



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

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No Room at the “Inn”

Earlier this month we heard one side of the AB109 and Prop 47 debate from San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney, Kristianna M. Parde, and today we got the other side of the story from our speaker **Phyllis Morris**, the San Bernardino County Public Defender.

First of all we look at finance, for reducing sentences of “non-violent” offenders, the California prison population has been reduced from 8,000 inmates to 4,000, saving the State \$73 million.

More importantly we need to look at the social reasons for the adoption for this new culture driven change in our penal system. All sides agree that sentencing a criminal, having them serve their time and releasing them is not changing anything. Once you have a misdemeanor of any sort, it is extremely difficult to change your situation, so get a “white collar” career and more. This causes challenges on families where the parent or parents cannot get a decent job to support their families. As the cycle moves forward, it ends up the parents’ children who turn to crime.

The passage of Prop 47 helps break the chain. 1 in 4 people in the prison have mental health issues that are never looked into. 4 out of 5 have substance abuse issues, that can, but are not being addressed through treatment programs while they are in custody. Prop 47 is to be used, not just as a “sentence reducer,” but for Treatment and education.

In the Drug Courts, first time offenders can get involved in programs that will turn their life around, instead of a “treatment or jail” option. This will keep their records clean for their future as well as keeping the prison population down.

The Public Defender, Police and DA are all working together on this new “Holistic” approach, where instead of just conviction, they try to understand the individual: why do they commit crimes, what is the neighborhood like where they



live, what was their home life growing up, and what programs are already in their community to assist them. This proactive system will have a trickle down effect with first helping the parents, which will in turn stave off their children following in their footsteps.

Warehousing criminals is not working, so let’s assist them. There is now no room at the “Inn”, so instead of spending more money on prisons, let’s help to change the lives of those who are willing.

Thank you to today’s Functionaries



- Invocation:** Van Young
- Flag Salute:** Dan Munsey
- 4-Way Test:** Russ Stringham
- 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 as he reminded us that he only has “5 more to go”, with a slight twinkle of joy in his eyes.

In the Avenue of Service departments, **Brad Letner** was first up to seek assistance on finishing up 1,000 hygiene kits for the Salvation Army, and before and after the meeting the members assisted and got the work done. (photos posted page 3) Great work everybody!

Next up was **Dwight Johnson** to remind us all about the Demotion Party at Dan Dever’s house on June 27 at 4:30. Please sign up, and bring your swimsuits!

Margaret Cooker was next to talk about the Foundation and shared what we have been invited to the Community Relations Board Meeting at the Federal Correctional Complex in Victorville on Wednesday, June 10 from 11am to 1 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please see Margaret for more information. Also on June 10 will be the Victor Valley College Scholarship ceremony with **Ginger Ontiveros** at 4:00, so it will be a full day of service.

Finally Steve had us play another game of “Three Truths and a Lie” Here was the selections:

1. Played Drums in a Cajun Band
2. Part Owner of a Race Horse
3. Was on the Hobo Kelly Show
4. Met Two U.S. Presidents

And the answer was..... **Jim Barnes!**

(Lie: Jim never met two US Presidents)

A Lovely Note...

Dear Victorville Rotary Club,
 Thank you for sending the beautiful arrangement to the funeral for Bill Newman, my father. It was very thoughtful and added to the occasion. He always enjoyed his association serving in the Rotary Club. Your kindness is much appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks,
 Sharon Ebmeyer & family

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

Our fearless leader **Steve Murray** brought 2 guests, **Garner Morris** to watch his daughters presentation and **Bill Thomas** came along with Garner.



Our “fill-ins” for this meeting were **Eugene Everage** was in attendance for **Dr. Hough**, and **Violette Roberts** was with us once again for **Eldon Heaston**.

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$23.00

Collected to Date: \$12,385.79

Total equals: 86,876 Doses!

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

RAFFLE SESSION:



Cpt. Dan Munsey, handled our raffle today, and had a great time giving out the goodies! **Caroll Yule** was the big wardrobe winner of the day, receiving a scarf from **Dr. Hough** and a hat from Bob’s Tire Service. Only five more meetings with the hats! **Gary Adams** also won a Dr. Hough Scarf, but saved to wear it after everyone left. **Ben Tafoya** was also a big winner taking home a Midway gift card from **Don Lager** and a bottle of Merlot from **Steve Murray**. Finally Ben, donated a koozie and key chain, which was won by our Fine Master and raffle host, Dan Munsey!

LUCKY BLUE



Ben Tafoya was trying to celebrate his promotion early with some extra \$ in his pocket, but it was not to be. We now have \$250 and 12 dice left.

\$2 FINES

Cpt. Dan Munsey was our Fine Master and introduced the \$2 fines to everyone who was called out. **Van Young** was up first for bragging to **Gary Adams** that he had 8 grandchildren but no great grandchildren, so he was fined \$2 for each one of them. **Sam Lucia** told Dan that he would be at today's meeting but failed to show, so he was fined \$2. Dan then exposed **Gary Adams'** secret for remembering names: Gary was fined \$2 for singing "Oh Donna" when **Donna Wells** arrived..late and **Jennifer Starbuck** was fined \$2 for not bringing Starbuck gift cards as raffle gifts! Finally **Ron Williams** was fined \$2 because the Graduation folders for Victor Valley High School has "California" misspelled.

Avenue of Service Hygiene Kits



Thanks to everyone who helped out this week putting together our final hygiene kits for the Salvation Army. Thanks to **Brad Letner** for spearheading this fantastic effort!

CLUB ASSEMBLY



Ben Tafoya did his first duty as the upcoming President to oversee our Club Assembly. The 2015-2016 Board of Directors were approved as well as the price increases. Finally, Ben introduced the theme for 2015-2016.

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors

President Ben Tafoya
 Incoming President/Membership.....Dwight Johnson
 President Nominee/Club Svc/PR..... Dan Munsey
 President Nominee Elect ... vacant-selection Sept/Oct
 Treasurer Donna Wells
 Exec. Sec/Fnd/AdminMargaret Cooker
 Community Svc/Domestic Grants Brad Letner
 International Svc/Intl Grants Dan Dever
 New Generations/Scholarships..... Ginger Ontiveros
 Public Relations/Image Kevin Kane
 Vocational Svc/Project Chair.....Jim Barnes
 Immediate Past PresidentSteve Murray
 Members at Large:

Rob Kilpatrick Russ Stringham Mark Taylor
 Non-Board Positions
 Programs..... Mike Page
 Sergeant at ArmsGary Adams
 Recording Secretary BOD..... Marilyn Buttelerwerth
 BulletinChris Ackerman
 Dan Stover club to District competitions. Caroll Yule
 4 Way Test Speech Contests (HS, JrHS, Elem)..Jim Barnes
 Teacher Mini Grants.....Alicia Anderson



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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

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR JOSHUA TREE LINK
VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS ACKERMAN TO GET
ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- June 2: Cari Thomas and Jennifer Hernandez**
Topic: "Don't Trash Our Desert"
(Ontiveros)
- June 9: Open**
- June 16: Dr. Ron Williams, Victor Valley Union
High School District Superintendent**
Topic: Showcase on VVUHSD Schools
and Programs (Page)

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