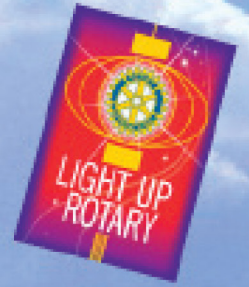




# The Joshua Tree

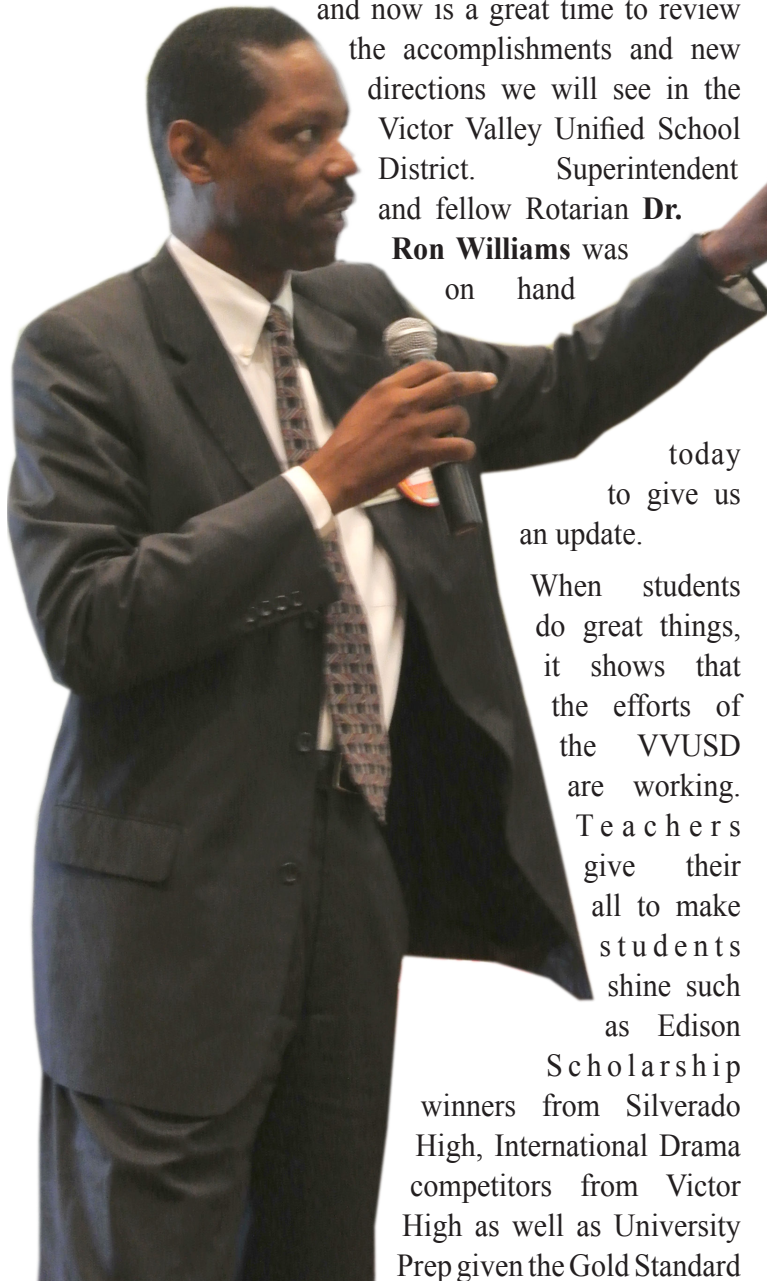


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## Moving Forward with the VVUSD

The school bell has rung, and the kids are out of the classroom, and now is a great time to review the accomplishments and new directions we will see in the Victor Valley Unified School District. Superintendent and fellow Rotarian **Dr. Ron Williams** was on hand



today to give us an update.

When students do great things, it shows that the efforts of the VVUSD are working. Teachers give their all to make students shine such as Edison Scholarship winners from Silverado High, International Drama competitors from Victor High as well as University Prep given the Gold Standard

as one of the top 50 schools in California. Some district accomplishments include the winning of the Governance Award, the Ramp-Up Grand program with Victor Valley College and an exceptional CTE/ROP program.

For the upcoming school year, the District is looking to continue to improve student achievement, attract and retain goal oriented students, increase AP participation and success, and be involved with more community engagement.

No school is perfect, and the VVUSD is constantly striving to improve itself. Some of the areas are improved student achievement, encouraging more students to further their education in college, as well as improving the attendance rate, while reducing the number of drop out students.

Awards, accolades and achievements are great, but when it comes to the classroom setting, the teachers are there in the trenches on a daily basis. VVUSD has some of the most dedicated and passionate teachers, who are truly leading our students to achieve great things in this world. Education is constantly evolving and growing, and Dr. Ron Williams and his staff at the VVUSD are there to give our young people the best education with more than just retaining, but understanding and application in the real world.

### *Thank you to today's Functionaries*



- Invocation:** David Cain
- Flag Salute:** Sam Lucia
- 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.**



## Margaret Sez...

**Margaret Cooker** was on hand to host our meeting today, as Steve was absent.

**Brad Letner** was up first to share his Avenue of Service report. In two weeks they will have their transitional service meeting directly after the Rotary meeting to wrap up their 2015 year and get ready for the 2016 Rotary year.

Margaret reminded us all how important membership is to the group, so please take some time to invite someone from the community as your guest, who you feel would be a great addition to the Club.

**Dwight Johnson** reminded us once again about the Demotion/Promotion Party on June 27, beginning at 4:30 pm at Dan Dever's house. Dwight brought a new word into the picture, "Dunking", but you must attend to find out. Please contact Margaret to sign yourself, family and any guests you will be bringing.

Margaret shared some Foundation news, and let everyone know that they will be receiving their Donation Reports from Rotary International, and all checks have gone in for the Foundation.

In the area of Youth Services, all scholarships have gone out for the year; thank you to **Ginger Ontiveros** for all of her hard work.

## RAFFLE SESSION:



We had a nice selection of raffle gifts at this week's meeting which made for some happy attendees. Our speaker for the day, **Ron Williams**, donated three Aluminum water bottles from the VVUSD which were won by **Gary Adams**, **Marilyn Buttelerwerth**, and **Teressa Coomes**. Teresa also won a \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card, donated by **Don Lager**. **Carroll Yule** will be wearing her Bob's Tire hat, donated by **Steve Murray**, as well as **Tony Cooker** who can be seen around town sporting his new Route 66 hat, which was donated by **Dwight Johnson** from El Dorado Broadcasters. Dwight also generously donated a pair of Mavericks tickets which was taken home by **Melanie Lovingood** and finally **Stew Anderson** will be calculating his big \$5 win today, on his new calculator, which was given by **Kevin Kane** from the VVTA.

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

Collected this week: \$12.00

Collected to Date: \$12,416.29

Total equals: 86,937 Doses!

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



## FINED

**Mark Taylor** was back as our Fine Master and gave out some new badges, as well as some fines! **Ron Williams** was brought up to receive his Blue Badge, and was fined \$10 for his trouble, as was **Teressa Coomes**, who received a new badge with her new married name. Finally, Mark acknowledged the hard work of **Marilyn Buttelerwerth**, and the great job she does for our Club, attending all board meetings and her joyous spirit. She received no fine.

## RETURN THE BELL!



The Rotary Bell has been taken...again!

Steve Murray requests the person who is in possession of the bell to return it **IMMEDIATELY!**



## Proposed Members

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. June 22 to President Steve Murray

**Victor F. Rocha**

**Owner**

**El Pescador**

**Classification: Restaurant: Mexican**

**Sponsor : Gary Adams**

## Another Lovely Note...



May 27, 2015

Victorville Rotary Foundation, Inc.  
P. O. Box 734  
Victorville, CA 92393

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to provide DSG hygiene kits to homeless men, women and families in our community.

The Salvation Army is committed to helping the less fortunate with a hand up during hard times. We do our best not to turn anyone away – no matter what. I thank God for you and our other generous friends who come through in time of need.

This letter gratefully acknowledges your May 5, 2015 gift of \$936 (Victorville Rotary Foundation Inc. check #3315) The Salvation Army, Hi-Desert. *Your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, as no goods or services were provided in consideration of your gift.*

Thank you for caring about those who are homeless. May God richly bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Captain Sylvan Young  
Commanding Officer  
Victor Valley Corps



# STAND-INS

Sometimes our awesome Rotarians are out making the world a better place (or on vacations), and need a representative to fill in the gap in their absence. Today was just such a day:

**Melanie Lovingood for Robert Lovingood**

**Tony Cooker for Dr. Hough**

**David Cain for Van Young**

## LUCKY BLUE



It was Stew Anderson's turn up at the podium to walk away with some extra \$\$ in his pocket, but once again the shiny white dice was drawn.

**Better luck next time!**

**We now have \$325 and 9 dice left.**

# OFF-SITE MEETING JUNE 23rd



## Holiday Inn

### 15494 Palmdale Road

*Please join us at the newly renovated Holiday Inn in Victorville on June 23rd, as we accept an invitation from them to view their new meeting facility. Networking and Lunch at 11:30am, Meeting begins at 12 Noon.*

## 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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
<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 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.
<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, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m. Rotaract, 4th Thursday, VVC Student Activities.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



## Important Dates Mark your Calendar!

**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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ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

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

**PLEASE NOTE:  
OFFSITE MEETING  
AT HOLIDAY INN VICTORVILLE  
15494 Palmdale Road, Victorville**

**June 30: Treasurer's Report, plus Incoming  
President's plans**

**July 7: Patriotic Program Celebrating our  
Independence**  
(Letner)

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