



The Joshua Tree



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Clowning Around is Serious Business



Mike Hayhurst, Excelsior Superintendent and Victorville Rotarian, spoke today about his life experiences as they relate to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Mike may be a serious Excelsior Superintendent by day,

but he's a Rodeo Clown and Barrelman for fun.

Mike began his Rodeo Clown career in 1977 at a junior rodeo. He was a clown and bullfighter for many high school and junior rodeos before joining the California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association.

Mike left rodeo for a career as a police officer but just couldn't stay away. He returned to rodeo in 1998 when his wife convinced him he needed a "hobby". In 2002, Mike joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).

Working the famous Bishop Mule Days Celebration and the PRCA California Circuit Finals Rodeo have been high points for Mike.

He spent most of 2008 focused on his duties as the Contract Personnel Director for the PRCA California Circuit and produced some bull riding events of his own.

Mike still loves being a Rodeo Clown and Barrelman, and looks forward to entertaining rodeo fans for years to come.



Our club has donated a book to the Victorville Library in Mike Hayhurst's name.

Thank you Mike!

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome Debbie MacDonald and Robin Davidson from Shear Realty, both guests of **Teressa DeAtley**; Gayle Walker from High Desert Therapeutic Massage and

Chris Ackerman (2nd visit!) from Signalry Designs, both guests of **Al Castellucci**; Michael Orme from Congressman McKoen's office, guest of **Bill Scott**; Jeff Salkin from ICR, guest (and "stand-in" sometimes) of **Robert Lovingwood**; and, **Gary Dobney's** son, Adam, a student from Excelsior.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Gary Dobney
Flag Salute: Gina Pické
4-Way Test: Colleen Butcher
Song: Al Castellucci



Lucky White Marble

Joe Andreasen tried for the new

\$200.00 Pot

but only came away with \$5.00

Next week: 14 marbles left

and a **\$250.00 Pot!**



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RAFFLE & FINE SESSION...

Caroll Yule reigned as Fine and Rafflemaster this week. The raffle started with the Jar of Pretzels donated by **Charles Gehrke**. Then the Starbucks Coffee Gift Set donated by **Jennifer Starbuck** (how appropriate!) and the Insulated Lunch Bag donated by **Todd Sturges** went to **Mike Hayhurst**, today's speaker! The Wine Glass Charms donated by **Teressa DeAtley** went to **Caroll Yule**. And **Alicia Anderson** won the Angel



Baseball Tickets donated by **Jeff Salkin**. You could have heard a pin drop when those numbers were read!

Caroll started off today's session by playing "How Well Do You Know Your Rotarian". Seems a lot better than **Caroll** had anticipated because there were only three fines levied for a total of \$60! Once again **John Wilkins** was spared because he's still on vacation and still holds the Spoon of Exemption. I wonder what he'll talk about during his Spoon of Exemption time when he returns!



"Night of Life"

Life Straw Benefit



A TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Presented by the Riverside Prep Students

The Life Straw is a lifesaving device that allows people all over the world access to clean water.

Please help ASB and the Interact Club raise money and awareness for this wonderful cause.

Only \$1.00 Admission Fee - Join us!

When: Tuesday, May 24th, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Oro Grande Elementary School
Elementary Campus Amphitheater
19175 Third St. (760) 245-9260

Contact Charles Gehrke if you need more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A VETERAN
OR SOLDIER TO THE MAY 31ST MEETING
TO BE THANKED AND RECOGNIZED**



WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected This Week: \$30.44

Collected to Date: \$8,621.84

Total equals: 86,218 Doses!

One dollar equals 10 doses of vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



"TED's Brazilian"

Teressa invited everyone to join her tomorrow (May 18th) in presenting the Police and Fire Activities League with the remaining funds of a Foundation Grant from the District.

Teressa also invited everyone to the GSE Team Reception next Tuesday, May 24th, 5:00 p.m., at Raghada Khoury's home, 16640 Tao Road, in Apple Valley. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre as your admission fee or you can pay a small admission charge instead.

Teressa reminded everybody of the Rotary International Conference, May 21-25, in New Orleans. We'll miss you next week Margaret, Charles, Hough and Manjita - but have a great trip!

Charles Gehrke reminded us of the upcoming District Conference in La Jolla, June 9-12. He said 75 students have already signed up to go to the Interact Conference there on Saturday, June 11th!

Charles wanted to make sure everyone saw the sign-up sheet for **Teressa's** Demotion Party at **Dan Dever's** home. Everybody in the pool!

Alicia Anderson announced Excelsior's First Annual Military Recognition & Memorial Event to be held on Friday, May 27th. (See right column for more information.)

Alicia also announced the results of the George R. Hensel Ethics Essay Contest. Lydia Kerns (sponsored by Sierra Madre Rotary) will be awarded \$3,000 at the District Conference Breakfast on Saturday, June 11th. The three runners-up will also be awarded \$500 at the breakfast.

Colleen Butcher told us about her daughter who will be going on a Youth Exchange to Austria this summer for three weeks. She will then bring her new pal from Austria back home with her. What a fabulous experience!

Joe Andreasen reminded us that the Victorville Rotary Golf Tournament at SVLCC is coming up in just a few weeks. They can always use more sponsors so if you need any information, contact either **Joe** or **Russ Stringham**. **Joe** said they're expecting a great turnout. Be there for the fun Monday, June 13th, starting at 8:00 a.m. You can still download an application from our website.



Teresa's Happy Thought

May your life have just enough clouds to make a glorious sunset.

GEORGE R. HENSEL ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Congratulations Rachel Martin!

Rachel was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Victorville and was one of the runners-up. She will receive a check for \$500 at the District Conference breakfast Saturday, June 11th.



Holly Noel with Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District returned "Polio Piggy" with a whopping \$127.66! (And that was after Margaret removed the British and Australian money!!)

This \$127.66 will be matched from the Bill Gates donation, so the total donation will fund a quarter of a polio clinic (\$500 total) or immunize about 250 kids!

Thank you MDAQMD!

Excelsior Charter Schools Presents Our First Annual

Military Recognition & Memorial Event



Come Support Our Troops

Friday, May 27th, Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Held on Victor Valley College Soccer Fields

Mojave Fish Hatchery Rd N/O Bear Valley Rd, Victorville

Free to the Public

- Honoring 250 new local recruits
- Canned Food Drive for Veterans' shelter
- USMC Mounted Color Guard
- Skydiving Show



Contact Derek King for more information.
(760) 552-2013 or derekk@Excelsior.com

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The Rotary Club of Victorville meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Grumpy Golfer, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

MONDAY: San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
TUESDAY: Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m.
 Empire Lakes Golf Course
 Hesperia, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m.
 Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
 San Bernardino, Masonic Temple, 12:10 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon
 Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon
 University Prep, 7th and Forrester, 2:00 p.m.
 High Desert, 6:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. - Yoshi Sushi
 14177 Kentwood Blvd., Victorville
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.



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

May 21-25: Rotary International Convention
 New Orleans

May 22: Hesperia Rotary Golf Tournament
 Hesperia C.C. (760) 244-9386

May 24: "Night of Life" Life Straw Benefit
 Oro Grande Elem. School - 6-8p.m.
 (Elementary Campus Amphitheater)
 19175 Third St. (760) 245-9260

May 24: GSE Team Reception - 5p.m.
 Home of Raghada Khoury
 16640 Tao Road, Apple Valley

June 8: 2011-12 Program Planning - 1p.m.
 Citizen's Business Bank Board Room
 12380 Hesperia Rd., Victorville

June 9-12: District Conference - La Jolla

June 11: Interact Conference - La Jolla
 (Bus will leave from Oro Grande)

June 11: Ensenada Rotary 60th Anniversary

June 13: Victorville Rotary Golf Tournament
 Spring Valley Lake C.C.

June 18: Demotion Party
 Home of Dan Dever
 13166 Waco Road, Apple Valley

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

May 24 GSE Team - Middle East
 (DeAtley)

May 31 Memorial Day: Do You Remember the Reason? (Hough)
Please bring a Veteran or Soldier as your guest to be thanked and recognized.

June 5 Terry Caldwell, Caldwell, Kennedy & Porter
 Topic: Economic Development and
 The History of Victorville, Part 2
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