



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## TWO COMMUNITY PAUL HARRIS RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED



*D.G. Sylvia Whitlock, Chico Garza, and Greg Lundeen*

This week's Rotary Club meeting awarded two Paul Harris Fellowships in recognition of community service. Rotary's District 5300 District Governor, Sylvia Whitlock, was assisted by Greg Lundeen in the presentation of this honor to both recipients. Mr. Lundeen, Deputy Superintendent, presided for Rotarian and Oro Grande School District Superintendent, Joe Andreasen, who was absent.

Chico Garza has worked for over 30 years with schools and businesses throughout the state of California. He retired from the U.S. Army after 23 years of service. Mr. Garza uses his lifetime experiences and real-life education to mentor others, particularly youth and their families. He has made a huge impact promoting solid family values in the community.

Carl Ackermann's contribution to youth spans his 24 years as an Oro Grande School District Board of Trustee, Past Board President,

and Basketball Coach. Mr. Ackermann retired as a Lieutenant Colonel following a 34-year U.S. Air Force career, where he served as Scoutmaster here and abroad. He also assisted in the founding of Riverside Preparatory School and the Mojave River Academy Charter School in addition to his many achievements.

The Rotary Club of Victorville proudly bestows the Community Service Paul Harris Award to these gentlemen for their outstanding service to the community! In addition, Garner Morris from the Office of First County Supervisor Brad Mitselfelt presented a Certificate of Recognition to each for their service.



*Carl A. Ackermann and Garner Morris*

## S.T.A.R. AWARDS

The Rotary Club of Victorville recognizes those students who have made a significant improvement in the G.P.A., attitude, and/or attendance. Since these students do not generally get recognized unless they have a 3.5 G.P.A. or above, it is rewarding to celebrate their accomplishments. Each student is awarded a S.T.A.R. (Striving To Achieve Results) Certificate and a \$25 Gift Card, and their families are invited to attend this special meeting as Rotary's honored guests. Congratulations Jesse and Serena!



*Recipients Jesse Hernandez from Lomitas Elementary School and Serena Vasquez from Liberty Elementary School, pictured with Rotary Club of Victorville President Russ*

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

# THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to the S.T.A.R. Award Recipients, Jesse Hernandez and Selena Vasquez and their families and Liberty School Principal Tiffany Lyons and teacher Christine Gabler. Welcome

also to our esteemed District Governor, Sylvia Whitlock; Garner Morris of Brad Mitzelfelt's office; Greg Lundeen (Andreasen); Capt. Nathalie (Van) Young; and Jacquie Lukacsffi (Edson). Welcome, all.



Brentwood teachers Lavonne Renno and Mrs. Hetzel with students Aaliyah, Alvaro, Kelsey, Luke, Melvin, and Valerie, with Principal Lori Billig.

## Thank you to today's Functionaries



**Invocation:** Van Young  
**Flag Salute:** Bob Basen  
**4-Way Test:** Rob Kilpatrick  
**Song:** Al Castellucci

"Half the Sky" is a book about the plight of women in the world (available at Costco). The lack of education in third-world countries inspires D.G. Whitlock's project. "PACE Universal" has built a school in India to educate young girls. D.G. Whitlock encourages us all to become educated ourselves on how to "educate a girl and you educate the world".

"Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide", a book by Nicholas Kristof.

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

**Collected this week: \$24.54**

**Collected to Date: \$9,023.33**

**Total equals: 79,101 Doses!**

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

*Includes \$5 marble winnings from Marilyn Buttlerwerth*

**BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!**

**YEAR 'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:**

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.



## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:

**Matt Drake** held court this week, starting with a fine to new City Councilman, **Jim Cox**... \$1 only. **B&B Cycles'** Calendar was won by **Team Edson**; **Russ'** "recycled" Bangkok Bag went to **Jim Cox**, and **Caroll Yule** took home a nice **B&B Cycles** Tee Shirt. **Matt** was happy to see **Cathy Pelley**, so fined **Teresa de Atley** \$50, and **David North** pays **Bob Basen's** \$50 "hair" fine, both in the spirit of "passing the buck" during an election year. **John Hulterstrom** recently purchased a copier from Office Works, so naturally, goes fine-free! A \$25 **Midway** Gift Card went to **Team Edson**, and the **Patel** 2012 Pocket Calendar was won by **Gary Adams** with advice from **Matt** to be sure and use different pens when filling it out with 2012 tax write-offs. **Margaret Cooker** was this week's winner of the ticket worth \$5!





## Russ' Rap

**Russ** is back this week. He asked **Dwight Johnson** to remind us to bring in those cans and dry goods... there is a huge need this Thanksgiving. **Dwight** thanked **Stew Anderson** for his contribution this week, and assigned Rotarians to bring in AT LEAST one can, or wait... one BAG!! **Dwight** thanked **Colleen Butcher** for the bag she donated. Let's give some extra next week, Rotarians!

**Russ** reminded everyone to take a "Be An Angel" tag to purchase a Christmas gift for a needy child this year. **Steve Flannery** will be on hand at meetings to collect your gifts, or you may bring them to the Rotary Christmas party.

**Russ** announced the results of the great Teacher Mini-Grant Program this year. We gave away approximately \$14,700 to 47 teachers for their Mini-Grants. Woo hoo!

**Russ** updated us on the Mexico Water Project. His group will be going this Friday, and supplying food for the Ensenada Orphanage. Please contact **Russ** if you would like to be included in these trips to Mexico. They will also be meeting with our sister Rotary Club in Ensenada.

**Mark Sawyer** briefed us on the purchase of swamp coolers for the Boys & Girls Club. Their electric bill in the summer are over \$2,000/mo., so this grant is badly needed! For some hands-on "Rotary Moments", help will be needed for installation in the early spring!

**Russ** offered **District Governor Sylvia Whitlock** an opportunity to speak on a program close to her heart (See Page 2). Many of our Rotarians are making donations, and our Club is contributing \$1,500.

**Bob Basen** invites members to the RYLA Facilitator's Training in Monrovia at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday. The District web site has more information, and if you're interested in carpooling, contact **Bob** at 760-792-8622.

## President's Circle Advertising

Join the Rotary Club of Victorville's "President's Circle"

with your monthly pledge to support Club projects:

**Platinum: \$ 100**

**Gold: \$ 50**

**Bronze: \$ 25**

It's never too late to be added to the "President's Circle". See Margaret for information.

## SPOON OF Exemption

**Jim Barnes**



Jim Barnes, holder of the "Spoon of Exemption", brought some nice brochures, along with \$25 coupons for Rotarians to purchase accessories and/or parts. Jim has some great Christmas gifts at B&B Cycles!



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ANGEL TREE tags are available at meetings from now until December 10th (or the Club Christmas Party on December 13th).

Be sure and get a tag to help a needy child or family.

For questions, contact Steve Flannery at 760-221-6292..

## ★ Attention Rotarians ★

Due to space limitations, the Adelanto Rotary Club off-site December 5th will be open to Adelanto Rotarians only.

## LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE



Marilyn Buttlerwerth took \$5 from the Pot today, leaving Margaret Cooker to give it a try. After taking home \$5,

Margaret leaves \$450 for a lucky Rotarian next week with only 9 marbles left in the bag!



# President's Circle

## Platinum Members

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## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President .....	Russ Stringham
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Community Service .....	Dwight Johnson
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International .....	Ben Tafoya
Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
Recording Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams

### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Bob Basen • Robert Lovingood • Stephanie La Fariere

Past President (2011-12) .....	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14) .....	Dr. Hough Everage
President-Elect (2014-15) .....	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16) ...	<b>Talk to Chuck for interviews</b>

### Current Chair Persons:

Membership .....	Dr. Hough Everage
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Scholarships .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Dwight Johnson
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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

## Make-up Days and Locations

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club (3rd and 4th Wed.), 11:30 a.m., 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. High Desert, 6:00 P.M. - Los Domingo's Rest., 6:00 p.m. 17790- Hwy. #18, Apple Valley
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

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## Important Dates

# Mark your Calendar!

Nov. 22:



Dec. 5: **Adelanto Rotary Off-Site**

(Adelanto members only/limited space)

Dec. 10: **Deadline for "Be an Angel"**

(Christmas Party is final day - 12/13)

Dec. 13:



Home of Steve & Pam Murray - \$20/couple

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## UPCOMING

# ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Nov. 20: Joe Brady, BRADCO Companies**  
Topic: "My View on the Economy"  
(Page)
- Nov. 27: The Rotarian Roast: Ben Tafoya**  
(Yule)
- Dec. 4: San Bernardino County District Attorney, Mike Ramos - Topic T.B.A.**  
(McEachron)
- Dec. 11: Christmas Program - Apple Valley High School "Sunsations"** under the direction of Dave Prince (Stringham)
- Dec. 18: Bob Haunschild - Topic: "Reducing the Effects of Heart Disease and Diabetes"**  
(Cooker)

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