



The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

June 19, 2012

2012-13 ROTARY YEAR UNVEILED / 2011-12 YEAR REVIEWED

Incoming President Russ Stringham shared the podium with Treasurer David North, and enlightened us on Club projects and financials.

David reviewed the projects which our Club funded in Charles Gehrke's year: Immunization Clinics / Holiday Food Baskets Police & Fire Activities League / Shop With a Cop / Wheelchair Foundation / Interact Clubs / Teen Leadership Camp Rotary Youth Leadership Awards / 4-Way Speech Contests Dan Stover Music Contest / Scholarships / Teacher Mini-Grants. Whew!

Our commitments to the Rotary International Foundation included our support of Paul Harris and Polio Eradication.

Some of the fun we've had as a Club included: Christmas Party / Valentine's Dinner / Off-Road Trip / River Trip Superbowl Party / Demotion Party. Fund raising events were the Wine, Jazz & More, and the recent Golf Tournament, which in itself netted around \$11,000+!

David's job as Treasurer is certainly a tough one, and his efforts are greatly appreciated. He explained how the budget works, and invites anyone interested to contact him with questions. David assures us we are very solvent; he is in the process of switching Rotary databases, which should be completed very soon. Russ presented a "Thank You" gift to David for his hard work this year; a beautiful pair of Rotary cuff links!

Russ Stringham brought us an exciting new Rotary Club of Victorville brochure to be used to introduce potential members to our Club. He also brought a Pledge Sheet for members to complete and return indicating the programs we would like to support. Russ stated this year's Matching Grants projects will include: Dr. Sylvia Whitlock's project, "P.A.C.E" (Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere) in India and drinking water tanks to be installed at four of Ensenada's schools. We'll hear more on this from Russ.

District Matching Grants this year will be for the Boys & Girls Club and the Police & Fire Activities League.

Membership is an important challenge for Russ, also; he hopes to bring in 10 more members to our Club, and 15 into the Satellite Adelanto Club. Thank you, Russ and David, for the informative presentation on our Club activities!



David North, Rotary Club Treasurer, and incoming President Russ Stringham

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to Jan Gonzales, Interim Superintendent of Victorville Elementary School; Jacquie Lucacffi (Edson); Danielle Moore of Taylion Academy (La Ferriere); Cathy Abbott and Sierra Orr (VVC Foundation); Robert (Jennifer) Starbuck, and Eugene (Hough) Everage. Welcome also to our VVC Scholarship recipients: Artavia Clayton and Robin Kuchenbeecker.

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

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Dale Marsden
Flag Salute: Doug Robertson
4-Way Test: Gary Dobney
Song: Al Castellucci



Congratulations to the golf team of **Joe Andreasen**, who won first place this year!! Russ Stringham announced there was a whopping 80% participation of our Club members, and this was one of our most successful Golf Tournaments! We passed our goal of \$10,000 by almost two grand! Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, and all Rotarians who participated in some way!



Rotary's newest Blue Badge recipients, Doug Robertson, Vito Bello, and Sandra Luna trade in their Red Badges. Dr. Ron Boyd has also earned his Blue Badge, but, as Charles stated, "it's in the mail"! Congratulations, all!

Teacher Mini-Grant Sponsors

Alicia Anderson presented plaques of appreciation to the many Rotarians who supported the Teacher Mini-Grant Program this year. Platinum Sponsors were: Desert Valley Hospital & Medical Group (Peterson), Mojave River Academy (Andreasen), and Victor Elementary S.D. (Marsden). Gold Sponsors were: Excelsior Charter Schools (Hayhurst), Jon Edson, and R&S Beverages (Ramirez). Silver Sponsors were: Southwest Gas (Frisby) and Dr. Paul Stanton. Bronze Sponsors were: Ambassadors Unlimited (Gehrke), Hough Everage, Brandman University (Hough), Del Taco (Villars), Donna Wells, ICR Staffing (Lovingood), ISU Armac (McEachron), Rancho Motors (Wilkins), Shear Realty (Yule), St. Mary's Medical Center (Langley), and PrintMart (Stringham). Thank You Sponsors were: Bob's Tires (S. Murray), Desert Community Bank (North), Don Lager, Jerene Creason, John Kroencke, Margaret Cooker, Mark Taylor, Matt Drake, Pacific Aviation, Dr. Pat Mark, Rob Kilpatrick, Ron Kabalin, Serve-Pro, and Terry Caldwell. Thanks to all who pledged for the Teacher Mini-Grants this year... \$13,000 total!

Rotary Scholarships handed out to Victor Valley College Students

Scholarship presentations were made recently at a VVC ceremony to honor sponsors and recognize scholarship recipients. Two of the Rotary Club of Victorville's scholarship recipients visited this week to thank Rotary:

The Bill Porter Memorial Aviation Scholarship was awarded to Artavia Clayton, who attends the Aviation Program at SCLA, and the Annual William O'Keeffe Memorial Scholarship recipient was Robin Kuchenbecker.

Both students were "moved" to have been honored in this way, and appreciate the opportunity the scholarship offers.

The Williams/Kroencke Business Scholarship, Jarco Business Scholarship, Oyler/Graves Nursing Scholarship, and Rudoff Business Scholarship recipients were not in attendance.





Notes from Charles

Charles announced sad/happy news. Sad that both **Gary Dobney** and **Dale Marsden** will be leaving our Rotary Club, but happy for **Gary** as he is moving to Rancho Palos Verdes for officer's training, and happy for **Dale** as he takes a position as Superintendent for San Bernardino Unified Schools! You both will be missed, and we wish you the best in your future and your new Rotary clubs!

Cathy Abbott from the Apple Valley Rotary Club invites all Rotarians to join their club on a White Water River Rafting Voyage August 4th and 5th. Please contact Cathy for more information at 760-792-2480.

Club Assembly voted on **Russ Stringham's** new Board:

- Margaret Cooker**
- David North**
- Hough**
- Steve Murray**
- Dwight Johnson**
- Ben Tafoya**
- Rob Kilpatrick**
- Joe Andreasen**
- Charles Gehrke**
- Vito Bello**
- Dan Dever**
- Bob Basen**
- Robert Lovingood**

Russ reported that \$80,000 Wheelchairs were donated and delivered into Mexico this past weekend by himself, **Ben Tafoya**, **Hough** and **Eugene Everage**, **Bob Basen**, and **Steve Murray**.

Birthday cookies were given by **Charles** to **Matt Metzzen**, **Steve Wingert**, **Stephanie (Ron) Boyd**, **Polly (Luis) Frisby**, and **Michael (Kimberly) Ramirez**.

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We missed Bill this week; or rather, he missed his opportunity to shamelessly advertise his business. Hopefully he can make up for it next week; his last opportunity!

PROPOSED MEMBER

Approved for publication at a special Board Meeting 6/12/12

Nelda Colvin

Oro Grande School District

Sponsor Joe Andreasen

Classification: Education: Charter School Administration

Note: If you protest the admission of this member to Victorville's Satellite club in Adelanto, please notify President Charles Gehrke in writing by June 26, 2012.

BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

YEAR 'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. This is an ongoing, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



BEACH PARTY THEME

It's time for Charles to be demoted, and Russ to take the baton! The Rotarian of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Life Time Achievement Awards will be presented at this event. See information on back page.

RAFFLE SESSION:

Thank you to our donors this week: **Brandman University**, **Midway Home Solutions**, and **Hough**. **Ron Hughes** picked up \$5, donating it to the Polio Can.

LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE



Ron Hughes donated his \$5 winnings to the Polio Can!

Next week...

\$450 / 7 marbles

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President Charles Gehrke
 Treasurer David North
 Executive Secretary Margaret Cooker
 Club Service Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage
 Community Service David Leicht
 Youth Service Rob Kilpatrick
 Vocational Bob Basen
 International Ben Tafoya
 Foundation Margaret Cooker
 Recording Secretary Marilyn Buttlerwerth
 Sergeant At Arms..... Gary Adams

Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Dwight Johnson • Steve Murray • Robert Lovingood • Ginger Ontiveros

Past President (2010-11) Teresa DeAtley
 Incoming President (2012-13) Russ Stringham
 President-Elect (2013-14) Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage
 President-Elect-Elect (2014-15) Steve Murray

Current Chair Persons:

New Generations.....Rob Kilpatrick
 Membership Russ Stringham
 SongMaster Al Castellucci
 Scholarships Ginger Ontiveros
 Publicity/Public Relations Charles Gehrke
 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

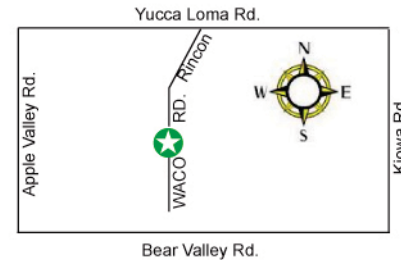
Make-up Days and Locations

- MONDAY:** San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
- 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., Dennies, 14165 Main St.
- WEDNESDAY:** Adelanto Club (1st and 3rd Wed.), 7 a.m., 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.
 High Desert, 6:00 P.M. - Los Domingo's Rest., 6:00 p.m. 17790- Hwy. #18, Apple Valley
- 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!

June 30: Demotion Pary - Home of Dan Dever. Beach Party Theme - 5 p.m.



Directions to Dever Home

13166 Waco Rd., Apple Valley

From Bear Valley to Apple Valley Rd. (north), go east on Yucca Loma to Rincon. Turn right to Waco Rd., turn right again. Dan's is the 5th house on your right-hand side.

Sept. 8: Wine, Jazz, & More

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

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- June 26:** Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell Banker Commercial - **Topic: "The State of Commercial Real Estate"** (Butcher)
- July 3:** **Patriotic Program** (Hough / Yule)
- July 10:** **Club Assembly / President Stringham**
Topic: Avenues of Service
- July 17:** **Teresa DeAtley / David North - Topic: "Business Identity Theft Protection"**

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