



# The Joshua Tree



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## MAKING SENSE OF THE NUMBERS IN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Caroll Yule, Owner of Shear Realty, updated the Rotary Club of Victorville on the state of residential real estate in the High Desert. Caroll's presentation was very easy to understand, given the complexity of the market over the past several years. She showed how each of the years since 2006 have seen a unique twist in the housing market. To explain where we are today, we can compare:

- May '06:
  - \* Before the crash of the housing market
  - \* 3,304 homes listed on MLS
  - \* 505 homes closed
- May '07:
  - \* 4,681 homes listed on MLS
  - \* 22 homes closed (Caroll was suicidal)
- May '09:
  - \* Height of the foreclosure market
  - \* 32,170 homes listed on MLS
  - \* 90 - 95% of listings were bank owned
  - \* 692 homes closed averaging \$53,000
  - \* Market bottomed out
- May '12:
  - \* 840 homes listed on MLS
  - \* 49% bank owned
  - \* 464 homes closed
- May '13:
  - \* 583 homes listed on MLS
  - \* 17% bank owned

Caroll went on to explain the ramifications of these numbers, and she is optimistic that soon the real estate market will improve. Hooray! In our market right now, the demand is huge, and the supply is little. Well priced homes in a good area in the H.D. (under \$200,000) receive 10-15 offers, and there is only a 4-week inventory!



Caroll Yule, Shear Realty

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



David Keck introduced guests. We welcomed Ron Boyd's three young daughters, Ashley, Ellie, and Sarah; Alex Martinez of Shear Realty (Yule); Cathy Abbott of VVC Foundation (Ontiveros); Jason Lamoreaux, Emelle Kwon, Ron Barbieri and Katie Holmes of Coldwell Banker, guests of Mehdi Mostaed; Garner Morris (Lovingood); Melanie (for Robert) Lovingood; Mary Crothers of 2000 Global Communications (Luna); Breana (Sandra) Luna; Jacquie Lukacsffi (Edson); Manny Manahan (for Rick Hampton); Kevin Benitez, Adelanto scholarship recipient and his mother, Maximina.

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

## The New Rotary Club of Adelanto



Congratulations to the newly formed Rotary Club of Adelanto, becoming official July 1st! Eight of their 20-some members attended Tuesday for their emancipation.



**Charles Gehrke** and **Stephanie La Ferriere** presented the first Rotary Club of Adelanto scholarship to graduating student **Kevin Benitez** from Silverado High School.



**Stephanie La Ferriere** offered a token of thanks to the Rotary Club of Victorville officers who helped make their new club happen. "Service Above Self" pins were presented to each.

## Thank you to today's Functionaries



**Invocation:** Ron Wilson  
**Flag Salute:** Jim Barnes  
**4-Way Test:** Stew Anderson  
**Song:** Al Castellucci



Join the Rotary Club of Victorville's  
"President's Circle"

with your monthly pledge to support Club projects:

Platinum: \$ 100

Gold: \$ 50

Bronze: \$ 25

It's never too late to be added to the "President's Circle". See Margaret for information.



The Victorville Rotary Foundation has another opportunity to participate "Shop for a Cause" Aug. 24th. All the ticket sales profits will go to the Victorville Rotary Foundation for service projects and scholarships. See Margaret for details.



We ♥ our  
*Rotary families!*

This week **Ron Boyd** brought his three adorable daughters, **Ashley**, **Ellie**, and **Sarah** to Rotary!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
STEVE MURRAY...  
ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR!!**







## Russ' Rap

**President Russ** headed up his last meeting for this Rotary year, and is off to Lisbon, Portugal for the International Rotary Convention, along with about 20,000 Rotarians! Never fear... Russ will be back to lead us for another year.

**Russ** brought Wine Jazz & More sponsorship forms. Remember, folks, this is our biggest fund raiser (October 5th), and we need participation from EVERY Club member. The money made goes directly into the projects supported by our club: Scholarships, Police Fire Activity League, Boys & Girls Club... and more!

**Margaret Cooker** announced the Macy's "Shop for a Cause" to support the Club's Foundation. Tickets are \$5/ea., and are good for many discounts on the shopping day of August 24th. The entire \$5 comes back to our Club!

**Members**, please consider joining **Russ'** "President's Circle" this year. This program is in lieu of the golf tournament and also supports our many projects. Your monthly contribution goes directly into the projects specified by you, and you choose the amount you wish to contribute for 2013-14. See page two for pledge options.

**Russ** thanked **Dan Dever** for hosting a really great Demotion/Promotion party at his home this past weekend. He credited **Steve** and **Pam Murray** with lots of help also. It was a tremendous success, with wonderful entertainment! **Russ** also thanked **David Keck** of the Daily Press for helping us get our full-page ad into the D.P. this past Tuesday about the Boys & Girls Club.

**Russ** presented Director's Pins to **Kevin Porter**, **Mark Layton**, **Dwight Johnson**, and **Jim Barnes** for their help on the Board this year. Our thanks also go to all of the Board members who served this year!

**Stephanie La Ferriere** announced a Rotary Club of Adelanto fund raiser dinner at Mama Carpino's Restaurant for a local recipient with a chronic disease. Tickets are required; call 951-203-3185 to purchase yours for \$25.

**Russ'** usual last words for 2012-2013 Rotary year: "Have a great Rotary Week!"

### LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



**Mehdi Moestedi** showed up, and took \$5 from a pot worth \$350 this week.

**Next week... \$400 and only 10 marbles!**

## RAFFLE SESSION:

Not much time for fining this week, so on to the raffle drawings:

**Dr. Hough's** USB Port was won by **Team Edson**, who *also* took home a **Le Chartreuse** Gemstone Globe and some of the Wine Jazz & More Wine *AND* a Pocket knife from **PrintMart** *AND* a B&B Tee-Shirt, *AND* another **Le Chartreuse** Gemstone Globe *AND* Kendall Jackson Wine donated by **Paula Porter!** Some prizes were left for other folks: **Hough's** Candle and **PrintMart's** Coozie were won by **Mark Layton**; **Shred Your Docs'** Baskets went home with **Hough** and **Ron Boyd's** girls to share.



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*Jim Barnes*



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Jim Barnes announced evening motorcycle street rides this summer. Check out B&B Cycles on Facebook, or visit their web site:

[http://www.bandbcycles.com/](http://www.bandbcycles.com)

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

Collected this week: \$26.50

Collected to Date: \$9,377.87

Total equals: 79,789 Doses!

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

## 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 meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto. 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!

- June 25: Adelanto Club Fundraiser**  
Mama Carpino's - 4-8 p.m. (See page 3 for additional information)
- July 20: Summer Movie Night Fireside**  
Jon & Linda Hove's, 18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley - 5 pm  
954-8186. Bring a side dish
- Aug. 24: Macy's Shop for a Cause**
- Oct. 5: Wine, Jazz & More**  
Spring Valley Lake Community Building (More info to follow)

**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

- June 25: Captain, Commander Victorville Area, California Highway Patrol Todd Sturges and Sgt. Christopher Dalin**  
Topic: "History of the CHP in the High Desert" (Page)
- July 2: Carol Yule, Shear Real Estate**  
Topic: "Test your US History and Win Prizes" (Page)
- July 9: Donovan Rinker-Morris, JD, Victor Valley College** - Topic: "America's Role in the Middle East: Does it Change as we Become Less Dependent on Foreign Oil?" (Ontiveros)

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