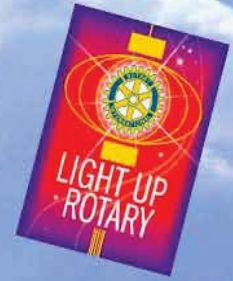




The Joshua Tree



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Managing Our Water Supply With Science



Together, we're securing water for today and tomorrow...

A “discussion of data, knowledge, and understanding using science” was held at Rotary this week with Lance Eckhart, Mojave Water Agency’s Director of Basin Management and Resource Planning, and his assistant, Brian Hammer. Lance explained how the MWA manages our water and its use through the latest technologies of math and science.

His presentation depicted the ways in which his Agency is dealing with the long-term drought being experienced by our high desert water users. He used the MWA’s web site (<http://www.mojavewater.org>) to walk us through the history of MWA and their efforts as “resource stewards” for the region. They take samplings from wells and archive information collected from over the last hundred

or so years, acting as a data depository for several other agencies. The MWA has the ability to move water from Northern California through the aqueduct to meet Southern California’s needs, and takes a science-based approach on decision making, for not just today, but decades from now. As stated on the web site, “MWA embraces a collaborative approach to engage stakeholders and the community at-large to forge community partnerships benefitting the entire region”. For the past four decades, high desert residents have been using more water than is replaced naturally, and the Agency tracks the ground water basin as to how much comes in versus how much is going out. A very impressive program!



The Mojave River is the lifeblood of the desert.

THIS WEEK’S GUESTS



Ben Tafoya introduced guests this week. We welcomed Lisa Crosby and Tim Norton of the VVUHSD, guests of Ron Williams and Lance Eckhart and Brian Hammer of th Mojave Water Agency (speaker).

In for Eldon Heaston was Violette Roberts; Yvonne Heaston for Kirby Brill; Eugene Everage for Hough, and Cathy Caruso for Mary Hennessey. Welcome, all!

Thank you to today’s Functionaries



- Invocation:** Marie Langley
- Flag Salute:** Sam Lucia
- 4-Way Test:** Ron Williams
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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



Ryan Ostelle of Apple Valley High School brought his "Skills USA" team to practice their oratory skills before a live audience. The students are in his Web Design Class, and will compete in "Entrepreneurship" at the Skills USA state Conference. They won resoundingly at the Regional level, and will face 24 other teams April 9-12. We wish good luck to team members Anthony Sellers, Kolin Jacobs, Alejandro Herrerra, and Ermesto Lomeli. Rotarians were invited to critique the performance and/or looking at their Business Plan.



FREE AND FREE
(Registration & Lunch)
District Assembly

April 11, 2015

Oak Hills High School, 7625 Cataba Road, Oak Hills
 8 - 9 a.m. - Registration & Continental Breakfast

FREE LUNCH, TOO!

Find out about programs and events for 2015-2016
 Foundation Grant Training is Included



April Member Birthdays

Gerry Lundberg	April 3
Van Young	April 6
Bill Scott	April 15
Russ Stringham	April 23
Alicia Anderson	April 23
Matt Drake	April 25
Jennifer Starbuck	April 27
John Hulterstrom	April 28

April Partner Birthdays

Trish (Dwight) Johnson	April 1
Anne Lippard (Gene Gibbs)	April 4
Patricia (Steve) Orr	April 10
Tony (Margaret) Cooker	April 17

Wedding Anniversaries

Russ & Gaylymn Stringham	April 9
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Club Anniversaries

May Teran	April 1
Paula Porter	April 6
Mehdi Mostaedi	April 8
Todd Turoci	April 8
Rob Kilpatrick	April 12
David North	April 17
Ryan McEachron	April 21
Todd Sturges	April 22
Bill Scott	April 22
John Wilkins	April 24
Jennifer Starbuck	April 27

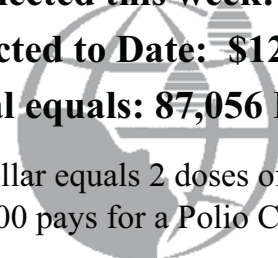
WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$9.06

Collected to Date: \$12,162.59

Total equals: 87,056 Doses!

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





Steve Sez...

President **Steve Murray** gave **Brad Letner** an opportunity to solicit Community Service volunteers to help clean up the “Rotary stretch of highway” near the Palmdale exit of the I-15. The project will require a once-monthly occurrence.

Dwight Johnson is asking for all Past Presidents to RSVP for the April 16th P.P. Dinner at Mama Carpino’s. The restaurant will need a head count.

In **Ginger Ontiveros**’ absence, **Steve** reminded members to encourage young folks to attend the High Desert Huddle, a chance for high school and college students to learn about Rotary. It is FREE, and there is, FOOD... Margaret reminds us :)

President **Steve** stated the urgent **NEED** for Facilitators for the RYLA weekend (April 17-19). Please contact him if you are able to assist in leading eight high school students in learning leadership skills.

District Assembly is very important for the incoming Board; however, it’s open to all Rotarians, and a great opportunity to learn the inner workings of Rotary.

Superbuild: May 2nd - Build a home for a poor family in Mexico! Notice the spoon in **Steve’s** ice tea? His reminder to give **Brad** his spoon time...



Brad Letner

Brad explained a bit more about the upcoming inaugural “Ignite” event. This is the very first of it’s kind!

www.ignitehighdesert.com

April 2nd - 5:30

\$20 / Ticket

\$10 of each ticket goes to the High Desert United Way

Courtyard Marriott

9619 Mariposa Rd.,
Hesperia

Come for the Great Speakers!



FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor added **Jennifer Starbuck** to last week’s list of Accountants being fined \$20 in absentia; **Sam Lucia’s** two years as a Rotarian netted him a \$20 fine;

and **Mike Page’s** departure during the Fine Session earned him a \$5 fine. Nice raffle prizes: **Y102** Tee Shirt and Free Fratelli’s Deli Lunch from **Dwight Johnson** went to **Eugene (Hough)**

Everage, who also took home a **Gentiva Hospice** Travel Mug, as did **Rosanne Weathers**; a **Bob’s Tire** hat and Tire Gauge went to **Violette Robertson**; **Desert Valley Hospital’s** Mug-O-Stuff went to **Dwight Johnson**; **Hough’s** Wild Hare Chardonnay was won by **Ron William’s** guest, **Tim**; **Rick Hampton’s** “Spot Removal” Kit went to **Steve Murray**; **Hough’s** Diet Coke and Drink Holders went home with **Rosanne Weathers** and **Dwight Johnson**; **Steve Murray’s** Wild Hare Chardonnay was won by **Steve Murray** (huh?); and Woodbridge Merlot from an unknown donor was won by **Marie Langley**.

This Saturday...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENT STEVE!!

LUCKY BLUE DICE



Eugene’s lucky ticket was drawn; he was sitting in for Hough... only \$5.

Next week:

\$375 / 7 Dice



NOW THIS IS WHAT WE’RE TALKING ABOUT... CHECK OUT ALL THESE RAFFLE PRIZES! THANKS, DONORS!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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International	Dan Dever
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Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
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
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.
University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** Adelanto Club meets 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed. at R&S
Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto, 7 a.m.;
2nd Wed. at Chamber Rm., Maverick Stadium at
11:30 a.m.; 5th Wed. dark.
- 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!

- March 28:** Rotary Foundation Dinner - Treasure Island Hotel, Las Vegas. See District web site for information
- April 2:** High Desert Huddle - V.V.C.
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. **(NOTE NEW TIME)**
- April 11:** District Assembly (See page 2)
- April 16:** Past President's Dinner - Mama Carpino's
- April 17-19:** RYLA Weekend **FACILITATORS NEEDED!!**
- April 27:** Past President's Meeting - Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse - 5:30
- May 15-17:** District Conference, Las Vegas

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. 31:** Dr. Pat Mark Junior High School
4-Way Speech Contest
- April 7:** Congressman Paul Cook (Page)



ATTENTION MEMBERS



Rotary members still have to make a reservation (either on the sign-up sheet or with Margaret) and if bringing a guest, be sure to R.S.V.P.!!

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