized to provide grants, scholarships and other Foundation programs. The ambulance our Club sent to Ensenada as well as the defibrillator being delivered this month were both funded by interest earned through the Rotary Foundation Grants.



**[www.victorvillerotary.org](http://www.victorvillerotary.org)**

## 16th Annual Peace Conference

**Saturday, March 19, 2011**

**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Claremont School of Theology**

**1325 N. College Blvd.**

**Claremont**

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

**Collected This Week: \$12.24**

**Collected to Date: \$8,191.31**

**Total equals: 81,913 Doses!**

**One dollar equals 10 does of vaccine!**

**\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**





## "TED's Brazilian"

**Teresa** read three "Thank You" notes from grateful recipients of Victorville Rotary monies: Deb Clarkson, Secondary Principal of Victor Valley Christian School for the Teacher Mini Grant Program, Michael Kaiser, Dan Stover Music Contestant, and The Assistance League of Victorville for Operation School Bell.

**Teresa** reminds us that volunteers are needed for the April 30th **Immunization Clinic** at High Desert Church. It will be huge, as it is also a Bicycle Helmet Giveaway, so YOUR help is needed! (See information below, next column.)

**Joe Andreasen** is seeking Platinum and Gold Sponsors for the June 13th **Victorville Rotary Club Golf Tournament**. He needs lots of golfers as well! Sign up... Show up... and Pay up, Rotarians. This is a big fundraiser for our Club! There will be a 50/50 drawing for \$5,000, too!

**Hough** encourages all Board Members (and future Board Members) to attend the District's Training April 2nd. See the calendar or visit the website for more information at <http://www.district5300.org/BODTS>.

**Russ Stringham** will be keeping us informed on the progress of the defibrillator which is soon to be delivered to Ensenada.

Happy Birthday this week to **Diane** (Stew) **Anderson** and **"Butch"** (Colleen) **Butcher**!

**Caroll Yule** and **Terry Caldwell** have apparently struck a deal for the opportunity to share in the benefits of the Spoon. This week **Caroll** treated us with a song written just for Caldwell, Kennedy & Porter. She explained to **Matt** just how it came about, and reminded him of his roll in the caper, which resulted in a backfiring fine to **Matt**!



## Teresa's Happy Thought

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful!"

## Next Week's Program: Dan Stover Regional Music Contest

## RAFFLE & FINE SESSION...

**Matt Drake** officiated this week as Finemaster and Raffer. **Don Lager** wasn't safe; no fine, just a little cussing out from Matt, but heck, he's a good sport (**Don**, that is)! **Kevin Kane** had some very special socks on, earning him a \$10 fine. **Matt** calls **Margaret Cooker** an "easy target", so let her off this week, but began transferring fines to keep it



fun... **James Baxter** pays **Margaret's** \$10 fine, while **Bill Scott** pays \$10 for **James'** hair lightener. **Kirk Riding** pays **Russ Stringham's** \$10 fine for who-knows-what, while **Don Lager** pays \$10 for **Luis Frisby's** turning off of the gas. **Caroll Yule** shared that **James Baxter** will be "dancing with the Stars", and he admitted he's been approached; but alas, no fine for either!



On to some raffling, **Hough's** awesome Photo Mouse Pad was won by **Joe Andreasen**, **Dwight Johnson's** Discount Card went to **John Kroencke**, and **Dwight** gets **Charles Gehrke's** Cookbook. Beautiful Picassa Wine Glass Jewelry from **Teresa** was won by **Margaret Cooker**, and **Joe Andreasen** tried for a pot worth \$500, but came home with only \$5. Better luck next time, **Joe**!

### District 5300 Rotary International Board of Directors Training Seminar

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

New, continuing and potential board members, or those interested in expanding their Rotary knowledge and leadership skills.



#### BIGGER BETTER BOLDER

Sign up online at [www.District5300.org/BODTS](http://www.District5300.org/BODTS)



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March**  
(or is it Shear Realty??)



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President ..... Teresa DeAtley  
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 Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker  
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 Recording Secretary ..... Marilyn Buttelwerth  
 Sergeant At Arms ..... Gary Adams

### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Jim Murray • Kimberly Ramirez • Bill Scott  
 Cherie Range • Bob Basen • Alicia Anderson

Past President (2009--10) ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Incoming President (2011-12) ..... Charles Gehrke  
 President-Elect (2012-13) ..... Russ Stringham  
 President Nominee (2013-14) ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage

### Current Chair Persons:

Membership ..... Charles Gehrke  
 SongMaster ..... Al Castellucci  
 Scholarships ..... Ginger Ontiveros  
 Publicity/Public Relations ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Cards and Calls ..... Gaylynn Stringham  
 Programs ..... Mike Page  
 Newsletter ..... Mary Teran

**The Rotary Club of Victorville meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Grumpy Golfer, 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  
 San Bernardino, Masonic Temple, 12:10 p.m.  
**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. - 6:00 P.M. - Yoshi Sushi  
 14177 Kentwood Blvd., Victorville  
**THURSDAY:** Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, noon  
 Hesperia, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m.  
 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. 19: 16th Annual Peace Conference**  
 8:30-12:30, Claremont School of Theology (See Page)
- April 2: Board of Director Training**  
 7576 Etiwanda Ave, Rancho Cucamonga - For info:  
<http://www.district5300.org/BODTS>
- April 21: Open House - Printmart - 4-7 p.m.**  
 16785 Bear Valley Rd., Hesperia.  
 (760) 949-3377
- April 30: Immunization Clinic & Helmet Giveaway - High Desert Church**  
**Volunteers needed!**
- May 21-25: Rotary International Convention**  
 New Orleans
- June 9-12: District Conference - La Jolla**
- June 13: Rotary Golf Tournament - SVLCC**
- June 18: Demotion Party - Home of Dan Dever**

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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Mar. 22 Dan Stover Memorial High Desert Regional Music Contest (Yule)**
- Mar. 29 Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell Banker Commercial - Topic: Commercial Real Estate: The Recovery (Basen)**

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