

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

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There are very few people in the High Desert who have not heard of **Cari Thomas** and **Jennifer Hernandez**. Cari, the former Mayor of Adelanto and Jennifer, the Executive Director of the Sunset Hills Children's Foundation have come together with others to form "*Don't Trash Our Desert*". This group is a public awareness campaign to convey a coordinated and consistent message through a variety of means to encourage people to protect the appearance of our community by discouraging the dumping of trash and debris. The program is designed to augment existing efforts that address the issue of



illegal dumping of garbage and to inspire preventative action throughout the community.

The first phase of the program has just about been completed with the use of social media and electronic Billboards and working in collaboration with our local governments, the Victor Valley Transit Authority and media. The next phase includes working with schools, chambers of commerce, service clubs, churches and non-profit organizations.



Our own Rotary Club already has ties with Don't Trash Our Desert". **Ginger Ontiveros** is part of the committee, and donated 11x17 posters, that will go on all VVTA buses, thanks to **Kevin Kane**. **Doug Robertson** is having their logo out on reusable bags from the City of Victorville, and **Chris Ackerman**, our newsletter editor, created and donated their logo through his company, Signify Designs.

Now, how can Rotarians help this grass-roots effort? One way is to serve as a leader, and get behind the campaign, through donations, sharing their information, and support in general. Rotarians can challenge other service clubs to get involved, by taking part in their weekend clean up mornings, or as simply liking their facebook page at facebook.com/Dont-Trash-Our-Desert/.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** Van Young
- Flag Salute:** Mark Taylor
- 4-Way Test:** Don Lager
- 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 first up relayed a message from his wife, **Pam Murray**, thanking our guest, **James Johnson** from Victor Valley College, for checking in on our Club's Facebook page.

Once again we were reminded about the Demotion/Promotion Party on June 27, beginning at 4:30 pm at Dan Dever's casa. Please contact Margaret to sign yourself, family and any guests you will be bringing. We were also reminded that the Avenue of Service Meeting will be next Thursday, June 11 at 5:30 pm at Bob's Tire Service and the Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, June 15 at 5:30 pm in the DCB Board Room at Hesperia and Silica Road.

As stated above, next week is shaping up to be a very busy week for Rotarians! On Wednesday, June 10, all Rotarians are invited to attend the VVC Scholarship Presentations with **Ginger Ontiveros** at 4:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. We have 6 scholarship presentations, so it will be a great time for all club members.

Finally, we were shared a wonderful story on how Steve and **Russ Stringham** went down to Mexico last weekend, to join the Rotary Club from Ensenada for the "Carni-Fest", their annual fund raiser. During this time, Steve and Russ were asked to stand and were publicly thanked for all of their hard work and efforts with the orphanage, building, and much more. Finally, the Ensenada Club gave us \$100 towards the Rotary Foundation.

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

Our wonderful Executive Secretary **Margaret Cooker** brought 2 guests, **Dan Contreras** and **Valerie Huante** from Liberty Tax Service, and with Margaret's tenacity, they will soon be members! **Ginger Ontiveros** brought the always entertaining **James Johnson** from the Victor Valley College Foundation and **Dan Munsey** introduced us to his new Battalion Chief, **Tom Porter**.

Our "fill-ins" for this meeting were **Eugene Everage** was in attendance for **Dr. Hough**, and **Jim Vanderbelt** was with us once again for **Mark McKay**.

RAFFLE SESSION:



Ron Hughes was the big raffle winner today, taking away a bottle of wine from **Paula Porter**, a handmade Rotary keychain from the Ensenada Club, a scarf from **Dr. Hough** and another bottle of wine from the Club. **Ben Tafoya** was a winner as well, taking home a scarf from Dr. Hough and a \$25 gift card from **Don Lager** at Midway. **Steve Orr** donated a couple of Heritage insulated lunch bags, which was won by **Caroll Yule** and **Donna Wells**. This weeks Bob's Tire hat was delivered to **Gary Adams** and **Steve Murray** donated a bottle of wine which was one by, Steve Murray. He did not donate it back.

Finally the "irony" gift of the day were tickets to see the Mavericks play baseball at Heritage Field, donated by **Dwight Johnson**, which was won by Steve Orr of Heritage!

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$6.50

Collected to Date: \$12,392.29

Total equals: 86,889 Doses!

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

Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

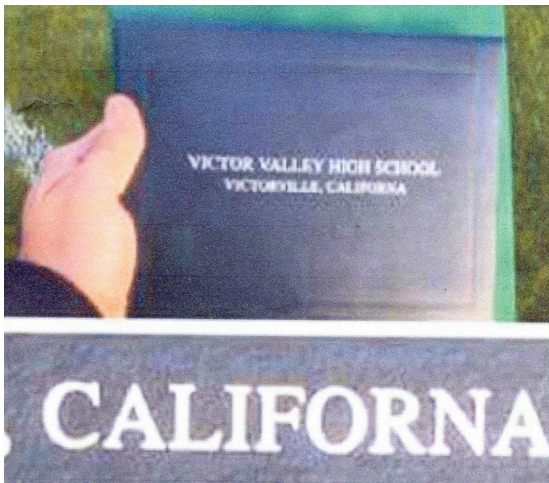
June 6	John Wilkins
June 9	Al Castellucci
June 12	Mike Page
June 15	Rick York
June 25	Eldon Heaston
June 26	Chris Ackerman
June 29	Todd Turoci, Esq

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 1	Al Castellucci	54 Years
June 6	Mike Page	18 Years
June 6	Gary Adams	35 Years
June 7	Rick Hampton	4 Years
June 19	Bob Basen	8 Years
June 27	Ron Kabalin	15 Years

FINED

Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master and threw right out the door **Dan Munsey's** \$2 fines and made up for it in spades, by fining Dan \$10 for having \$2 fines! Once again the back table was each fined \$10 for being too disruptive during our speaker's presentation. They will never learn that any table **Steve Orr** is at, will be disruptive! Al **Castellucci** was fined \$54 in honor of his anniversary of 54 years in Rotary, and with perfect attendance! **Gary Adams** was fined \$35 in honor of his 35 year anniversary with Rotary, and **Kevin Kane** was fined \$10 for wearing multi colored socks that creped Mark out! Finally, **Ron Williams** was back in the hot seat, being fined \$50 (minus \$2 from last week) for the Diploma fiasco at Victor Valley High, as shown below.



THANK YOU SPONSORS

Steve Murray took a moment out of our meeting to say a personally thank all of our sponsors, who keep the light shining here at the Rotary Club of Victorville.

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Brad Letner Personal
 Rob Kilpatrick Personal
 John Kroencke Personal
 David North Personal
 Mark Taylor Personal

LUCKY BLUE



Eugene Everage, filling in for **Dr. Hough**, was in rare form, commenting on our President's "stature" causing **Steve** to take to "Higher Ground". **Steve** got even though as Eugene picked a white dice. We now have \$275 and 11 dice left.

SPOON OF Exemption

Mary Hennessy



After a battle with **Rosanne Weathers**, **Mary** came out on top and is now the Spoon Holder for June. The Spoon was very important to her, as she works at **Gentiva Hospice**, which people do not like to hear about. She shared that hospice is about dignity and hope, and is now a Medicare benefit, which she will elaborate more on in the month of June.

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

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

June 9: Jon Hove, Robar Enterprises
Topic: "Concrete and Your Feet"

**June 16: Dr. Ron Williams, Victor Valley Union
High School District Superintendent**
Topic: Showcase on VVUHSD Schools
and Programs (Page)

**June 23: Ginger Ontiveros, Executive Director
Victor Valley College Foundation**
Topic: "40 Years of Changing Lives"
and Report of International Convention
(Tafoya)

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