



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## ROBERT LOVINGOOD

County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors

# DISTRICT 1

The Rotary Club of Victorville was privileged to have San Bernardino County's 1st District Supervisor Robert Lovingood as speaker this week. Robert has been a member of the Club for approximately 20 years, and he updated members on highlights of his first year on the S. B. County Board of Supervisors.

His philosophy is simple: "When we create jobs, we create revenue to expand public safety and improve critical infrastructure which will lead to the recovery of our schools and communities." Robert is proud that his office reaches out to the community, and is listening and responsive, and commended Garner Morris for being a great community advocate for the high desert and surrounding areas.

One of the issues his office is currently addressing is the solar moratorium. Location is the most important aspect of placing solar equipment, and Robert feels residents have the right to object to the devaluation of their

property. Improvements have already been made with the addition of new mitigations. Also, over \$100,000 in unclaimed property taxes have been returned to taxpayers by diligently working to locate the recipients. Robert stated they are also working aggressively with the municipal governments towards better economics for our District. The "County Plan" looks at the things that will bring economic improvement, and he is hoping for additional funding for just those things... transportation, public safety, and improvement of the infrastructure.

Robert stressed the point that there will be a major shortage of critical trades as workers are retiring. The training component for future employees is the key, he feels. His office has identified those workers this will address, and is creating a training program for that sector of the workforce, which will be economically prudent.

While Robert supported the part-time initiative, he admits the job's minimum hourly requirement is presently 55-60 hours per week (apology to his wife Melanie for that).

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Dana Utgard introduced guests this week. We welcomed Ron Frame of the S.B. County Board of Supervisors, Melanie Lovingood, and Garner Morris (Lovingood); Brad Smith of Pacific

Horizon Bancorp (Orr); Ray Marien of the Daily Press; Rebekah Curtis of Gentiva Hospice for Mary Hennessy; and Manny Manahan for Rick Hampton of ServPro.

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



- Invocation:** Mark Sawyer
- Flag Salute:** Ron Boyd
- 4-Way Test:** Stew Anderson
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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

## Have yourself a "Rotary Moment"...

Be a Mentor at a Rotary meeting for a young Brentwood Student and inspire, teach, and motivate him/her with your Rotary spirit! Margaret Cooker is looking for Rotarians to pair up with a Brentwood student Tuesday, November 12!! Please contact Margaret at 760-243-5928 to get your student assignment.



## Plan to Attend...

**Menu**

**Charter Night  
Adelanto Rotary Club**

**Friday, November 15th - 6:00 p.m.  
Green Tree Inn Restaurant**

*Dinner includes wine and your choice of :*

Prime Rib  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Eggplant

*Join the Rotary Club of Victorville and District Governor Miles and Past District Governor Sylvia in honoring the formation of this new Rotary Club.*

*Cost: \$50 / person.*

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

**Collected this week: \$11.05**

**Collected to Date: \$9,589.75**

**Total equals: 80,271 Doses!**

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



## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE

**Dwight Johnson tried AGAIN to win the pot, but alas... \$5  
Next week, \$800/2 marbles!**

## ★ ATTENTION MEMBERS ★

Please support the Club by being present next week when District Governor Miles Petroff presents two Paul Harris Fellowships in recognition of Community Service by non-Rotarians:

Tracy Walters is being honored for her support of the armed services, saving greyhounds, donating GALLONS of blood over the years, which may save YOUR life, plus many other donations of time and effort.

Ron Wilson of Victor Valley Rescue Mission, which offers refuge, recovery and restoration to those in need in our community.

## BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

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



Couldn't resist a shot at these fine gentlemen in their beautiful Rotary jackets! Don't they look awesome? They are a few of our favorite elder statesmen, Dick Cole, John Kroencke, and Gene Gregory!



**Dr. Paul Stanton's contribution to the Teacher's Mini-Grant Program qualifies him as a Platinum Sponsor!**



## Russ' Rap

**Mark Layton** acknowledged **Stew Anderson** and **Rebekah Curtis** (Gentiva Hospice) for bringing Pantry Items. **Russ** reminds us the holidays are coming, and we would like to have a big stash for the needy by then!

**Steve Murray** knows Rotarians can think of a person who would be an asset to the Rotary Club of Victorville. The future of our Club is dependent upon membership! 20 members left the Club with Chuck Gehrke to form their own Adelanto Club, so we need to replenish our roster! Please let **Steve** know who you have in mind, and he'll be happy to get in touch with them.

**Russ** also announced the "Charter Night" for the new Adelanto Club, and encourages members to attend this important event (see page two).

**Ben Tafoya** reminds members to put the Club's Christmas Party on their calendars. It will be a great time at **Steve Murray's** home on December 13th. Please bring a raffle gift for the raffle that night! (See calendar.)

**Teressa** handed out nomination forms for President for 2016-2017. Please nominate yourself, or another member, and give it to **Russ**. The R.I. Convention will be in Seoul, Korea.



**Russ** made a special presentation to **Marilyn Buttlerwerth** for all of the efforts she makes on behalf of the Rotary Club of Victorville. **Russ** gave **Marilyn** a beautiful Rotary scarf from the Lisbon Rotary International Convention with his thanks.

## RAFFLE SESSION:



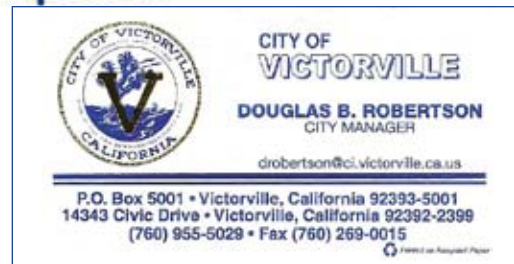
It was great to have Past President **James Baxter** this week as Finemaster... **James** picked on some of the newest Rotary members by way of introducing himself, fining **Rick Hampton** and **Mary Hennessey** (in absentia), and **Cliff Harris** each \$10. **Steve Orr** brought a guest, and was hit for \$20, as was **Mike Page** for the trivia question about **James'** cousin. Some nice raffle prizes were given away... **Midway Home Solutions'** \$25 Gift Card went to **Margaret Cooker**; **Rotary Club Wine and Print-Mart** Gift went to Dwight Johnson; **Shred Your Docs Basket** was won by **Dwight Johnson** and **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage's Basket** went home with **Steve Orr**. **Gentiva Hospice's** Gift Boxes were won by **Ron Hughes** and **Dana Ugard**, who sat between **John Kroencke** and **Stew Anderson**; each fined \$20.



While sitting next to **James Baxter** this week (with my recorder on), he revealed that his son, Nick, is going to TLC (Teen Leadership Camp) this year as a Facilitator/Counselor! He will also be attending RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) as a Senior Counselor!



*Doug Robertson*



Mark Sawyer stood in Doug's stead, reporting all's well with the city and announced the Rotary swamp cooler gift (from a Rotary grant) saved the Boys & Girls Club about \$350 last month!



Melanie Lovingood will be the November spoon holder, with a winning bid of \$100 made by husband, Robert. She will have four weeks to shamelessly advertise whatever she pleases!

## 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 Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
- 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.  
Rotaract, 4th Thursday, VVC Student Activities.
- FRIDAY:** San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



### Important Dates

## Mark your Calendar!

- Nov. 15:** Adelanto Club Charter Night - Green Tree Inn Restaurant - 6:00 p.m. - \$50/pp - D.G. Miles and Past D.G. Sylvia will be in attendance.
- Dec. 13:** Rotary Christmas Party - Home of Steve and Pam Murray - 6:00 p.m. \$10/pp. Bring a raffle gift!
- Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve - DARK (no Rotary meeting)
- Dec. 31:** New Years Eve - DARK (no Rotary meeting)
- Jan. 3, 2014:** R.I. Foundation - Ontario Double Tree - Black tie - RI President Ron Burton will be in attendance

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

- Nov. 5:** Community Paul Harris Awards – (Coker) Presented by D.G. Miles Petroff/ ICR Staffing Services, Ron Wilson - Topic: “My Days in Banking, Internal Fraud Stories” (Page)
- Nov. 12:** Assemblyman Tim Donnelly (Page) Veterans Day theme and Décor by Hough / TLC students / Brentwood Career Exploration Program
- Nov. 19:** Assemblyman Tim Donnelly / TLC Students / Brentwood Career Exploration Program / S.T.A.R. Awards

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