



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

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## Crimes and Misdemeanors



**Kristianna M. Parde**, the San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney carries a love for Rotary in her heart. Kristianna, who lives in Big Bear with her two adopted children, is a former member of the Rotary Club of Big Bear. She was part of the first group of women allowed into that particular club, and is a multiple recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow. For the

past 20 years, she has worked for the DA's Office

The rapid usage of marijuana began with the passing of Prop 215, which allowed medical marijuana usage and dispensaries to become legal. The Dispensaries are only supposed to sell to someone with a Medical Marijuana Card or if you are a Caregiver for another. But with most things, this has lead to more problems than solutions. Dispensaries are being closed down at a rapid rate due to "under the Table" dealings, which has now lead onto more crimes. I present you with the story of Sandra.

Sandra loves her weed. She doesn't have a Medical Card, so to get her pot illegally, her neighborhood dispensary will take care of her at the back door. To get money to do this she has to do a little shoplifting. With the passing of AB 109 she knows that as long as she steals no more than \$949 worth of stuff, then she will only be charged with a misdemeanor, if she gets caught at all. Sandra knows that even though AB109 was sold as a way to help victims, and use tax dollars and put them towards going after true dangerous and violent criminals, was actually just a way for the State to deal with prison overpopulation.



Sandra knows the score all too well. To deal with the overcrowding issue, California now takes the non-violent inmates from State Prisons, and moves them to County Jails, which were meant to serve inmates for under a 1 year stay. The issue is solved on the State level, but now the County is overpopulated! She knows to solve this, the County System has no choice but to release misdemeanor cases rather quickly!

Sandra has her game all worked out. She knows that if she steals \$950 or more in merchandise she will be charged with a felony, so as long as she stays under that amount, she can sell the merchandise off, and get money for her dope. If she gets caught, who cares! Even though she may receive a 3 year jail term, she knows she will only see a couple months, if not less, because the state needs to make sure that the felons in County, do not become burdened with overcrowding.

It's a win-win for Sandra! The only loser is the High Desert business that has lost \$900 of product, loss in revenue and income to feed their families and the families of their employees, all because it makes Sandra feel good and relaxed when she gets high. Next time someone tells you that we should legalize marijuana, that no one suffers from it, share this story with them.

### *Thank you to today's Functionaries*



- Invocation:** Marie Langley
- Flag Salute:** Jim Murray
- 4-Way Test:** Dwight Johnson
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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



## Steve Sez...

**Steve Murray** was back after being in Mexico and was in rare form! His first acknowledgment was to **Ben Tafoya**, for actually showing up at a Rotary meeting!

**Dwight Johnson** was brought up next to remind members that on July 27 we will demote Steve, and promote Ben! *(More info on page 4)*

**Margaret Cooker** reported on our Foundation. She shared that we will receive approximately \$2,300 back because all final reports for this year's 3 grants have been accepted and we fulfilled our quota of having 2 members attend the Foundation Grant Seminar.

**Jim Barnes** reminded us all to attend the music students finals at the District Conference, Saturday at noon! We have a student in the finals and we feel he is going to win it!

Steve and **Russ Stringham** shared their amazing stories of their weekend in Mexico, starting with the Super Build in Tecate, where they assisted in building a home for a appreciative and needy family. From there they visited the El Sausal Orphanage and took a look at the washer and dryer we donated, as well as read books to 45 enthralled orphans. *(Photos on page 3)* Finally, they met with 4 Rotarians from Ensenada Club, where they discussed the ongoing water projects. Funny, no mention of tequila shots and buckets of beer. *Hmmm.*

Finally, Steve reminded us that on May 19 we will be having an Off-Site meeting at the Route 66 Museum in Victorville. *(More info on page 4)* Most members feel he chose this location so he can get back to his shop in 5 seconds after the meeting ends, but that's why he's the President...for now...

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Club Assembly will be held on May 27 during the regular meeting to Ratify the 2015-2016 Board of Directors for Club and Foundation. Members must be present to vote.

## WHO WILL BE ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR?

Your Nomination Counts! You only have until May 15 to make your recommendation!

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

The very shy **Steve Orr** went around the room today to help our members introduce our guests. **Violetta Roberts** once again in attendance for **Eldon Heaston** as well as **Eugene Everage** was here for **Dr. Hough**. Our latest spoon holder, **Melanie Lovingood** from ICR, was here for her husband **Robert** and finally, **Al Castellucci** welcomed **Lily Aguirre** who was here for **Mark McKay**.



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

Collected this week: \$30.00

*\$25 from Pig, and \$5 from Eldon Heaston via Violetta Roberts' dice win*

Collected to Date: \$12,323.79

Total equals: 86,750 Doses!

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



## Melanie Lovingood

Our latest spoon holder, Melanie Lovingood from ICR Staffing Services, was given this by her husband Robert Lovingood in last week's battle for the spoon.

Melanie had one very important message to share with everyone, to remember that Mother's Day is Sunday May 10, and to make sure you make her feel special!

I wonder if Melanie knows that the Spoon is her Mother's Day gift from Robert? Oh boy.



**Jim Barnes** was our Fine Master for the day, and he was all over the place! **Al Castellucci** was fined \$11.95 + tax and tip for

getting a free meal from the Green Tree, **Doug Robertson** was fined \$30 for having a birthday, as well as **Stew Anderson** for celebrating his Anniversary. Finally **Steve Murray** was actually fined \$20 for being careless with his passport in Alaska. Steve will be making Russ pay the fine for squealing.

## Proposed Members

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 11 to President Steve Murray

**Karen Minnifield**

**Previous member of Victor Valley Sunrise**

**Marketing**

**Sunset Hills and Victor Valley Mortuaries**

**Classification: Services: Cemetery:  
Marketing**

**Sponsor : Steve Murray**

## RAFFLE SESSION:



**Dr. Hough**, gave a couple of her scarves, which were won by **Stew Anderson** and **Don Lager**. **Dwight Johnson** won a Bob's Tire hat from **Steve Murray**, Dwight gave three shirts from El Dorado, won by **Mary Hennessy**, **Donna Wells** and Dwight himself! He gave it to Mary Hennessy to make her collection complete, while she raked it in again with a \$25 gift card from Midway! For his good deed, Dwight also took home a travel mug from Gentiva Hospice. **Steve Orr** took home a Starbucks gift card and a bottle of wine from Steve Murray, and finally a set of country CD's from Dwight were won by **Russ Stringham** and **Ron Hughes**!

## Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

May 4	Doug Robertson
May 10	Gene Gregory
May 12	Cherie Range
May 21	Eddie Hernandez
May 29	Pat Mark
May 30	Kirby Brill
May 31	Sandy Bannister

### ANNIVERSARIES:

May 1	Ron Wilson	24 Years
May 4	James Baxter	21 Years
May 9	Stew Anderson	25 Years
May 19	Brad Letner	1 Year
May 21	Steve Flannery	36 Years
May 28	Margaret Cooker	27 Years

## LUCKY BLUE



The shouts of joy you heard from the Rotary luncheon was from **Violetta Robert's** grab of the white dice, a 50/50 chance down the drain! One blue dice left, worth \$525. **Steve Murray** has called in for extra security.

## Steve & Russ Go to Mexico....

*Steve Murray and Russ Stringham had a memorable Rotary weekend in Mexico for the Super Build, a visit to the El Sausal Orphanage and a meeting with Rotary Club of Ensenada. Here are some photos of their good work...*



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Steve Murray
Immediate Past President .....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership .....	Ben Tafoya
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17 .....	Dwight Johnson
Community Service .....	Brad Letner
Youth Service .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service .....	Jim Barnes
International .....	Dan Dever
Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker

### Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
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 .....	Chris Ackerman

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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m. Rotaract, 4th Thursday, VVC Student Activities.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



### Important Dates

## Mark your Calendar!

### May 15-17: 2015 District Conference

Green Valley Ranch Resort  
2300 Paseo Verde Parkway  
Henderson, NV 89052

*Don't Miss the Dan Stover Music  
Finals lunch on Saturday*

### June 6-9: International Convention

Sao Palo, Brazil

### June 27: Demotion Party

Dan Dever's Home  
13166 Waco Rd, AV  
760-963-2198

Bring family, friends and prospective  
members...NO CHARGE  
Drinks@ 4:30pm

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VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS ACKERMAN TO GET  
ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- May 12: Clive Houston-Brown**  
Topic: "The Water Crisis in Mali  
Africa"(Anderson)  
**S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale,  
Oro Grande & VV Christian (6)**
- May 19: OFFSITE MEETING**  
**Route 66 Museum (Murray)**  
16825 D St, Victorville, CA
- May 26: Phyllis Morris, San Bernardino  
County Public Defender (Page)**

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