

The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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America Becoming Less Dependent of Foreign Oil



Donovan Rinker-Morris, Harvard Law School Graduate

The Rotary Club of Victorville was afforded the opportunity to hear Donovan Rinker-Morris' opinions about U.S. oil dependence based on his research in the Middle East. Interestingly, 2012 was the first year America actually exported more refined petroleum products than it imported! The question is, how will American interests in the Middle East be affected as we become less dependent on their oil production? 25 million barrels of oil flow through the Strait of Hormuz daily, and presently the United States has complete supremacy in this waterway, a vital international channel. India and China have huge interest in maintaining the flow of oil, so their interest in the Middle East will continue. Even if America has complete oil independency, there are other strategic concerns. Iran's nuclear threat will continue due to the powerful countries surrounding them. Terrorism is an ongoing world threat, along with piracy. Commercial trade with India and China will also ensure the importance of America's continuing investment in the Middle East.

The subject of American interests in the Middle East is a complicated one. Donovan describes oil independence as a "revolution", with many long-term consequences. He feels there is lots to be optimistic about in the decades to come, and foreign oil independence is one of those things.



The importance of the Strait of Hormuz as a strategic world waterway

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Ron Wilson introduced guests this week, including Jose Sandoval (Lager); Kamron Meyer, Peter Oliver (Young); Kohl's Manager (Castellucci); Garner Morris (Lovingood) and Melanie

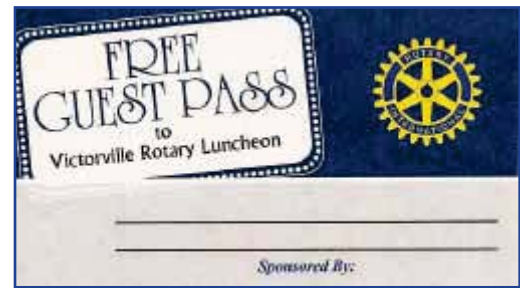
(Robert) Lovingood.

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: Van Young
Flag Salute: Mike Page
4-Way Test: Deb Clarkson
Song: Al Castellucci



WHAT'S THE FREE GUEST PASS?

Simple...

- ✓ Bring in a prospective member and give them a membership packet ... win points toward a prize.
- ✓ When the guest brings a completed packet... win points toward a prize.
- ✓ Upon induction of the "qualified" guest... win points toward a prize.

At the end of the year, the member who brought in the most qualified new members will... you guessed it: win a prize (as of yet, not determined... but it will be good)!



Home of Jon & Linda Hove
18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley
6:30 pm - 954-8186.

Bring a side dish and a lawn chair.

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$9,396.44

Total equals: 79,826 Doses!

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



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

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

With your monthly pledge you are able to choose which projects you support!





Russ' Rap

President Russell (next week he'll be back to plain old "Russ") filled us in on some highlights of his trip to the International Rotary Convention in Lisbon, Portugal with 22,000 Rotarians. **Russ** admitted that he even rode a camel during his trip!! Pictures please, Russ!

Russ presented **Bob Basen** with his 2013-14 Director's Pin, and handed out other "Engage Rotary Change Lives" theme pins. If you didn't receive one this week, let **Russ** know!

Mark Layton continues to ask for donations to the Rotary Pantry. This food drive was so successful last year that it is being repeated, so please remember to bring in canned foods and dry goods to send where they are needed in our community.

Dan Dever invited **Ben Tafoya** to speak about what is happening with our Sister Club in Ensenada. **Ben** told us the water tanks at the schools should be completed within 30 days or so, and then we'll get on with the next project.

Ben also reminds members that our "Wine, Jazz & More" event is our biggest fund raiser to provide scholarships for local students and fund Club projects. **Ron Boyd** is working on getting raffle items, and we'd like **ALL** of our members to participate in some way or another. Contact **Ben Tafoya** if you would like to become a Wine, Jazz & More Sponsor (forms are also available at meetings).

Steve Murray is soliciting for new members; we are always in need of good Rotarians for the Rotary Club of Victorville! See page two and use a "Guest Pass", and/or bring a guest to "Movie Night" July 20th! (See pg. 2.)

Margaret Cooker reminds us of the August 24th "Charity Day", with proceeds going to our Foundation. Also, if you would like to donate items for Lavonne Renno to help with her mission in Africa, you can contact Lavonne at 760-964-7354. She is in need of every type of item, and will be glad to pick up your donations.

Russ asks that members consider signing up for the President's Circle, whereby you can direct which projects your funds will support. (See pg. 2.)

President Russ shared a Certificate of Appreciation from the Victor Valley College for our support in scholarships. He also shared a Thank You note from Past District Governor Roger Schulte, for our Club's \$1,000 donation to Rotaplast. A total of \$60,000 was collected by District 5300 last year for this program, which saves smiles and changes lives through reconstructive surgery and treatment worldwide for children in need.

RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor was acting Finemaster this week. **Bob Basen's** photo in the news received a \$50 fine, **David**



Keck's Daily Press weather reporting netted him a \$25 fine, and **Mark** self-fined himself \$10 for political incorrectness. **Bob's Tire** Baseball Caps went to **Teressa DeAtley** and **Gary Adams**; **PrintMart** Coozie and Knife went to **Deb Clarkson** and **Ben Tafoya**. A Rotary Bag from **Russ** and \$25 **Midway Gift Card** went to **Stew Anderson**; **Shred Your Docs** Baskets were won by **Rob Kilpatrick**, **Ben Tafoya** and **Donna Wells**; and **Victor Valley Christian School's** Starbucks Cup, Pen and Notepad went to **Gary Adams**.

LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Stew Anderson gave it a good try this week; to the tune of only \$5. :(

Next week... \$550 and only 7 marbles!

SPOON OF Exemption

Steve Murray
www.bobs-tire.com

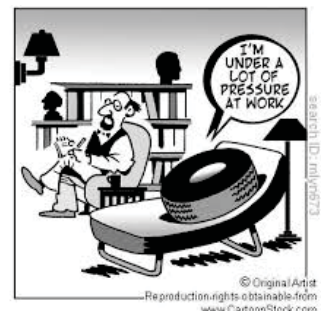
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Bob's
Tire Service
& Alignment Center

Complete alignment
and suspension repair
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Custom Accessories

Steve Murray thanked members who came in and had their tires checked. Aside from specializing in tires since 1951, **Bob's Tire** also does preventative maintenance, and is a good source for auto questions.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directords

President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Steve Murray
Club Service & President 2015-16	Ben Tafoya
Community Service	Mark Layton
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Bob Basen • Rob Kilpatrick • Kevin Porter • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Club Activities	Ben Tafoya
Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Ben Tafoya
Cards and Calls	Gaylynn Stringham
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., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
- WEDNESDAY:** 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.
- 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 20:** **Summer Movie Night Fireside**
Jon & Linda Hove's, 18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley - 6:30 pm - 954-8186. Bring a side dish for a BBQ and a lawn chair.
- July 22:** **Past President's Meeting - 5:30**
Green Tree Clubhouse
- Aug. 24:** **Macy's Shop for a Cause**
Save 25% all day, and enter for a chance to win a \$500 Macy's gift card. See Margaret Cooker for tickets and details.
- 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

- July 16:** San Bernardino County Sheriff, John McMahon - **Topic: "Overview, Since I Became Sheriff - Including the Dornier Saga"** (Lucia)
- July 23:** **State Senator Seve Knight** (Stringham)
- July 30:** Victor Valley College President (Acting), Peter Allan - **Topic: "VVC: Behind the Headlines"** (Ontiveros)

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