



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## The Arab Spring... Two years later



*Dino Bozonelos, Ph.D., Asst. Professor, Dept of Social Sciences, VVC and Donovan Rinker-Morris, JD of Scimitar Global Management*

Dr. Dino Bozonelos brought Attorney Donovan Rinker-Morris to update us on what has transpired in the middle east since Dino's last visit.

Donovan reported how protestors have galvanized since the 2011 incident which sparked the "Arab Spring". There have been upheavals in Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Yemen, and Libya, which continue to this day. He explained the various reasons for the uprisings; from demonstrations, revolts and strikes to the toppling of governments.

The situation in each of these countries is volatile, to say the least, and there are many different players (with their own agendas) involved in this region. The U.S. Drone strikes in Libya, terrorist cells, social media, economic diversity... all play a role in the tension occurring throughout the area. The revolutions across these countries share some common thread and reflect divergent economic grievances and social dynamics, presenting difficult and complicated factors for resolution.



## S.T.A.R. Awards Presented to Deserving Students



Laurien Dusharme, Mountain View Montessori Principal, assisted in the presentation of two S.T.A.R. Awards this week. (See Page 3.)



## Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** Joe Andreasen
- Flag Salute:** Antonia Olmos
- 4-Way Test:** Allen Nugyn
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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

# THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



No time for introductions this week, but we did welcome the S.T.A.R. Students, their families and school staff, and the Mojave Vista Elementary School Junior Rotary Club with their Advisor,

Christina San Nicholas, Principal. Also visiting was the VVC newly formed Rotaract Club, Konikka Wofford, Brittainy Plummer, and Samuel Mayfield. We welcomed Bob Conoway (C. Harris); Jacque Lukocsfii (Edson); Manny Manahan of ServPro (for Hampton); Catherine Abbott (A.V. Rotarian); Melanie Lovingood (for Robert Garner Morris (Lovingood) and Breana (Sandra) Luna.



Left: There is a new Rotaract Club formed at the Victor Valley College. Ginger Ontiveros introduced Konikka Wofford, Brittainy Plummer, and Samuel Mayfield.

Below: Christina San Nicholas, Principal of Mojave Vista School, brought her Junior Rotarians (Youth Act)

to ask our assistance in their upcoming "Career Day". The kids each spoke on how they have helped in the community.



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## ★ Upcoming Rotary Events ★

### 2013 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 17 - 19

May 16 - Golf Tournament

The highlight of every Rotary year is the Annual District Conference where you experience fellowship, celebration, motivation and inspiration...

Sign up on the District Web site!



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

Collected this week: \$14.00

Collected to Date: \$9,303.12

Total equals: 79,639 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

## ★ NOTE NEW TIME ★



Mark Your Calendar...



June 15 - 4:30 - 8 pm

Promotion/Demotion of Russ Stringham

Home of Dan Dever





## Russ' Rap

**President Russ Stringham** invited **Steve Murray** to talk about the 2013 Wine, Jazz & More event (one of two of our Club's fund raising efforts). We are gearing up already, and a sign-up sheet is available at meetings. We need individual members to begin thinking of ways to participate... through sponsorships, donations, committee involvement, etc.

**Charles Gehrke** needs 20 new members for our Club, and if each current member provides a name for a potential member, he will meet that goal! So let's get busy; effective July 1st we will be down to 75 members.

**Laurien Dusharme**, Mountain View Montessori Principal, presented two S.T.A.R. Awards this week to two students in the Victor Elementary School District. Angelina Castellon of Sixth Street Prep and Morgan Williams of Mountain View Montessori were the recipients (See photo on Page 1).

**Ginger Ontiveros** introduced three VVC Students of the newly formed Rotaract Club at the Victor Valley College. (See Page 1). **Russ** presented a Rotary flag and pins to each of the Rotaract students.

If any members are interested in joining several Rotarians going to the District Conference, contact **Russ**.

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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.

### LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE



**Ron Hughes** tried for the lucky orange marble this week, but took home only \$5.

**Next week... \$700 and only 4 marbles!**

## RAFFLE SESSION:

**Dwight Johnson** assisted in the raffling of LOTS of great prizes!! Thanks for stepping up and donating prizes, **Rotarians!!**



**Le Chartreuse's** Gem Globe was won by **Melanie Lovingood**, who also took home a Gift from **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage** and a **Brandman (Dr. Hough) Lanyard**. **Brandman's** Can Opener and a **Shred Your Docs** Gift was won by **Ron Hughes**; then he took home another **Brandman** Gift and Golf Balls from **Joe Andreasen**; **Gene Gregory** was another recipient of a **Brandman / Shred Your Docs** Gift; **Paula Porter's** Kendall Jackson Wine went to **Mark Sawyer**, and **Team Edson** took home a Beautiful Basket from **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage**. A **Brandman** Lanyard and Gift from **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage** went to **Cliff Harris**; a **Mojave Air Quality** Bag of Goodies and a Gift from **Brandman** went to **Gary Adams**. The raffle was fast and furious this week, and I'm not sure who won them, but **Le Chartreuse** and **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage** donated more gifts, going to an unknown recipient, and then **Dick Cole** won a Beautiful Basket from **Shred Your Docs!**

**Ron Hughes** tried his hand at winning a pot worth \$600 with only six marbles, but alas, came away with \$5.

### MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

Visit: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>



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We missed Caroll AGAIN this week... bet we make up for it with a really good song next week! Bring it, Caroll!

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President .....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer .....	David North
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service .....	Steve Murray
Community Service .....	Dwight Johnson
New Generations .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational .....	Joe Andreasen
International .....	Ben Tafoya
Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
Recording Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams

### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Bob Basen • Robert Lovingood • Stephanie La Ferriere

Past President (2011-12) .....	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14) .....	Russ Stringham
President-Elect (2014-15) .....	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16) .....	Ben Tafoya

### Current Chair Persons:

Membership .....	Charles Gehrke
SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
Scholarships .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls .....	Gaylynn Stringham
Programs .....	Mike Page
Club Activities .....	Dan Dever
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<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 1st and 3rd Wed. (8 a.m.), 4th Wed. (11:30 a.m.), R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto. 2nd Wed. (11:30 a.m.), Adelanto Chamber. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 7th and Forrester, 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, Coco's, Victorville, 7 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



### Important Dates

## Mark your Calendar!

**May 16:** District Conference Golf Tournament

**May 17-19:** District Conference - Town & Country Convention Center  
**Register on the District Web Site**  
See Page Two.

**June 15:** Russ Stringham Demotion/  
Promotion Party - Home of Dan Dever. 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**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

- May 21:** Attorney Earl Carter, Earl Carter & Associates - Topic: "Current Trends in Immigration" (Page)
- May 28:** Victor Valley College Model United Nations Team (Ontiveros)
- June 4:** Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest (Sawyer)
- June 11:** Russ Stringham & David North  
Topic: "Incoming President's Plans for 2013-14 and State of the Club Finances"
- June 18:** Carol Yule, Shear Real Estate  
Topic: "Residential Real Estate - Making Sense of the Numbers" (Stringham)

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