



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

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One Drop At a Time

Water is a precious commodity, we all know that, but for some people in the world it can be deadly. **Clive Houston-Brown** from the Pomona Rotary Club was with us today to share suffering situation with contaminated water in Mali, Africa. Thanks to the determination of Rotary International and others, we are doing our part to make the world a better, and safer place to live.

7% of all deaths in Africa are caused by contaminated water. Self made wells there are dug by hand and left open. Water then is contaminated by a variety of factors; mice, flies, parasites, dogs drinking, dirt, bird droppings, even children falling into these open wells and dying inside! The saddest part is that after a villager travels 3 miles on foot to get a bucket of contaminated water, there is only enough left for drinking and cooking. With that being deadly in itself, there is one important component of water that it is not used for, sanitation and washing. Flies land on people in that part of the world and lay eggs. Without proper washing, the eggs hatch on the eyes and the individual goes blind.



Luckily, with the compassion of Rotary District 5300 and Cirque Du Soleil's "One Drop at a Time" project, proper and protected wells are being built to help different villages in Africa. In fact, in Kenya, they have built 3 phase well systems, for not only just clean drinking water, but for fish farms and agriculture. Another part of their project is building toilets as well as teaching proper sanitation and hygiene for stop the spread of disease and contamination.

The cost to save a life: \$100. This amount given to their clean water project will go a long way, one of the best ways to spend money that will go the farthest in helping others. Ten years ago, there were 1 billion people without access to clean water. Today, there are 800 million left, a 20% decrease in contaminated wells, thanks to Rotary. But there is still along way to go and with their \$150,000 Clean Water Global Grants, that number will certainly go a lot lower.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation:	Brad Letner
Flag Salute:	Caroll Yule
4-Way Test:	Mark Taylor
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 welcomed us all and reminded everyone that the financials from the month's Board meeting were available. **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)*

Steve also asked everyone to remember that next week is an off-site meeting at the Route 66 Museum on D Street in Victorville. Please make sure you sign up with Margaret ASAP so we know how much food to provide. Steve is looking forward to this weekend's District Conference, as he was already learned that our Rotary Club will be receiving some awards! More information in our next newsletter!

Finally, you only have until Friday, May 15 to turn in your recommendation for the Rotarian of the Year. The recipient will be revealed at the Demotion Party, and that is reason enough to attend this party!



Mark Taylor was back where he belonged as Fine master, and brought all of his wit and venom back for the entertainment of some, and the emptying of wallets for others.

Mark fined **Russ Stringham** over a photo. In one photo from the Super Build, Russ is seen standing next to a woman carrying a large ice chest *(See last issue)*, and was fined \$10 for not carrying it for her! **Doug Robertson** was fined for another quote that he made in the Daily Press, as was **Stew Anderson** for celebrating his 25th Anniversary in Rotary!

Finally, we witnessed the mother of all fines in one fell swoop. Everyone at the back table was asked earlier to move forward, but none did, so Mark fined all the troublemakers in the back \$25 each!! In the photo below, you can clear see **Brad Letner**, quietly plotting his revenge...



THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

Jennifer Starbuck took the mic today and went around the room for our guest introductions. **Jim Barnes** welcomed his guest **Sarah Maes**, while **Ron Williams**, introduced us all to **CT Campbell**, a coach from the VVUHSD. **Kevin Kane** introduced his guest, **Aaron Moore** from the Victor Valley Transit Authority.



We are also made aware of our "fill-ins" for this meeting and had some familiar faces as well as some new ones. **Tony Cooker** was in attendance for **Dr. Hough**, as well as **David Quintanill** for **Rick Hampton** and finally, **Tina Torres** visited us today for **Mark McKay**.

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$19.00

Collected to Date: \$12,342.79

Total equals: 86,790 Doses!

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

April Membership Awards

Ben Tafoya alerted the Club that the Membership Award for the month of April went to Steve Murray! Steve amassed a whopping 25 points and received a Costco gift card for his great support of Rotary. Honorary mentions as well go to **Ron Hughes, Ron Williams, Mike Page** and **Russ Stringham**, who all received 5 points each.

Please remember to bring a guest and continue to grow our Club!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Club Assembly will be held on May 26 during the regular meeting to:

Ratify the 2015-2016 Board of Directors for Club and Foundation and

Billing Increase

Note there has been no increase for over 10 years despite charges from both Rotary International and District increasing each year:

Meals for active Exempt and Guests add \$1 to \$19
Active: \$80/month Dues: add \$3.00

Members must be present to vote.

S.T.A.R. STUDENT: Hannah Maes



Deb Clarkson presented Hannah Mases, our S.T.A.R. Student from Victor Valley Christian School with a much deserved award.

Hannah strived to do well in all academic areas. She is a diligent and responsible student that constantly pursues excellence. She participated in 3 sports this year, and all 3 were new experiences for her. Hannah did all of this while maintaining her grades and class work assignments throughout the season. While continuing to excel in her studies, she also grew in her confidence. The sign of a future leader.

Alexandra Leever Receives Award in Rotary's George Hensel Ethics Essay Competition



Alexandra Leever received a runner-up award and \$500 check in the Rotary International District 5300 George Hensel Ethics Essay Competition from Rotary Club of Victorville President **Steve Murray** and Committee Chair **Dr. Ron Boyd**.

Alexandra won the Victorville club's competition against other strong contenders and went forward to the District level event. The winning entry will be read at the District 5300 Conference this weekend.

George Hensel was a former Rotarian of the Montebello club who believed strongly that the future of children would be strengthened by developing strong ethical standards. He totally funded this annual competition.

RAFFLE SESSION:



Caroll Yule, gave a wonderful scented Red Velvet candle, which will now make **Margaret Cooker's** house smell lovely. **Steve Murray** gave a Bob's Tire hat, which was won by **Dwight Johnson**, and **Ron Williams** had some VVUSD water bottles, which were taken home by **John Kroencke** and **Steve Orr**. Another scented candle from **Mark McKay** was won by **Don Lager**, who in turn gave a \$25 Midway gift card which was taken home by Steve Murray. Steve also won a knife and Coozie from **Ben Tafoya**, but a bottle of wine from the Club went to his dad, **Jim Murray**. Finally **Melanie Lovingood** gave a \$15 Starbucks gift card, which was gladly accepted by **Mary Hennessy!**

LUCKY BLUE



...And it's Over! with a ton of tickets sold, and everyone on edge, in the end it was **Russ Stringham** who took the money!

I'm sure **Mark Taylor** is planning a \$525 fine to Mr. Stringham.

FINAL REMINDER

We will be off-site next week for our Meeting at the **Route 66 Museum, 16825 D Street, Victorville, CA**



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

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.
WEDNESDAY:	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.
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, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m. Rotaract, 4th Thursday, VVC Student Activities.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



Important Dates Mark your Calendar!

- June 6-9: International Convention**
Sao Palo, Brazil
- June 11: Avenues of Service**
5:30 pm at Bob's Tire
Fellowship at 5 pm
- June 15: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm DCB BOD Room, 2nd floor
corner Silica and Hesperia Road
Fellowship at 5 pm
- 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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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- May 19: OFFSITE MEETING**
Route 66 Museum (Murray)
16825 D St, Victorville, CA
- May 26: Phyllis Morris, San Bernardino**
County Public Defender (Page)
- June 2: Craig Garrick, CEO (Founder)**
Aviation Assurance Company
Topic: "One company's history at SCLA
and the reason that company expects
to create 2500 new jobs."
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