



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## A Behind-the-headlines Look at Victor Valley College

Mr. Peter Allen, Acting Superintendent-President of VVC, visited the Rotary Club of Victorville this week to discuss activities at the College. (Our own John Kroencke hired Peter many years ago as an adjunct faculty member.) Peter offered a bit of history on the growth of VVC, which has kept pace with the population growth of the Victor Valley over the past years.

Currently, VVC is operating above “cap” with 550 full-time students in attendance. Peter explained that cap is the maximum amount of money available from the state for a community college, and that funding is based on the amount of full-time students. Any overage is paid out of the college’s general fund.

Planning and Program Review are separate but important aspects when looking to the future of VVC. Poor planning, (using program review) resulted in the current difficulties the college is experiencing. However, accreditation issues have plagued VVC off and on for nearly 20 years, and leadership turnover has been a definite factor.

Peter shared several recommendations he feels would solve the accreditation difficulties. This requires implementing certain systems and adhering to them in order to take the college off of probation. We thank Peter for his presentation, and fielding some difficult questions.



Acting VVC President Peter Allen

## THIS WEEK’S GUESTS



Ginger Ontiveros introduced guests this week, including: Nolan Smith of Taylison Academy; William Flynn of Excelsior (A. Anderson); Steve Williams of the Daily Press (Caldwell);

Charley (Terry) Caldwell; Garner Morris (Lovingood); Peter Allen of VVC (Ontiveros); Joe Brady of Bradco; and Louise Bevilacqua of DCB (North). Welcome, all!

### Thank you to today’s Functionaries



- Invocation:** Ron Wilson
- Flag Salute:** Todd Sturges
- 4-Way Test:** Hough
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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



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## AUGUST EVENTS...

**September 3rd:** District Governor Miles Petroff will be visiting our Club, followed by the High Desert Fireside on **September 4th!**

*“There is no greater honor, no higher calling than the extraordinary opportunity to serve mankind.”*

*District Governor Miles Petroff*

### Rotary Club of Adelanto

**Charter Night Celebration**  
**Wine Cheese and Beer event**  
**August 22, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**R and S Beverage in Adelanto**



“Shop for a Cause” offers great discounts and a chance to win \$500 at Macy’s in the Mall of Victor Valley Aug. 24th. All the ticket sales profits will go to the Victorville Rotary Foundation for service projects and scholarships. See Margaret Cooker for details.

## WE ARE “THIS CLOSE”!



Have you ever heard a Rotarian speak about their personal experience participating in a polio eradication exercise, a cleft lip/cleft palate mission, or work on a humanitarian grant?

Wouldn't it be fantastic to participate in a polio immunization exercise, attend the 9th Annual West Africa Project Fair, and engage in a hands-on work project! Your opportunity awaits...

**Trip Dates:** October 15 – 24, 2013  
**Travel to:** Lomé, Togo, West Africa  
**Per Person Price:** \$1,689, double occupancy

Program includes: Hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, polio immunization exercise, hands-on community service field work, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events, sightseeing, etc. Watch your email for a flier, and in the meantime, contact [Rotary@HowardTours.net](mailto:Rotary@HowardTours.net) for more information.

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

**Collected this week: \$17.82**  
**Collected to Date: \$9,430.81**  
**Total equals: 79,895 Doses!**

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

## BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

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





## MARGARET TAKES CHARGE...



**Margaret Cooker** handled the details of this week's meeting in President **Russ**' absence. **Margaret** invited **Jennifer Starbuck** to share a bit about her CPA business in Apple Valley. **Jennifer** offers financial statement audits, tax preparation, and accounting/consulting.

Adelanto Rotary Club President **Stephanie La Ferriere** sent her emissary to announce the opening of Taylion High Desert Academy August 7th. Contact **Stephanie** for further information at 912-8767.

**Steve Murray** thanked **Gene Gregory** and **Stew Anderson** (Past Presidents) for meeting with he and **Russ** to discuss increasing the Club's membership this year. **Steve** said there were some really great ideas exchanged.

The newly formed Adelanto Club welcomes members to come out to their Charter Party on August 22nd. They will be receiving their official Rotary Bell and other important "stuff", according to **Steve** and **Margaret Cooker**.

**Weekly Reminder:** Wine, Jazz & more is our biggest (and most fun) fund raiser for our projects. Be a part this year by supporting this effort in whatever way you can.

**Margaret** read a nice Thank You note from three first-grade teachers. Our Teacher Mini-Grant program funded an "Attendance Incentive Program" at Village Elementary School which inspired better attendance in their first-grade students. It's great to be reminded of how important this program is, and to see it get results!

### PROPOSED MEMBER

*Approved for publication in an E-poll July 23rd*

**Mary Hennessy**

Gentiva Hospice

Position: Executive Director

Classification: Administration: Hospice

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

*Note: If you protest the admission of these members, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by August 5, 2013.*

### LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



**MAYBE THERE WILL BE A WINNER NEXT WEEK!!**

**Pot is worth \$700 and only 4 marbles are left!**

## RAFFLE SESSION:



**Matt Drake** rained down a few hefty fines this week... **Bill Scott** was fined a whopping \$300 for a comment



made (which I didn't hear), and poor **David North** was hit for a \$50 fine for his "Man About Town" title. **Terry Caldwell** was ordered to pay a \$20 fine for bringing a Daily Press Editor; and **Mike Page** is "laying guilt on the Catholics, so he gets hit for \$10. **Ginger Ontiveros** received a \$5 fine for showing up, and **Steve Flannery** was fined \$50 due to the price of text books! **Deb Clarkson's** school graduated **Matt's** son and received a \$10 fine in return. **Donna Wells** won Wine from **Paula Porter**; **Barstow Transfer & Storage's** Basket went to **Hough**; the **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage** Basket was won by **Jim Murray**, and **Margaret Cooker** tried to win the entire \$650, but came up with only \$5. Nice try, **Margaret!**

### SPOON OF Exemption

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Steve Murray's last week to advertise Bob's Tire Service gave him an opportunity to thank members who have brought their vehicles to him. He also reminds members to check tire pressures, especially in the heat of summer.

### Spoon Auction for August



Bill Scott won the Spoon Auction singlehandedly, for a paltry \$50!!

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## 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!

- Aug 22:** **Adelanto Charter Night**  
Wine, Cheese & Beer Event - 6:00 p.m. R&S Beverage (17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto)
- 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 \$5 tickets and details.
- Sept. 4:** **High Desert Rotary Fireside**  
Home of Ron Sugi (See Pg. 2)
- Oct. 5:** **Wine, Jazz & More**  
Spring Valley Lake Community Building (More info to follow).
- Oct. 28:** **Past President's Meeting - 5:30 -**  
Green Tree G.C. Clubhouse

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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Aug. 6:** Jim Dye, General Manager, United Furniture Industries - **Topic: "Manufacturing in the High Desert"** (Yule)
- Aug. 13:** Jason Lamoreaux, Coldwell Banker Comercial R.E. Solutions - **Topic: "State of Commercial Real Estate in the H.D."** (Yule)
- Aug. 20:** T.B.A.
- Aug. 27:** **San Bernardino County Sheriff, John McMahon**

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