



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

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## 40 Years of Building, Growth, and Playing with Kids



When it comes to caring for our community, the efforts of Ginger Ontiveros, the executive Director of the Victor Valley College Foundation is second to none! Today she shared with Victorville Rotary a history lesson of the VVC Foundation: 40 Years of Changing Lives.

Beginning with John Kronke sharing the Foundation's humble start in 1975, Ginger took us through a year by year analysis of their growth and success. From the start of the Capri Home, a Child Development Center in the 70's, to the 80's where, in addition to the growth of the child Development Center with a playground, the Foundation bought screens and material for the genesis of the Performing Arts Center

In the 1990's, the Performing Arts Center grew, as well as

the Child Development Center. As Ginger stated, "We really like to play with kids"! But the 90's didn't end there. In that decade the Foundation helped get Tennis Courts built and helped the College open the Student Activity Center.

From 2000 - 2008 they began successful fundraising campaigns, as well as expanded their popular nursing program, by partnering with local area hospitals, as well as starting an aviation program as well.

From 2009 to the present, the Foundation has helped raise millions to provide solar to the campus, as well as their solar training program, and worked with Edison to start the Math Success Center for tutoring and more. Their fundraisers have gotten a lot of attention internationally. Recently their hugely successful "Great Alumni Hunt" won the Gold Award at the International Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Silver and bronze awards went to other small community colleges like Georgetown University, and the University of British Columbia!

Please join Ginger and the VVC Foundation on July 9th, starting at 7am in celebration of their 40th Anniversary for to explore the impact we've all made on our community together with them. Visit [www.vvcfoundation.com](http://www.vvcfoundation.com) for more information.

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



<b>Invocation:</b>	Mark McKay
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	Sam Lucia
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Todd Turoci
<b>Song:</b>	Al Castellucci

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



## Ben's Practice Session

**Ben Tafoya** was getting a little "Practice Time" in before settling into his new role as our 2015-2016 President by filling in for the absent **Steve Murray**.

Today's program was started off with **Dwight Johnson** and a final reminder about the big Demotion Party this Saturday at **Dan Dever's** house in 13166 Waco Road in Apple Valley. We look forward to seeing everyone there to send Steve off in style! Fun begins at 4:30 pm.

In conjunction with the Demotion Party, Ben reminded everyone that next Tuesday's meeting will be Steve's last as President, and would like to see a full room of Rotary members to show up to show our love and appreciation of Steve's hard work. Please R.S.V.P. with Margaret.

Finally Ben reminded everyone in attendance to collect your thoughts about the room at Holiday Inn, and think if you'd like to make this our permanent home or remain at the Green Tree. A vote to the membership will go out in the next week or so.



## RAFFLE SESSION:



We are down to one... not dice, but the Steve Murray's Bob's Tire hat. Today's hat was won by our guest and potential member **Victor Rocha**.

One hat left for next week... who will be the lucky winner?

A jar of mints from **Teresa Coomes** at Citizen's Business bank was won by Gary Adams, in return a Gentiva Hospice coffee gift basket was won by Teresa! **Dwight Johnson** gave a Angels Baseball bag, which was won by **Jon Hove**. Finally from our speaker Ginger Ontiveros, there were gifts of View master Viewers, what were won by Victor Rocha and Jon Hove.

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

**Alicia Anderson** was on hand at this week's meeting to introduce our guests. **Ginger Ontiveros** introduced her Assistant Executive Director, Catherine Abbott to the meeting and **Steve Orr** had potential member **Victor Rocha** from Green Tree/El Pescador, well, introduce himself.



Our "fill-ins" for this meeting were **Tony Cooker for Dr. Hough** and **Trish N.** was with us for **Mary Hennessy**.

## FINED

**Sam Lucia** came up to take care of fines for this week's meeting. First on the list was **Kevin Porter**. Last Wednesday Sam was at Sea World and whom did he happen to come across, yes, Mr. Porter. Kevin as fined \$50 for not saying "Hi", but only smiling as they passed each other, but it was reduced by \$40 because Sam was wearing a hat and not in uniform so he was easily unrecognizable.

The "Talking Table" was next to get their pocketbooks hit. **Rosanne Weathers** was up first, as she is moving to Apple Valley this Saturday. She was fined \$10 for the profits of selling her home. Next and finally, was **Steve Orr** who was going to be fined for having the guest at the table, **Victor Rocha**, introduce himself, but while this was going on, Steve and Rosanne were caught whispering to each other, and when asked what they were talking about, Steve's response was that they were talking about how Sam is the greatest police chief. Steve Orr was fined \$25 for lying.



# WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

**Collected this week: \$20.12**

*polio pig \$15.12 + \$5 from dice by Steve Orr = \$20.12*

**Collected to Date: \$12,436.41**

**Total equals: 86,977 Doses!**

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

## SPOON OF Exemption

**Mary Hennessy**

With Mary absent today, her associate, Trish, filled in with the spoon. Trish shared that Hospice does more than help the patients...they help the families as well. Once someone needs hospice care, it can be very difficult for family members to take on the extra duties involved, not due to laziness or no compassion, but emotionally, it can be too difficult.

With Gentiva Hospice, they help both the patient and family. From administering bathing, to giving medications, quality nurses and doctors, chaplains and the support of bereavement counselors, Gentiva Hospice will help not only the patient through this final and challenging process, but see the family through as well.

# LUCKY BLUE

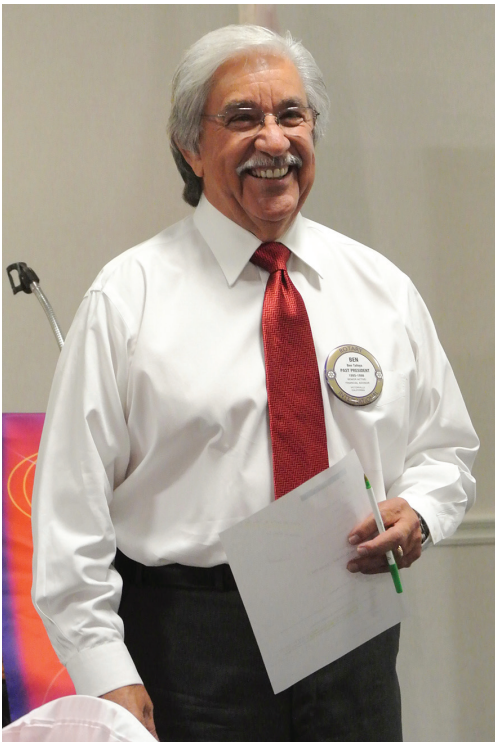


Steve Orr thought he had it in the bag. It turns out the only thing Steve had in the bag was his hand, as he drew out another white dice! He walked away with \$5, which he donated back to the Club. We now have \$350 and 8 dice left.

## REMINDER!!

**Next week's meeting back at the Green Tree is Steve Murray's final meeting as President. Please show up and show your love and appreciation!**

# IMAGES OF THE WEEK



## 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
<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.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



## 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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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- June 30: Treasurer's Report, plus Incoming President's plans**
- July 7: Patriotic Program Celebrating our Independence (Letner)**
- July 14: OPEN**
- July 7: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte (Page)**

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