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# THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



November 24, 2015

## Observations from a Danish Youth in America

This week at Rotary we had the pleasure to hear from **Rikke Sejr Broedsgaard**, Youth Foreign Exchange Student from Denmark. She shared quite a bit about her home in Denmark as well as her observations of America.

Rikke comes from Skoelskoer, Denmark which has a population of about 6,500 people. There are only a few factories in her city and two schools. Denmark is three connected islands, and Rikke lives about 1 hour from the Capital, Copenhagen.

Denmark is about 10 times smaller than California with a population of 5.5 million, about 15 times smaller than California. Denmark has the highest taxes in the world at 61% and no matter where you are in Denmark, you are at least 31 miles from the sea!

Rikke's mother is a social worker and helps orphans get into good homes. Her father is one of the largest corn farmers in Denmark, and one of her brothers is a supermarket Produce Manager, while her other brother is a student, where they actually pay you to go to school!

Some other fun facts about Denmark is that they have free healthcare, and has the third longest bridge in the world! Denmark is the most democratic and least corrupt country, but is the most dependent on "happy" pills.

Rikke has been in America since July and loves it here. She has been staying and learning so much from her host parents, **Brad and Teresa Letner**, who have taken her for the whole year.

Rikke is an avid soccer fan, and plays on the Varsity squad at University Prep. In Denmark, the sport of baseball is non-existent, so she had such a kick watching a Mavericks Game last season. Basketball is a small sport back home, so Rikke was amazed at the size and spectacle of a recent L.A. Clippers game. She recently went on a day trip to Hollywood, which was not at all as it is portrayed in her home country, but fell in love with the San Diego area, particularly Mission Beach. She also went on a Rotary trip to Lake Havasu, staying with **Steve and Pam Murry**.

When Rikke returns to Denmark in July 2016, she will begin business school and hopes to return to America, to start her business in Newport Beach!



### This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Rosanne Weathers
Song:	Al Castellucci



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### Tafoya Talk...

A light gathering this week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please make sure you attend as much as possible in December, as we have some fantastic programs the whole month, starting next week with the Teacher Mini-Grants!

Don't forget our upcoming Christmas Party on Thursday, December 3rd at the Green Tree Golf Course. All members and spouses are invited to attend this great evening of great food, music and friends! The meal choices are prime rib, salmon or eggplant parmesan as a vegetarian alternative. All ladies will receive a box of Sees candy and there will be wine on each table to enjoy. The cost is \$45 per person and sign-ups are due to **Margaret Cooker** by Monday, November 30.

Final call was made to Rotarians for our Sees Candy Drive! The response was so good a second order is needed. Final request are due ASAP, and along with delicious boxes of candy, 1lb gift certificates can be ordered as well! See Margaret before it's too late to order!

Finally, **Ron Boyd** was in attendance this week, so we at last had the opportunity to award him a \$5 Starbucks gift card for collecting 15 membership points for the month of October!



### The Polio Pig...

**Collected this week: \$6.00**

**Collected to Date: \$12,805.59**

**Total equals: 87,676 Doses!**

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

### Fine Session

**Mark Taylor** was back this week as our Fine Master and started the proceedings with \$10 fines to **Dan Dever** and **Russ Stringham** for being without their badges, and **Margaret Cooker** was given a \$25 fine for her birthday.



The final fine of the day went to **Rosanne Weathers** who was finally able to turn in her Red Rotary Badge and then take possession of her new Blue Badge! To honor this wonderful achievement, she was fined \$20 instead of the usual \$10, because it took her 2 years to earn the Blue Badge!

### Raffle Prizes

Just a few raffle prizes were given out today due to the light holiday attendance. A pair of Ontario Reign tickets from **Russ Stringham** were won by **Rosanne Weathers**, who I am sure gave them to **Steve Orr**! Rosanne gave away a pair of Lunch Thermos packs, that went to **Gary Adams** and **Ben Tafoya** and Ben Tafoya donated a handmade business card holder that went to Gary Adams!

### Rotary Guests

Today we welcomed Dawit Tesfagiorgis and Joyce McCord from Asuza University, guests of **Van Young**. We were also joined by **Teresa Letner**, who attended to hear her and Brad's Rotary Exchange Student speak to the group. Lastly, **Tony Cooker** was a stand-in today for **Dr. Hough**.



## Spoon of Exemption: Van Young



Please help a local High Desert family have a Christmas this year, by picking up an Angel Tree tag for one person, or for a whole family, and spread some holiday cheer to those in need. See Stew Anderson or Van Young to get your Angel tree tag now!

Angel Tree gifts are due no later than December 3. Please drop off at Salvation Army, the Christmas party or the December 8 Rotary meeting. Lots of tags left, please grab some and help make a family's Christmas!

## Lucky Blue Dice



Rosanne was the lucky Rotarian picked to draw for the big money today, but once again, the big money stayed safe for another week  
13 Dice remain and \$250 up for grabs!

## December Birthdays

David North	December 05
John Kroencke	December 06
Cliff Harris	December 14
Ron Williams	December 21
Medi Mostaedi	December 23
Marie Langley	December 30
Robert Lovingood	December 31

## December Anniversaries

Eldon Heaston	19 Years
Jean Conrady	13 Years
Glee Heikes	13 Years
Paul Earle	4 Years
Ron Boyd	4 Years

## Christmas Party

JOIN YOUR ROTARY FAMILY ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 5:30PM  
AT THE GREEN TREE GOLF CLUBHOUSE  
COST: \$45 PER PERSON

### MEAL CHOICES:

PRIME RIB • SALMON

EGGPLANT PARMESAN

INCLUDES WINE ON EVERY TABLE

FREE BOX OF SEES CANDY FOR THE LADIES!

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30!**

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Murray
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### Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
Programs .....	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Dan Munsey
Cards and Calls .....	Pam Murray
Newsletter .....	Chris Ackerman

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., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
<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 High Desert, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

- Dec. 3:** **Rotary Christmas Dinner**  
5:30pm • \$45 per person  
Green Tree Golf Clubhouse  
Victorville, CA
- Jan. 2:** **Foundation Dinner**  
Double Tree Hotel, Ontario, CA  
Rotary Intl. President in Attendance  
*Deadline Extended*  
Club will pay 50% of the early bird ticket cost. - deadline 11/30/2015

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Dec 1:** **Teacher Mini-Grants**  
(A. Anderson/Barnes)
- Dec 8:** **Apple Valley High School Sunsatons**
- Dec 15:** Senator Sharon Runner (Page)
- Dec 22:** Chris Ackerman, Signify Designs  
**TOPIC: "Growing Up Hollywood"**  
(Page)
- Dec 29:** **Dark...Happy New Year!**

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