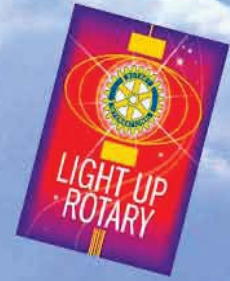




# The Joshua Tree



The *Award Winning* Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

March 31, 2015

## Dr. Pat Mark Annual Jr. High Speech Contest



*Dr. Mark has been an active Rotarian for the Victorville Club for 20+ years, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Formerly, she was Superintendent of the VHSD. She is currently San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, and sponsors this contest each year for the Rotary Club of Victorville and also provides the prize money.*



Jim Barnes conducted this year's "Dr. Pat Mark Annual Jr. High School Speech Contest", featuring three seventh grade students from Hook Junior High. The topic for the timed speeches was "Light Up Rotary", and how it relates to the Rotary 4-Way Test. Each contestant was poised and eloquent, having given obvious thought to the Rotary motto and 2014-15 theme. A sampling of some of the individualistic approaches:

- \* "I will love the light because it shows me the way."
- \* "Light brings comfort like hot soup and a warm bed."
- \* "Light yourself up with Rotary!"

We thank Judges Don Lager, Dr. Hough, and Russ Stringham, and Timekeepers Marilyn Buttlerwerth and David North.



*Chiane Garcia, Tanera Buckner, and Erin Rizo pictured with Hook Jr. High School Counselor, Nancy Noble*

The winner, Tanera Buckner, received a gift card worth \$150, and the second and third runners up each received \$75 in gift cards. Counselor Nancy Noble was on hand to support her students and assist in the awards. We thank all who participated in this wonderful annual contest!

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Hough introduced guests this week. We welcomed Sarah Basso, new General Manager of the Mavericks (Young); Jim Vanderveldt of McKays Mortuaries (McKay); and Lesley Murray, Jim's Wife and guest. Families of the Speech contestants were introduced, and Hook Jr. High's Counselor, Nancy Noble. Chris Ackerman of Signify Designs was introduced, and will be attending as the new Joshua Tree Editor. Welcome, all!

### Thank you to today's Functionaries



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|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Invocation:</b>  | Van Young      |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | David North    |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | Steve Orr      |
| <b>Song:</b>        | Al Castellucci |

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

## District 5300 Recognizes Al Castellucci



Al Castellucci was honored with an award by the R.I. Director and District Governor at the Rotary Foundation dinner March 28th. Margaret and Tony Cooker attended, and Al's 50-plus years as a Rotarian was recognized with this beautiful award. Margaret also commended Al for never having missed a meeting in 54 years... that's right... 54 years!! Congratulations, Al!

## Rotary Club of Victorville Mission Statement



The Rotary Club of Victorville is committed to the identification of unmet community needs; and to the meeting of those needs, where appropriate, by the mobilization and allocation of member and community donations of time and money.

## THREE TRUTHS & A LIE...

Steve gave four hints about one of our Rotarians...

- ★ I did not complete grammar school until the age of 18.
- ★ I was born and raised in Southern California.
- ★ I grew up riding and caring for horses.
- ★ I could not see until the age of ten.

Hmmm. Lots of good guesses, but we were stumped!

*It was Margaret Cooker!! (So she gets the Starbucks card worth \$5!)*

## District Assembly **FREE AND FREE**

(Registration & Lunch)

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

## Note from the Editor...

I have had a great run as the Joshua Tree editor, and have enjoyed the Rotary Club of Victorville immensely! I will miss you all, and hope that our paths cross again in the future. Thank you for the cards, well wishes & parting gifts!

*Mary Jean*



## Rotary Club of Victorville



## BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!



Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. This is an ongoing annual Food Drive for our Club, and the entire pantry is delivered to a recipient quarterly.

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

Collected this week: \$11.21

Plus \$5 from Nancy Noble's win = \$16.21

Collected to Date: \$12,178.80

Total equals: 87,088 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!





## Steve Sez...

President **Steve Murray** handed out the clipboards for upcoming events and projects; please look at them all, and participate when you can. Remember, you **MUST RSVP** for a seat **NEXT WEEK** at the Paul Cook Rotary Luncheon, even if you are a member. The Chef needs a head count! Contact **Margaret** or **Steve**. **Brad Letner's** Community Service announcement this week is for the Easter Food Baskets in conjunction with the Salvation Army to feed ten needy families. **Brad** is seeking donations and assistance in filling the baskets; expect an email on this subject from **Brad** soon.

**Steve** reminds **PAST PRESIDENTS** of the dinner April 16th at Mama Carpino's. RSVP to **Ben Tafoya**, please.

**Ben** was absent, so **Steve** reminded members of the upcoming District Assembly on April 11th (see page two). Also, the District still needs **FACILITATORS** for the **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Camp April 17th through 19th. Go to the District web site for info. May 2nd is the SuperBuild in Tecate, Mexico, and hotel rooms are getting scarce. **Steve** says if you're thinking of going with Rotarians to build a house for a poor family, now's the time to get on board; he can get information to you.



**Margaret Cooker** reported on the Foundation Dinner she attended, and she brought a beautiful raffle basket. She said there was a fantastic turnout at the dinner and that the theme was to let the world know what Rotary does and what Rotarians do in our world.

Earthshaking... **Steve** announced that his Father, **Jim Murray**, was President of the Rotary Club of Victorville when he was 50 years old, and guess what... **Steve** turned 50 last Saturday, which means there is a Father & Son team that both served our Club during their 50th year!



Well, this was an unusual occurrence... Pastor Paul Earle bid for the April "Spoon of Exemption" in absentia!

Why? Because Easter falls in the month of April!! The contention was heavy between Don Lager and Paul's bidder, Dwight Johnson. Life Church won with a solid \$235 bid!



## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



**Jim Barnes** was very busy this week, adding to his list of duties, he acted as Finemaster! His first fine was an easy one... \$10 to **Steve Murray** for his Father & Son announce-

ment; oops, **Steve** is exempt as Club President. **Jim** hit **Dwight Johnson** for \$10, just cuz, and **Dwight** added another \$10 to announce is wife, **Trish's** birthday. With a lack of Rotarians to fine, **Marie Langley** offered to take a \$5 hit for the Choice Medical Group's partnering with "March For Babies". See or call **Marie** for information on this project. Raffle prizes were in abundance again this week! **Hough** brought many: Her Mint Girl Scout Cookies went home with **Violette Roberts**, **Marie Langley**, **Chris Ackerman**, and **Ron Hughes**, who also won **Hough's** Cell Phone Stand. A Bottle of Wine from **Choice Medical Group** went to **Gary Adams**, who also won **Hough's** Cell Phone Stand; **Marilyn Buttelwerth** took home a nice Spa Basket from **Hough**; **McKay Mortuaries'** Dan Stover Truffles went home with **Nancy Noble**, as did **McKay's Mortuaries'** Lantern; **Choice Medical Group's** Martinelli's Cider was won by **Hough**, who also won the **Mojave Air Quality Management's** Bag. The Beautiful Party Basket **Margaret** brought back from the Foundation Dinner was won by **Dan Munsey**.



## LUCKY BLUE DICE



Nancy Noble took \$5 from the Pot, handing it all over to Margaret for the Polio Pig.

Next week:

**\$400 / 6 Dice**



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Incoming President/Membership .....	Ben Tafoya
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Youth Service .....	Ginger Ontiveros
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Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker

### Members-at-Large:

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### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms .....	Gary Adams
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Club Activities .....	Dwight Johnson
Membership .....	Ben Tafoya
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane / Dwight Johnson
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!

- 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 - 6:00 p.m.
- April 17-19:** RYLA Weekend **FACILITATORS  
NEEDED!!**
- April 27:** Past President's Meeting - Green  
Tree Golf Course Clubhouse - 5:30
- May 2:** SuperBuild - Tecate, Mexico  
See District Web site for information
- May 15-17:** District Conference, Las Vegas  
Green Valley Resort & Casino

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LINK VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT MARY TERAN  
TO GET ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.**

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- April 7:** Congressman Paul Cook (Page)  
**Rotary members still have to make a  
reservation (either on the sign-up  
sheet or with Margaret) and if bring-  
ing a guest, be sure to R.S.V.P.!!**
- April 14:** Kevork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty Un-  
dergraduate Studies, CSUSB and Mod-  
el U.N. Instructor at VVC. **Topic:  
T.B.A.**

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