

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

July 15, 2014

## S.B. County District Attorney Mike Ramos Addresses Gang Issues

The Rotary Club of Victorville was privileged to have as guest speaker the San Bernardino County District Attorney, Mike Ramos. He is the top prosecutor in the largest county in the United States, and over the years we have seen the inroads he and his staff have made to combat crime, especially those committed by gang members. Mike currently serves as V.P. of the National District Attorney's Association and heads up the Corrections and Re-entry Committee. D.A.s from across the country look at Mike's office's expertise and protocols for fighting gangs as a national model. Since 2005, he has really beefed up the gang prosecution unit and the Sheriff's Department gang investigation unit in our county. Coupled with the "sanctions" placed on gang members, his office leads the state in the number of gang prosecutions... over 5,000 cases in nine years... prison terms totaling 36,000 years... plus 240 life-time terms in state prison. If convicted of a crime with gang injunctions, 5 to 25 years can be added to the sentence. He emphatically states that it is his office that gets the job done, and he is very proud of his staff and lawyers, who have prosecuted 156 cases already this year in the high desert, resulting in prison terms of a thousand years! Mike attributes this success to: Better protection of witnesses / No plea bargaining / Gang Injunctions / Prevention and Intervention (which, he feels, is key to keeping kids from joining gangs).



In addition to fighting gangs, the D.A.'s office has also set programs in place to halt and prosecute human traffickers, improve witness protection, and protect our innocent children from predators. He commended Rotary for our involvement with children in the community through our literacy and leadership programs. He also commends the Sheriff's Department, emphasizing that they all work together toward the same common goals. Two programs recently instituted are: (1) Sheriff's Inroads Program, job training for low level felons, and (2) CAPO: Crimes Against Police Officers Protection Unit. "...doing everything possible to deter, prosecute, and punish those who attack, threaten, or interfere with our law enforcement officers." We thank the D.A. for updating our Rotary Club on issues his department faces every day.

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



<b>Invocation:</b>	Steve Hunt
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	Brad Letner
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Holly Noel
<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.**



## Steve Sez...

**President Steve** reported that **Diane Anderson** had a little accident, and is improving. **Stew** will be busy for the next few weeks taking care of her, so we will miss him at Rotary, and send **Diane** our best wishes for a speedy recovery. He greeted a few members we don't often get to see: **Robert Lovingood**, **Ryan McEachron**, and **Steve Flannery**. **Pastor Earle** was also in attendance!

**Steve** also reminds us to think about purchasing the inflatable solar lights, available for sale at meetings; they are good to have on hand in case of emergency.

**Ben Tafoya** discussed membership, and has packets available at meetings.

**Dwight Johnson** encourages members to attend the fun "Fireside/Movie Night" on July 26th, and also our most important fund raiser, the Wine, Jazz & More event. **Dwight** thanked **Donna Wells** for her \$500 business sponsorship! This event is well advertised throughout businesses in the high desert, and your (business) sponsorship is tax deductible.

**Brad Letner** listed the many community service projects our Club is involved in, and invites ideas.

**Steve's** "Three Lies and a Truth" had all tables stumped, as everyone looked to the taller Rotarians. Many guesses were made; turned out it was **Brad Letner**, and he played center for a championship basketball team in high school! He is pictured here, with proof!



Rotary Club Gozo is pleased to be hosting a special event, Gozo Week, between 9th and 16th October 2014.

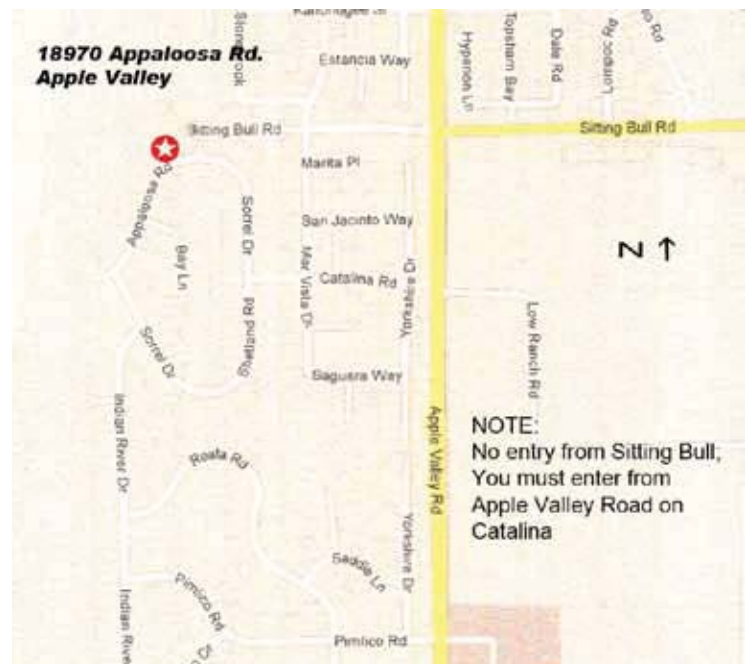
The Week will consist of tours of sites of historical and pre-historic interest, visits to the beautiful villages of the island, day trips to the neighbouring islands of Comino and Malta, a night at the opera, where first class productions are regularly staged, and much more.

This is an excellent opportunity for Rotarians from different countries and cultures to meet in fellowship and have a convivial experience in the Maltese Islands, a unique cultural and historic crossroad of civilisations.

Visit the web site for more information: [www.rotarygozo.org](http://www.rotarygozo.org)



Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy - 1989



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## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Kevin Kane introduced quite a few guests this week. It was nice to see Marie Langley again; she was guest of Pastor Paul and is currently Administrator for Choice Medical Group. We welcomed Eric Poindexter and Martha Guillen of the S.B. Probation Department; Tim Haskell, Sherman Curi, Jack Kwan, and Boyd Masson of the Victorville District Attorney's office, guests of our speaker, D.A. Mike Ramos.

We also welcomed Sandy Dorman and Barbara Krant. Al Castellucci's guests were David Greiner, Eric Schmidt of the City of Hesperia, and Teresa Anderson of Embry-Riddle. Manny Manahan sat in for Rick Hampton of ServPro; Robin Cacklin of Life Church, and Sarah Ellison of Brandman University, in for Hough.



*Pastor Paul Earle*

Pastor Paul joined Robin this week to ask Rotarians to help 1,000 kids start the next school year with a quality backpack filled with useful supplies. Your support is greatly appreciated by Pastor Paul Earle and his staff. Contact Nikki at 760-995-3217. Web site: [info@vvlifechurch.com](mailto:info@vvlifechurch.com).



## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Mary Hennessy's lucky ticket was drawn, and the \$5 she won went directly to the Polio Pig.

Next week's available pot...

**\$325 / 11 Marbles**

## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



**Ryan McEachron** honored Rotary as Finemaster this week, serving up some fines for fellow Rotarians' blunders... the first \$5 to **Mike Page** for recruiting **Ryan** as Finemaster! **Al Castellucci's** 54 years of perfect attendance earned him a \$54 fine; although

she left early, **Holly Noel** was fined \$10 for whining about losing her seat; and **Dan Munsey's** "welcome to Rotary" from **Ryan** incurred a \$10 fine. Even **Doug Robertson** couldn't escape without a fine, his was for \$25, a buck for each year he's been married! Nice Raffle prizes today, thank you, Rotarian donors! **Heritage Medical** Bags went to **Jim Murray**, **Brad Letner**, and **Paul Earle**. **Ryan** razzed **Steve Orr** for the bags being empty, and hit him with a \$10 fine for each bag! **Hough's** Candle was won by **Jim Murray** and her book went to guest **Robin** of Life Church; **Jim Murray's** Bottle of Wine was won by **Dwight Johnson**; a Beautiful Basket from **Life Church** went to **Gary Adams**, and **Marie Langley** took home some **Morgan Stanley** gadgets. **Mary Hennessy's** \$5 (won with the incorrect marble) went to the Polio Pig.

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

**Collected this week: \$23.50**

**Includes \$5 from Mary Hennessy's Marble**

**Collected to Date: \$11,428.26**

**Total equals: 85,605 Doses!**

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

**1 Pantry Item = 1 Raffle Ticket**

## BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Steve Murray
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Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker

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Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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 .....	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 Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
<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. University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
<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. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities

## The Joshua Tree

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### Important Dates

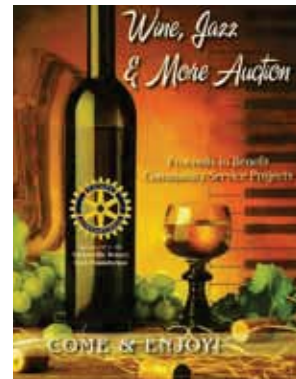
## Mark your Calendar!

**July 26:** Fireside & Movie Night - Hove Home 18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley - Bring a side dish (More info on Page 3). 6:00 p.m.

**July 28:** Past President's Meeting - 5:30  
Green Tree Golf Course

**Sept. 6:** Wine, Jazz & More Auction  
Spring Valley Lake  
Community Building

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ITEMS & RAFFLE  
PRIZES NEEDED!**



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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

**July 22:** Logan Olds, General Manager, Victor Valley Wastewater Authority - Topic: "Biogas Energy - from Sludge to Solution" (Page)

**July 29:** Bryan Dunn, Sage Hypnotherapy  
Topic: "Hypnosis Solutions for Everyday Life" (Page)

**Aug. 5:** Dr. Roger Wagner, Superintendent/  
President, VVC - Topic: "Victor Valley College Update" (Ontiveros)

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