

The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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Rotary Club Receives Update on New High Desert Detention Center



Captain Jon Marhoefer

High Desert Detention Center Jail Commander

High Desert Detention Center's Captain, Jon Marhoefer, spoke to Rotary this week about how the county is handling the growing inmate population as a result of the California prison realignment. Unbeknownst to most of us, San Bernardino operates the sixth largest correctional system in the country. "In full compliance with the regulations set forth by the California State Corrections Standard Authority, the goal is to provide community protection by maintaining a secured, safe, humane and just environment with the jail."

In January 2006, the County of San Bernardino opened the High Desert Detention Center to add much needed space to the Bureau of Detention and Corrections. It was the first Type II facility to be located in the High Desert and provided safe and secure housing for over 700 inmates. In April of that same year, there was already a need for expansion.

The High Desert Detention Center jail facility officially reopened February 6, 2014, following the \$145 million expansion project. Among other enhancements, the center now boasts 1,392 more beds, three new housing units, a high-definition video surveillance system, video visitation, and walls coated to reduce the spread of infectious diseases. The new beds will help relieve jail overcrowding brought about by the realignment of state prisoners.

The new on-site medical and dental facilities eliminate the need for deputies to transport inmates to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga for those services, allowing Sheriff's officers more availability to serve the communities in the high desert. Captain Marhoefer is very proud of how the various components of law enforcement work together to make ours a much better community, and he is excited about the level of service they are able to offer us all.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Paul Earle
Flag Salute: Sam Lucia
4-Way Test: Ron Boyd
Song: Al Castellucci

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Our single guest this week was Captain Jon Marhoefer, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, who was also the speaker this week. We welcomed Rick Hampton of ServPro, who we haven't see in a while. Nice to have you back, Rick!

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

★ ROTARY QUIZ ★



Question: What do these two tables have in common?

Answer: Neither of them have Rotarians sitting at them!! We only filled five tables this week, yet we pay for eight tables of Rotarians! We missed you all!



Go to Facebook.com. In search bar type in:
Rotary Club of Victorville.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

We are in DESPERATE need of Facilitators; both men and women!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive, two-and-a-half-day leadership training program for high school juniors in District 5300 chosen for their leadership potential. In addition to the development of leadership skills, RYLA is meant to develop understanding of Rotary among youth participants and reinforce and provide recognition for their efforts, accomplishments, skills and potential as leaders. Rotarians serve as facilitators to the students' learning and discovery, as well as role models of Rotary ideals of the Four Way Test and Service Above Self.

LUCKY BLUE MARBLE

The truth is... Russ has lost his marbles! We were unable to place all 14 marbles in the bag, so Mary Hennessy gets to draw next week. Then we'll draw another ticket for next week and another draw.



\$200 / 14 Marbles



Take note of this...

In Foundation giving:

- ★ District Total Giving - \$1,080,000
- ★ Polio Contributions - \$489,791
- ★ Foundation - 50% of goal - \$233,800 (\$98/member)
- ★ Top 2 in Zone 25/26 in Polio and overall Foundation Giving

★ **Be proud, Rotarians!** ★

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There is now a "Bill Me Later" option if paying by PayPal that has been added to the web site. This will allow members to pay their bill to the Club now through PayPal, but are billed through the "Bill Me Later" option if chosen.

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BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. This is an on-going, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



Rotary Fellowship



Home of

Steve & Pam Murray

Perfect opportunity to bring a prospective guest to learn about Rotary!

April 24th * 5:30-8

Pot Luck: Bring
Hors d'oeuvres / Desserts



Steve sits in for Russ

President Elect **Steve Murray** got some experience this week running the meeting. He also learned some American Flag etiquette at PETS, which he shared: When flying the flag on a staff with an eagle atop, the eagle should be facing outward. Thanks for that, **Steve**! He also thanked **Pastor Earle** for attending, as he had been praying this “practice” meeting would go well... and it did!

RYLA Facilitator training will follow the District Assembly this Saturday afternoon. **David North** was very enthusiastic about his RYLA experience, and encourages everyone to attend at least once. He remarked on the transformation he saw the kids experience and the quality of the program in teaching leadership skills. Facilitators are badly needed (see page two).

Ben Tafoya recommends attending the April 24th Fireside, especially designed to introduce Rotary to new and potential members. Map and additional information will be in next week’s newsletter.

Margaret Cooker updated us on the grant we received for the Boys & Girls Club, which has closed temporarily. The grant was re-written for the Victor Valley Rescue Mission (“Changing Lives For Good”). Last Thursday she went with **Steve Murray** to deliver tables for their food program, and towels, toiletries, and other materials for the twice-weekly hot shower program. **Steve** reiterated that the Mission was extremely grateful for our donation, and **Margaret** suggested this is a wonderful place to do volunteer duties, and they appreciate it. Opportunities include the Hot Shower Program, Clothing Giveaway, Mission Tour & Community Dinner. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact:

Veronica Trujillo, 760-927-3141
or visit: www.vvrescuemission.org

Thanks to **Steve Murray** and **Stew Anderson** for their donations this week to the Rotary Pantry!

WHAT’S IN MARGARET’S CAN??

Collected this week: \$11.00

Collected to Date: \$11,052.15

Total equals: 84,983 Doses!

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

FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor was back as Finemaster, and began by fining **Todd Turoci** for his salad bar comments... \$10. **Mark** then tasked **Al Castellucci** with



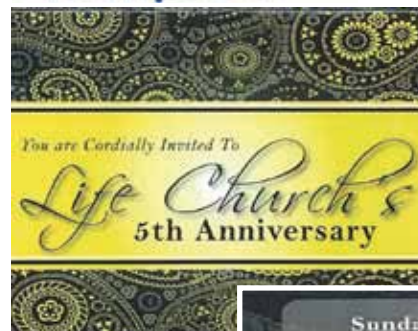
singing a different song occasionally. **Mark** noted the empty chairs, and a fine “in absentia” was suggested. **Sam Lucia’s** red badge netted him a \$5 fine, and **Al** received a \$10 fine for baiting the Finemaster.

No lack of great raffle prizes... **Dwight Johnson** brought in a few nice gifts: **KAT Country** Digiplex Theater Tickets and Tee Shirt went to **Ben Tafoya**; **The FOX** Classic Rock Tee Shirt and Tickets went to **Gary Adams**, who also won the **Y102** Tee Shirt and two Renaissance Pleasure Faire Tickets! Thanks, **Dwight**. **Pastor Earle’s** book, “Unshakable: Standing Strong When Things Go Wrong” was won by **Gary Adams** and one also went to our guest speaker, **Captain Marhoefer**; **Ben Tafoya’s** Swiss Army Knife was won by **Dwight Johnson** (turnabout is fair play); a Bottle of Wine from **Rotary** went to **Captain Marhoefer**; **Gentiva Hospice’s** Milk Chocolates were won by **Gary Adams** (what?)... and **Ben Tafoya** took home a Beautiful Basket donated by **Hough**.

This week’s marble drawing will actually take place NEXT week, when the marbles return from Mexico with **President Russ**. **Mary Hennessy** will be the one to draw first next week, then another ticket will be drawn.



Paul Earle



Pastor Earle has invited us all to attend the Life Church 5th Anniversary Celebration (4/13), and also join his Church Family for Easter Services (4/20).



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directords

President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Steve Murray
Club Service & President 2015-16	Ben Tafoya
Community Service	Mark Layton
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Bob Basen • Rob Kilpatrick • Kevin Porter • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Club Activities	Ben Tafoya
Membership	Steve Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Ben Tafoya
Cards and Calls	Gaylynn Stringham
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 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto. 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 5: District Assembly - Victor Valley College - **See Pg. 3 - CLUB PAYS**
RYLA Facilitator Training follows immediately

Apr. 24: **FIRESIDE** - Home of Steve and Pam Murray. Sign up at meetings.

Apr. 25-27: **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** YMCA Camp Whittle, Fawnskin (See Pg. 2 for information)

May 3: **Superbuild Project - Corezon, Mexico**

May 15-18: **District Conference - Palm Springs**

Hilton Palm Springs



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UPCOMING

ROTARY PROGRAMS

- April 8:** **Panel Discussion:** "Impact of Common Core on Teacher Preparation Programs, Teacher Professional Development, and K-12 Student and Parent Support" (Dr. Hough)
- April 15:** Caroll Yule, Owner/Broker, Shear Realty
Topic: "What is Your Home Worth NOW?" (Page)
- April 22:** **Elementary School 4- Way Speech Contest sponsored by Dale Marsden** (Barnes)

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