



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

August 20, 2013

## SANBAG V.P. Updates Rotary Club on SoCal's Highway Plans

Ray Wolfe, Executive Director of SANBAG, was introduced by Ryan McEachron, SANBAG Board member, to update us about key ongoing and upcoming projects. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is the council of governments and transportation planning agency for San Bernardino County.

Two exciting projects that directly affect our high desert are the La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange and the Rancho Road Interchange, both of which will alleviate Bear Valley Road gridlock. The ceremony to open the La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange will be this Friday at 1:30 p.m. for those interested in attending.

By the end of this year, the Yucca Loma Bridge should begin construction, as well as the Green Tree Road improvements.

CalTrans and SANBAG are also working on U.S. 395 improvements, which will be underway within a couple of years.

The "High Desert Corridor" is another planned project which has had setbacks over the past several years. This is a multi-billion dollar project, and a multi-use project, including transmission, generation, and rail corridors, all packaged together, which Ray says should help to secure some federal money. This route would link State Route #14 to State Route #15, and would be a partial toll facility. Notably, SANBAG has partnered with Congressman Paul Cook's office to assisting returning veterans by working with business to provide opportunities to our veterans transitioning from active duty to civilian life, in recognition of their service.



Speaker Ray Wolfe, Executive Director

### Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** Mark Sawyer
- Flag Salute:** Eddie Hernandez
- 4-Way Test:** Mark Taylor
- Song:** Al Castellucci

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



James Baxter introduced guests this week. We welcomed Jacquie Lukacsffi (Edson); Lord's Table guests Brianne Pindel, Frances Martinez, and Rich Messhve, guests of David North; Paul Kaminski, new V.P., St. Mary's Foundation (Page); Kevin Eads, in for Todd Sturges; Harrison Hove, guest of his dad, Jon; and Amy Torres, in for Mary Hennessey of Gentiva Hospice. Hello as well to James and Dana Utgard!

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



# Rotary Celebrations!



**ATTENTION  
RED BADGE MEMBERS**



## September Member Birthdays

Steve Orr	Sept. 5
Rolin (Ron) Sugi	Sept. 7
Howard (Buck) McKeon	Sept. 9
Dana Utgard	Sept. 11
Jack Hamilton	Sept. 12
Dan Dever	Sept. 13
Teressa DeAtley	Sept. 16
Gene Gibbs	Sept. 17
Bob Greiner	Sept. 17
Kimberly Ramirez	Sept. 20
Paul Earle	Sept. 25
Jon Edson	Sept. 25
Ruth Ensworth	Sept. 25
Bob Basen	Sept. 26
Ron Boyd	Sept. 27

## September Partner Birthdays

Carole (Gary) Adams	Sept. 9
Shandiz Zandi (Mostaedi)	Sept. 22
Nathalie (Van) Young	Sept. 25

## Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Niki Sawyer	Sept. 9
Dick & Lynne Cole	Sept. 11
Ginger & John Ontiveros	Sept. 17
Margee & John Powers	Sept. 19
Robert & Melanie Lovingood	Sept. 20
Bill & Linda Scott	Sept. 22
John & Ann Wilkins	Sept. 26

## Club Anniversaries

Pat Mark	Sept. 1
Jesse Tafoya	Sept. 2
Doug Robertson	Sept. 8
Jim Barnes	Sept. 11
Alicia Anderson	Sept. 12
Dwight Johnson	Sept. 17
Kirby Brill	Sept. 19
Donna Wells	Sept. 25
Hough-Everage	Sept. 28

*We need a Rotarian volunteer!*



"Shop for a Cause" fulfills a requirement toward that blue badge - 10 to noon. See Margaret for details.

## High Desert Rotary



**September 4, 2013**

**Home of Ron Sugi**

**13123 Trailwood Way Apple Valley**

*Theme is Hawaiian*







## Russ' Rap

**President Russ** announced the contract is being re-signed with the Green Tree Restaurant, and we all got into the “sauce” options discussion. There were plenty of giggles, and a vote was actually taken as to who wants the sauce on the side, and who prefers it on the meat directly. The subject will go to Committee to hash it out.

**Russ** has an extra Rotary shirt; if you ordered one, please let him know it belongs to you.

Our District Governor is coming September 3rd, so bring a guest, and wear your Hawaiian Shirt or Lei on that day!

**Russ** suggests all who can make it attend the High Desert Fireside September 4th, which will also include the D.G. and have a Hawaiian Theme. It is at the home of **Ron Sugi**; his wife, **Ana**, was a Victorville Club member, and it would be a great tribute to honor her Rotary and community work at this event.

**David North** introduced guests from The Lord’s Table (pictured), recipients of the Club’s Food Pantry.



**David** shared the work that this group does, and how it profoundly affects our community Monday through Friday, as 300 people (many are children) are served meals daily.

**Russ** reminds members to participate in the Wine, Jazz & More event. Sponsors and auction items are needed!

## Back to Rotary Basics

Join District Governor Miles Petroff and get the inside scoop of all things Rotary!! -

Pick a session to learn more about:

- Rotary Foundation Grants Management Training
- Membership
- International Projects
- Public Relations and Social Media

\$20 - Register today on DaCdb

Continental breakfast will be served

Sat. Sept. 14th - 9 a.m. -12 p.m. (Register at 8 a.m.)  
Foothills High School, 800 College Drive, Henderson, NV

Sat. Sept. 21st - 9 a.m. -12 p.m. (Register at 8 a.m.)  
Etiwanda Gardens, 7576 Etiwanda Ave., Etiwanda, CA

(Club will reimburse after you attend.)

## RAFFLE SESSION:



**Mark Taylor** officiated this week as Finemaster, and handed out some nice raffle prizes also. Maverick Tick-



ets from **El Dorado Broadcasters** were won by **Gary Adams**; and **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage’s** Beautiful Basket went to **Cliff Harris**.

**Mark Sawyer** was caught grinning (or was he just picking his teeth?)... fined \$10, and **Rob Kilpatrick** was fined \$10 for something... couldn’t hear for all the laughter!

## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



**Gary Adams** tried this week, but came up with only \$5.

Next week, \$250/13 marbles

## Polio Change - Over 80,000 Doses!!

## WHAT’S IN MARGARET’S CAN??

Collected this week: \$28.00

Collected to Date: \$9,458.78

Total equals: 80,007 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



*Bill Scott*



**Bill Scott** recently attended “Concorso Italiano - A Celebration of Italian Style”. Just Google “Lamborghini tractor Concorso”, and see the many links to **Bill’s** “little” 8,000-lb. farm tractor made by Lamborghini! He shared this week how, without even entering, his tractor took second place, and was needed to tow the first place winner onto and across the stage!

## 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!

**NOTE: Adelanto Charter Celebration is re-scheduled from Aug. 22nd. New date T.B.A.**

- 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  
13123 Trailwood Way, A. V.  
See Map on Pg. 3
- Sept. 14: Back to Rotary Basics**  
Henderson, NV
- Sept. 21: Back to Rotary Basics**  
Etiwanda, CA
- 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

- Aug. 27:** San Bernardino County Sheriff, John McMahon - **Topic: "Overview, Since I Became Sheriff - Including the Dorner Saga"** (Lucia)
- Sept. 3: District Governor Miles Petroff Visit**

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