



The Joshua Tree



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ROASTING ONE OF ROTARY'S BEST, BEN TAFOYA

Ben's friends came out this week to help "Roast" him, and he was very "well done". Carroll Yule penned a great song for Ben's roast, sung by all with fervor. Carroll also provided table decorations for the event. Thank you, Carroll!

Dan Dever prepared a slide show with about 60 photographs over the years depicting some "younger" Rotarians, Rotary Off-Road Trip fun, Rotary sister club in Ensenada and work our Club has done at El Sauzal in Ensenada. This year's trip to Ensenada shows photos of Russ and Ben signing papers for the Matching Grant for water tanks in five schools. Russ Stringham teased Ben about the lack of evidence of his birth, and went on to introduce other "Roasters". Jim Murray explained how Ben was locked in a closet until he agreed to serve as Rotary President! Chuck Utgard, Past President of the Rotary Club of Victorville and now an Apple Valley Rotarian, shared some memories of his times with Ben in Rotary.



"Roasters" included from left: Chuck Utgard, Steve Murray, Bill Gillard, (Ben) Dan Dever, Jim Murray, and Russ Stringham.

Steve Murray remembered attending Rotary functions at his home as a kid, where he recalled stealing the Rotary Bell and throwing it in the pool! Kidding aside, though, Steve witnessed his own "Rotary Moment" in Ensenada during the signing of the documents to obtain Matching Rotary Grants, and he is grateful to Ben for enticing him into becoming a Rotary Club President (2014-15). All Roasters agree it's been a pleasure knowing Ben through the years!

Ben's Rotary years go way back, and he has had perfect attendance since 2001! Ben works behind the scenes on many Rotary functions, so makes up meetings that way. Some highlights of Ben's Rotary experience include: Rotary member since 1977 ● Paul Harris Fellow ● Past Club President (1995-96) ● "Rotarian of the Year" ● Current Board member (not missing any) ● Club Service ● Foundation ● International Service ● Administering to new members ● Valentines



and Wine, Jazz & More and ● Youth Exchange. Ben has served as a Club International Director since 1982, and is heavily involved with many Rotary projects annually; we are grateful for his Rotary service!

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

★ ATTENTION MEMBERS ★



We have the opportunity again this year to purchase See's Candy in bulk. Margaret Cooker has the order forms, and will email it to you, if you haven't yet received it. Forms are also available at meetings. December 7th will be the deadline!

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Past President Charles introduced guests, including Eugene (Hough) Everage; Jackie Morgan of St. Mary's Foundation (Page); Pam (Steve) Murray; Jan (Ben) Tafoya; Garner Morris of the 1st District Supervisor's Office; Chuck Utgard (Apple Valley Rotary); Bill Gillard (Dever); and Jacque Lukocsfii (Edson). Welcome all!

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Van Young
Flag Salute: Ron Wilson
4-Way Test: Jim Murray
Song: Al Castellucci

FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Ben Tafoya's Roasting included acting as Finemaster, and he fined his friend "Wild" Bill Gillard a whopping \$100, while declaring **Steve Murray** Fine- Free for the rest of the year



for his kind "Roast" words! On to some raffling, **Marie Langley's** Peanut Brittle was won by **Jim Murray**; **Hough's** Multi-Cultural Book went to Team **Edson**, as did **Charles Gehrke's** Cookies and the **Midway** \$26 Gift Card! A nice Pocket Knife from **PrintMart** was won by guest Bill Gillard, who also went away with **Bill Scott's** Can of Cashews. **Terry Caldwell** won Chocolate from **Sandra Luna/Legal Shield**, and **Ron Boyd** won a telephone amplifier from **H&R Block**. **Jim Murray** tried for the \$250 Pot-O-Gold with a total of 14 marbles, but came up short by \$245. Nice try, **Jim!**



December Member Birthdays

David North	Dec. 5
John Kroencke	Dec. 6
Paul Russ	Dec. 21
Carolyn Villars	Dec. 21
Mehdi Mostaedi	Dec. 23
Marie Langley	Dec. 30
Robert Lovingood	Dec. 31

December Partner Birthdays

Betty (Al) Castellucci	Dec. 1
Donna (Mark) Taylor	Dec. 8
Nicole (Jim) Hart	Dec. 9
Dennis (Caroll) Yule	Dec. 10
Mary Kay (Ken) Chambers	Dec. 13
Patricia (Ron) Kabalin	Dec. 13
Carol (Jerry) Lundberg	Dec. 20
Joe (Cherie) Range	Dec. 20
Rene (Kirk) Riding	Dec. 22
LaVaun (John) Hulterstrom	Dec. 28
Terry Wayne (Nelda Colvin)	Dec. 31
Charmaine (Paul) Earl	Dec. 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Luis & Polly Frisby	Dec. 7
Margaret & Anthony Cooker	Dec. 18
Pat & Francis Mark	Dec. 18
Kirk & Rene Riding	Dec. 18
Terry & Patricia Caldwell	Dec. 19
Dwight & Trish Johnson	Dec. 19
Gary & Carole Adams	Dec. 20
Donna & Denton Wells	Dec. 20
Carol & Jerry Lundberg	Dec. 22
Margaret & Kenneth Peterson	Dec. 23

Club Anniversaries

Jean Conrady	Dec. 1
Glee Heikes	Dec. 1
Rob Kilpatrick	Dec. 4
Paul Earle	Dec. 6
Alicia Anderson	Dec. 9
Colleen Butcher	Dec. 14
Ron Sugi	Dec. 16
Eldon Heaston	Dec. 19
Cherie Range	Dec. 19
Ron Boyd	Dec. 20



Russ' Rap

Russ opened the meeting, then invited **Charles Gehrke** to introduce guests.

Charles used the opportunity to encourage Rotarians to bring guests and potential new members! **Charles** is the new Membership Chair, and he would like to get names of people who would make good Rotarians. He will then contact those people himself and bring them to a lunch meeting. So be prepared with a name for **Charles** when he contacts you!



Don't forget to sign up to attend the Club Christmas Party. The sign-up sheet is going around; cost is \$10/per person. Feel free to bring a guest... just get on the RSVP list!

At this week's "Club Assembly", **Stephanie La Ferriere** was overwhelmingly approved by members in attendance as a new Board member. Congratulations, **Stephanie!**



Holidays are around the corner!

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.



FREE GUEST PASS
to
Victorville Rotary Luncheon

Bring a guest to Rotary!
Sponsored By: _____

SPOON OF Exemption

Jim Barnes

Jim relinquished his "Spoon of Exemption" this week, but not before announcing the opportunity to test ride some awesome bikes! He also offers motorcycle/dirt bike training lessons, so call Jim at 760-241-7487.

The Spoon was auctioned this week, and the highest bidder was **Mike Page** (\$125) beating out **Steve Murray** for the December Spoon!



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"BE AN ANGEL" tags have all been claimed. Thanks to those Rotarians for stepping up at the last minute to be sure no child is left out! December 10th (or the Club Christmas Party on December 13th) is the deadline to bring them, and thank you all who have purchased gifts for these needy kids at Christmastime.

★ Attention Rotarians ★

There will be a Club Assembly at the December 11th meeting to vote on change of President for 2013-2014.



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Jim Murray won a whopping \$5 from the Pot this week, donating it to the President's Fund.



President's Circle

Platinum Members

Jon Edson - Paul Stanton




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John Kroencke, Ron Boyd

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.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Steve Murray
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
New Generations	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational	Joe Andreasen
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 Farriere

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

Current Chair Persons:

Membership	Dr. Hough Everage
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
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

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:	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
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!

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
6:00 p.m.

Dec. 14: Handoff of "Be An Angel" gifts to Salvation Army

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

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) / S.T.A.R. / Brentwood Students

Dec. 18: Bob Haunschild - Topic: "Reducing the Effects of Heart Disease and Diabetes" (Coker)

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