



# The Joshua Tree



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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## Firefighters Make a Difference



*Russ Stringham, Bob Basen, Pazely Hall, and Terry Caldwell had the opportunity to wear the suits!*

Ginger Ontiveros introduced “one of the heroes of the college”, Fire Chief Tom Turner. Some Victorville Rotarians who had youthful dreams of becoming a Firefighter got a glimpse of what it takes to be “hot stuff”, sporting the fluorescent-striped suits!

Chief Turner began his fire fighting career in Victorville in 1981 and retired as a captain in 1984. He has been teaching Fire Technology at VVC for about 15 years. We appreciated Tom being at the ready to speak to us on short notice, and it was fun to see our fellow Rotarians dressing the part of a Fireman! A Firefighter is required to wear very heavy safety gear (from 60-80 lbs.). As demonstrated by our own Rotarians, it’s not easy to put it on quickly! Aside from the uniform, there are hoses, bottles, and various other equipment to be added to the extra weight. Obviously, a Firefighter must be in very good physical condition.

In addition to fitness, Firefighters are also required to be ethical and honest, and have a desire to be involved in the community. There are many ways fire districts help in their communities; from feeding seniors, mentoring youth, collecting money for injured firemen, etc. There is no “spare time” as a Firefighter. They work on maintaining and repairing the fire trucks and equipment, as well as cooking all their meals, completing reports, etc. Fire fighting is a great career, and the Fire Technology program teaches our young would-be Firefighters to be safe during their tenure. Thank you, Tom, for the very informative and fun presentation!



*Fire Chief Tom Turner of Victor Valley College’s Fire Academy spoke about what it takes to become a Firefighter.*

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to Tom Turner of VVC, our guest speaker and Kelley Johnson of VVC, guests of Ginger Ontiveros.

Welcome to Pazely Hall, Jon Edson’s Aide, Derek King of Excelsior (Victor Valley Sunrise), Holly Noel in for Eldon Heaston, Colleen Hunt in for Robert Lovingood, and Manny Manahan in for Rick Hampton. Welcome to Interactors Alexandra, Jaina, Michaela, Sarah, Therra, and Sophia and Excelsior Advisor, Linda Moody.

### Thank you to today’s Functionaries



<b>Invocation:</b>	David North
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	Jim Barnes
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Rob Kilpatrick
<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.**



**Ginger Ontiveros** offered a very enthusiastic presentation on how the Victor Valley College Foundation “raises funds and makes friends so that the college can serve more students in our community”. Ginger’s day is very diverse: She attends

many meetings, works raising money on a variety of events, does grant research and writing, and much more. She was sure to mention the many Rotarians who help her along the way. Thanks for the synopsis, Ginger!



# Rotary Celebrations!

## November Member Birthdays

Rob Kilpatrick	Nov. 1
Terry Caldwell	Nov. 8
Erin Scott	Nov. 12
Paul Stanton	Nov. 12
Ken Walsh	Nov. 14
Mary Teran	Nov. 15
Kevin Porter	Nov. 16
Rick Hampton	Nov. 21
Rick McDowell	Nov. 22
Mattie Brown	Nov. 26
Marilyn Buttlerwerth	Nov. 27
Margaret Cooker	Nov. 28

## November Partner Birthdays

Kenneth (Margaret) Peterson	Nov. 1
Denton (Donna) Wells	Nov. 11
Linda (Bill) Scott	Nov. 22

## November Wedding Anniversaries

Ron & Patricia Kabalin	Nov. 7
Jim & Leslie Murray	Nov. 10
Gene & Anne Gibbs	Nov. 14
Mike & Jeanette Hayhurst	Nov. 23
Bob & Christine Greiner	Nov. 28

## November Club Anniversaries

Rick York	Nov. 1
Jim Barnes	Nov. 9
Mike Hayhurst	Nov. 16
Carolyn Villars	Nov. 20
Margaret Diaz	Nov. 23
Jack Hamilton	Nov. 23
Becky Otwell	Nov. 23
Ruben Ramirez	Nov. 23
Carole Voll	Nov. 23
Holly Noel	Nov. 25
Ken Walsh	Nov. 25
Dick Cole	Nov. 26

## PROPOSED MEMBER

*Pre-approved for publication by Board of Directors:*

### Previously published

#### Tracy Marsh

Administrator, Victor Valley Union H.S. District

Classification: Education: H.S.

Administration Sponsor: Charles Gehrke

Transferring from Victor Valley Sunrise

**If you protest the admission of this member, please notify President Charles Gehrke in writing by Nov. 1, 2011.**



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### Rev. Paul Earle

Pastor, Life Church

Classification: Services: Pastor

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

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

**Collected this week: \$5.03**

**Collected to Date: \$8,047.84**

**Total equals: 77,282 Doses!**

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



Watch for the many Rotarians to receive “Perfect Attendance” awards next week!





## Notes from Charles

**President Charles** had a very full agenda this week!

**Rob Kilpatrick** introduced the staff and students who attended the Interact Symposium last weekend. The Interact Clubs represented were Excelsior, Riverside Prep, and Hook Jr. High School. Welcome all. Each of the representatives were given a minute to share their experience.

**Charles** presented **Jim Barnes** with his official Blue Badge and a fine to go along with it for \$10. Congratulations, **Jim**!

**Robert Starbuck** and **Jeannette Gehrke** are celebrating birthdays, and **Charles** wishes them the happiest.

**Carol Yule** was asked to auction off the Spoon of Exemption today, and set a record for the fastest Rotary Spoon auction ever! She placed the first bid... \$150!!... and then closed the auction! Guess we'll be singing in November.

**Charles** spoke for **David Leicht** and reported that we will be purchasing 32 Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy through the *Samaritans Helping Hands*. If you are interested in helping distribute the baskets, contact David.

**Bob Basen** reported on the Go-Kart races sponsored by ICR Staffing; our entry didn't win, but Steve Murray gave it a good try! Thanks, Steve!

**Charles** read a Thank You note received from Carol Nielson of Hook Junior High School for our support of the Interact Symposium. She and two students attended.



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Vito Bello used his last week as Spoonholder to announce a few days left for the Corporate Gift Card (below). He also wanted to let us know how much he is enjoying being a Victorville Rotarian, and he is currently pursuing his blue badge!



## LUCKY WHITE MARBLE

Next week...

3 marbles and \$650!

**Jim Cox took home \$5 this week... next week some lucky Rotarian could be very wealthy!**

## RAFFLE SESSION:

**Charles** received help from **Gayle Walker** in handing out some nice Raffle prizes. Thanks to our donors... a Mall Gift Card went to **David North**, and a DCB "Coozy" was won by **John Kroencke**, who also took home two nice gifts from **Peggy Pope**. **Donna Wells** was the lucky recipient of a Midway Gift Card from **Don Lager**, and **Gary Adams** received **Charles Gehrke's** Low-calorie Yumm Nuts. **Hough's** Beautiful Pin and Plaque went to **Jim Cox**, and **Hough** took home nice Milano Cookies and a Coffee Mug from an unknown donor. **Jim Cox** tried for the marble worth big bucks... \$600 to be exact, but came up short by \$595.



**Many thanks** to those who worked the immunization clinic at Yucca Loma School on Oct 22nd. Not only were childhood shots given, but we had a cadre of nursing student volunteers from Azusa Pacific giving flu shots.

From Apple Valley Kiwanis: Carole Voll, Jeff Cooper, Julie & Tom Saavedra: from our club Teresa DeAtley, Nancy Noble and Paula Esteban, Interact Advisor from Victor Valley Christian who mobilized a strong team of students, and Jorge Moreno from University Prep., Karina Molina from Granite Hills High School Interact and Pooneh Navab from SBCo PHDept. The help given to St. Mary's van personnel for the clinic was immeasurable. *Margaret Cooker*



Colleen Hunt was the lucky winner of \$2,850 at the Wine, Jazz & More Event!! Colleen is donating a portion of her winnings to the Good Samaritans for their Thanksgiving Food Drive on behalf of the Rotary Club of Victorville. Woo Hoo!

Thanks so much, Colleen, and congratulations, too!

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Treasurer ..... David North  
 Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Club Service ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 Community Service ..... David Leicht  
 Youth Service ..... Rob Kilpatrick  
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 Recording Secretary ..... Marilyn Buttelwerth  
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### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Robert Lovingood • Steve Murray • Ginger Ontiveros

Past President (2010-11) ..... Teresa DeAtley  
 Incoming President (2012-13 ) ..... Russ Stringham  
 President-Elect (2013-14) ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 President Nominee (2014-15) .....

### Current Chair Persons:

New Generations..... Rob Kilpatrick / Bob Basen  
 Membership ..... Russ Stringham  
 SongMaster ..... Al Castellucci  
 Scholarships ..... Ginger Ontiveros  
 Publicity/Public Relations ..... Charles Gehrke  
 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 Grumpy Golfer, 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:** 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!

- Nov. 13** Rotary Peace Conference, Palm Springs Convention Center  
 1:00 - 4:30 PM. See website:  
<http://www.district5300.org>
- Nov. 14** Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.  
 Grumpy Golfer - **Red Badge Req.**
- Dec. 15** Rotary Christmas Party - Grumpy Golfer - more info. forthcoming.

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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Nov. 1** S.B. County Sheriff Rod Hoops, Topic: Prisoner Realignment (McEachron)
- Nov. 8** Teen Leadership Camp (Kilpatrick)  
**PLUS** "Need for Speed: Landsailing Around the World" with Nord Embroden, VVC Instructor (Ontiveros)
- Nov. 15:** District Governor Doug Fowler Presents 4 Community Service Paul Harris Fellowships: Chris Espinoza, Felix Diaz, Mike Rotheschild, and Mindie Stackelhouse
- Nov. 22:** Commercial Real Estate Panel  
 Topic: What is Happening Out There?  
 Panelists: Anita Tuckerman (Stirling, Int'l.), Colleen Butcher, and Mehdi Moestaedi (Coldwell Banker Commercial Realty). Moderator: Carol Yule

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