



# The Joshua Tree

The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## TWO GREAT PROGRAMS FEATURED AT ROTARY



The Rotary Club of Victorville recognized two members of our community with the presentation of the “Community Service Paul Harris Awards”. This award was created in memory of Paul Harris who established the Rotary Club over 106 years ago, and it is the highest award presented by the Club. Its’ purpose is to acknowledge the outstanding contribution and exceptional service of members of the community by representing Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self”. Rotarian Holly Noel assisted District Governor Miles Petroff and President Russ Stringham in presenting the honors. Tracy Walters works for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, and in her spare time volunteers her time and talents in many needed areas in the community. In addition,

she is an active member of GreySave, a non-profit organization which saves Greyhounds, and is a constant platelet and blood donor, donating a total of almost 11 gallons!

Ron Wilson (non-Rotarian) is the Director of the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, which provides services to the homeless of our community. A Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner is served at the Mission. With the support of our community, they offer: Refuge – Food, shelter, and clothing for those in need / Recovery – Biblically based programs to minister to the whole person; body, mind, and spirit and / Restoration – Equipping people to lead productive and independent lives.



## Rotarian Ron Wilson Reports on Internal Banking Fraud



Ron Wilson shared interesting (and some funny) stories about fraudulent bank employees who took huge risks by stealing money and ultimately lost their ability to work within the banking industry. The first was a teller, who took \$200 in quarters; another teller “borrowed” \$200 for her Las Vegas weekend and tried to return it on Monday; and one who embezzled \$80,000 worth of withdrawals! A Senior Credit Officer was caught cashing cashier’s checks, and was eventually caught by the regulators. He is banned from banking for life. A loan officer, making loans to herself, was caught red-handed due to a mistake she made in the loan papers. She was also banned for life. An employee in the payroll department advanced her own payroll until she was caught in an audit. The most blatant theft was a Chief Financial Officer who stole over \$600,000 over a period of seven years, and was never caught, in spite of federal and state regulators’ attempts to find the missing money. Thanks, Ron, for the great storytelling!

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

**Brentwood Students need Rotarian to Pair With**

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 or email Margaret at pdgcooker@verizon.net.



**THIS WEEK'S GUESTS**



Mark Sawyer introduced guests this week. Welcome to Ron Wilson (PH recipient) and his wife, Cari; Sheri Haggard and Tracy Walters (PH recipient) of the MDAQMD, guests of Holly Noel; Aaron Moore, in for Kevin Kane; Nathalie (Van) Young of the Salvation Army; Ray Marien in for David Keck; Manny Manahan for Rick Hampton; Melanie Lovingood, in for Robert and her guest, Ethel Garcia of ICR.



**HUGE POT NEXT WEEK...**

**1 Marble worth \$850.00!**

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**Next Friday ...**

*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.

**ATTENTION  
RED BADGE MEMBERS**

Meet the requirements to obtain your Blue Badge ... Rotary Firesides are a great place to learn about our Club and Rotary. The Adelanto Charter Night Celebration is considered a Fireside for Red badge holders.

District Governor Miles Petroff handed out a few of his special Governor's Hero Pins (for the unsung heroes who do so much in the communities of District 5300). Recipients were Ron Wilson (Paul Harris recipient) and Van Young of the Salvation Army. Steve Murray was presented with an "Ignite" pin by D.G. Miles for his membership efforts.



Miles issued a challenge to District 5300 to bring in 53 Paul Harris Fellows. He also thanked the Rotary Club of Victorville for being the highest Polio contributor in the high desert, and presented Russ with a special Polio pin!



*Melanie Lovingood*

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Melanie introduced Ethel Garcia, ICR's Human Resources Manager, who spoke about the HR Solutions department of ICR, which assists in outsourcing all of your Human Resource needs.

**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.





## Russ' Rap

**President Russ** is in possession of the Adelanto Club's Rotary Bell for one more week. On November 15th at the "Charter Night", it will be handed over to its rightful owner. **Russ** stressed the importance of our Club's sponsorship of the Adelanto Club, and encourages Rotarians to attend the event. If you're unable to attend, please consider making a donation. Funds raised in excess of the cos go to the R.C. of Adelanto to support their mission.

**Margaret Cooker** is still looking for Rotarians to mentor a Brentwood student next week. If you're willing, please contact her.

Reminders were made to bring in pantry items and sign up for the Christmas Party on December 13th. Also, the Boys & Girls Club is in need of Rotarians for the "Read to Me" program. Contact **Russ** or **Mark Sawyer** to be on that list.

**Steve** and **Pam Murray** are already putting together the Christmas Party for members, and this year promises to be an great event! Remember to bring a raffle prize and sign up at meetings for this great holiday party.

**Steve Murray** congratulated **Al Castellucci** for bringing the most guests in October, and presented him with a \$25 Gift Card!

The Print Mart Open House (which is a Rotary make-up) is on Thursday, Nov. 7th, and then on Friday, several Rotarians are heading to Ensenada. They are making the Club donation to purchase needed groceries for the upcoming holidays and also to deliver wheel chairs, walkers, etc.



If you know of a used wheel chair, walker, or cane, please get to **Russ** by Thursday.



The "Be An Angel" program is starting up for this year with The Salvation Army, so be sure to pick an Angel to buy a Christmas gift for! **Van** thanks our Club for our support, and is asking if a Rotarian would stand at a kettle on Dec. 14th in Apple Valley. Please let **Van** know if you can participate.

And by the way, **Van** was presented with his official "Blue" badge, and fined the traditional \$10.

**NEXT WEEK...**

**Assemblyman Tom Donnelly**

**\* Veterans Day Theme \***

## RAFFLE SESSION:



**Matt Drake** was back this week, doling out fines to worthy Rotarians. **Bob Basen's** ponytail consistently earns a fine from **Matt**, this time



for \$10. **Ray Marien's** appearance nets a \$10 fine as well, and **Mike Page, Hough, and Marilyn Buttelwerth** received \$10 fines for various reasons. **Jennifer Starbuck**, however, was fine-free for keeping **Matt** financially sound with her accountant skills.

Some nice raffle prizes were handed out... **Gentiva Hospice Bags** were won by **Dan Dever** and **Stew Anderson**; a **Salvation Army Christmas Ornament** went to **Stew** as well; outstanding! **Matt** told a jeeping story whereby **Jon Hove's** wife was responsible for waking **Matt** up in the morning, so went fine-free. "Wild Hare" Wine from an unknown donor was won by **Caroll Yule**, and **Ben Tafoya** and **Gary Adams** were fined \$10 each for talking during the fine session.



*Club Christmas Party  
December 13th*

**★ GUARANTEED WINNER! ★**

**The Pot is \$850 next week for the Rotarian with the lucky ticket!**



**LUCKY BLUE MARBLE**

**Caroll Yule** missed out this week with 2 marbles, but was unlucky and took home \$5. Next week, \$850/1 marble!



*From hope  
... to anguish*



## 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.
- Nov. 26:** Happy Thanksgiving!
- 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

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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Nov. 12:** Assemblyman Tim Donnelly (Page) Veterans Day theme and Décor by Hough / TLC students / Brentwood Career Exploration Program
- Nov. 19:** Panel Discussion: "The Many Faces of Fraud" DeAtley) / S.T.A.R. Awards
- Nov. 26:** Dr. Ravidra Chandrashekhar - Topic: "Could Sleep Apnea be a Root Cause of General Medical Problems?" (Page)

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