



The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORVILLE CELEBRATES AMERICA'S FREEDOM!



California Cadet Corps and Daily Press' Michael Karen

Tuesday's Rotary Club meeting was a special tribute to the United States of America. Thank you to Felix Diaz and the California Cadet Corps for the wonderful Presentation of Arms, a delightful addition to our meeting!

Thanks also to Michael Karen of the Daily Press, who led us in our National Anthem and also sang a beautiful solo rendition of "God Bless America".

Caroll Yule and Hough prepared a questionnaire to quiz Rotarians on their knowledge of U.S. history, and the questions were pretty tough. Surprisingly, the teams at each table did remarkably well, even while not allowed to use their "Smart Phones" to look up answers! However, upon hearing the answers there was a bit of dissention as to the answers, so the "Smart Phones" were put to work, and lo and behold... Hough's answer choices were correct!

So now we're sure how many Amendments have been proposed officially by Congress but never ratified, and that President Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in Texas. We know our history, and we know how to appreciate the freedoms our country offers!

There was a tie between two tables, so Caroll decided to give the prizes to the Cadets and Dr. Stanton's son, the youngest attendees today. **God Bless America, and God Bless Rotary!**

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to Felix Diaz and the California Cadet Corps from Sixth Street Preparatory School; Manny Manahan of ServePro; Michelle Ramos of J.C.

Penneys (Bello); Michael Karen of the Daily Press (Yule); Ashlynn Lee of St. Mary's (Langley); and Jacquie Lukac-sffi (Edson).

President Russ' Rotary Bell, all decked out in "Alohawear"...



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



Russ' Rap

President Russ sent out special invites via e-mail to Rotarians, and the effort proved fruitful; hello to several members we haven't seen in awhile!

Margaret Cooker took time to explain the new "President's Circle" program, offering fantastic advertising opportunities while still donating to the projects of your choice.

Russ spelled out the three levels of the President's Circle: Platinum (\$100/mo.) offers business card web site AND Joshua Tree advertising (if purchased this month will also include ad in Wine, Jazz, & More program). The Gold level (\$50/mo.) offers a half-size business card ad on the web site AND Joshua Tree advertising, and the Bronze level (\$25/mo.) will give you special recognition on the web site AND in the Joshua Tree.

Hough explained the "Membership Ignite" Rotary program for membership growth, and how we have many opportunities to earn points within the District. Three aspects of "Ignite" Focus / Every member has a role / Commitment. According to **Hough**, we are already doing the membership tasks that earn points, and it's EASY!!

By the way... next week will finish up the membership contest that **Charles** started in his year, and it looks like **Al Castellucci** and **Charles Gehrke** will be competing.

Dwight Johnson reminds us we will continue collecting canned goods and staples for the Food Drive this year.

Russ handed out Director's Pins to his Board Members: **Dwight Johnson, David North, Vito Bello, Rob Kilpatrick, and Joe Andreasen**. Thanks for your efforts, guys! **Russ** also presented **Dr. Paul Stanton** with his plaque for last year's Teacher's Mini Grant program. A "Hermisillo Mug" was given by **Russ** to **Steve Murray** for his participation in the Wheel Chair Distribution in Mexico.

Jim Murray presented **Russ** with his first Rotary flag from another Club... Portola, California.

Russ asks you to check with **Gary Adams**... pay \$5... and make an announcement during our meetings!

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.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Joe Andreasen
Flag Salute: Felix Diaz
4-Way Test: Caroll Yule
Song: Al Castellucci

RAFFLE SESSION:

No Finemaster today... but some nice raffle prizes were given away. Goodie Bags from the Golf Tournament went to **Jim Murray, Vito Bello, and Margaret Cooker**. **Jim Murray** also won one of the Blue Table Decorations, and **Margaret Cooker** took home the Beautiful Gift Basket from **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage!** **Russ** was given his official President's Badge by **Margaret**... nets a \$10 fine, **Russ!**



Congratulations...



Gene Gregory
Lifetime Achievement



Steve Flannery
Rotarian of the Year



Joe Bertola
Citizen of the Year



VITO BELLO

Vito took a moment to express his pleasure in joining the Rotary Club of Victorville on this Tuesday to engage with each other and celebrate our freedom in such a fun way! "Hip Hip Hooray for America!"





IGNITE is the Rotary Membership growth program for Rotary Zones 25 and 26.

With IGNITE, membership has:

- Focus
- Every Member Has a Role
- Commitment

This will be a minimum three year program starting July 1, 2012. All/any club members are invited to the membership committee meetings (last Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse) where we will discuss our focus and progress toward meeting our club membership goals and implementing the exemplary strategies for successful clubs. And maybe we will have a Club contest!

PROPOSED MEMBER

Approved for publication at a special E-poll 7-3-2012

Danielle Moore

Taylion High Desert Academy

Position: Executive Director

Sponsor Stephanie La Ferriere (Adelanto member)

Classification: Education:Charter School Administration

Note: If you protest the admission of this member to Victorville's Satellite club in Adelanto, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by July 17, 2012.



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Jon Edson took it all home!

\$200!


We'll start AGAIN next week!

President's Circle


Join the Rotary Club of Victorville's President's Circle with your monthly pledge to support Club projects:

- Platinum: \$ 100
- Gold: \$ 50
- Bronze: \$ 25

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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 Bazsen • Robert Lovingood • Vito Bello

Past President (2010-11)	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14)	Dr. Hough Everage
President-Elect (2013-14)	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2014-15) ...	Put your name in for interviews

Current Chair Persons:

Membership	Dr. Hough Everage
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

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 (3rd and 4th 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!

- July 10:** Wine, Jazz, & More planning meeting - Steve Murray's home. 6 pm. Call 760-954-2893 for info.
- July 31:** GSE Team member applications due - 5:00 pm
- Aug 16:** High Desert Potluck Fireside with D.G. Sylvia Whitlock - 5:30 pm
- Sept. 8:** Wine, Jazz, & More - Spring Valley Lake Community Center
- Sept. 15-16:** Rotary River Trip
Rotary Fellowship on the Colorado River

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

- July 10:** Club Assembly / President Stringham
Topic: Avenues of Service
- July 17:** Teresa DeAtley / David North - Topic: "Business Identity Theft Protection"
- July 24:** Ana Garcia, Senior Hydrogeologist, Mojave Water Agency – Topic: River of Gold (Page)
- July 31:** District Governor Official Visit (Stringham)

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