



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## Rotarians learn more about the Affordable Healthcare Act



*Dr. Dennis Haghghat, Chief Medical officer  
St. Mary's Medical Center*



### THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Ron Wilson would have loved to have introduced more guests, but our speaker, Dr. Dennis Haghghat and Manny Manahan (sitting in for Rick Hampton) were our only guests!

Dr. Dennis Haghghat is the Chief Medical Officer at St. Mary's Medical Center, and visited the Rotary Club of Victorville to update us on the Affordable Healthcare Act. Dr. Haghghat has been an Internist for 20 years, and for the past seven years is in administrative medicine. He has been learning as much as possible about the ACA since 2009, and presented a very concise picture of what we all can expect, even though it is very convoluted at this time.

The Doctor explained the problems the ACA was put in place to solve. The biggest hurdle is that health care costs have been rising faster than inflation, which is unsustainable in the long run. With the divided government we are experiencing, the prospects look unsolvable for government funds available for hospital costs. The ACA will temporarily avert the crisis a bit longer, giving the government time to figure it out, hopefully.

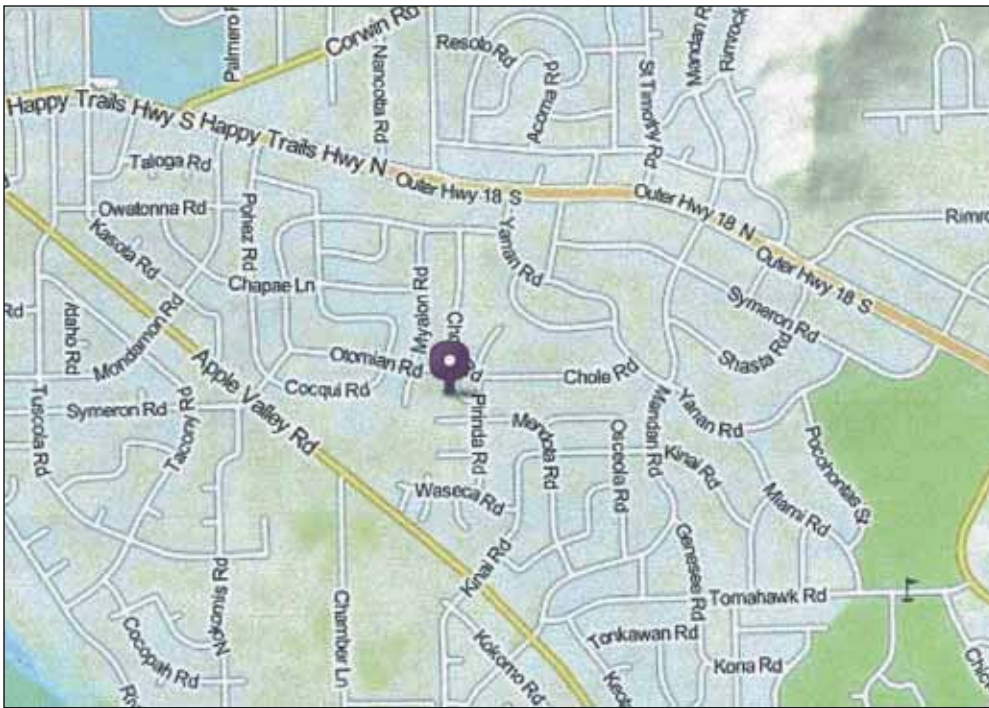
The benefits to seniors will certainly be affected, as the decision as to how to spend Medicare dollars is reached. The fact that young, healthy people are not in a hurry to sign up for insurance they don't feel is needed will also potentially derail the Act. President Russ stated he had gotten on the web site to compare coverage for his employees. His current cost is approximately \$1,100/mo., and he found with the same coverage under the ACA, his cost would rise to about \$1,800!!

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



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| <b>Invocation:</b>  | Mark Sawyer     |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | Mark Taylor     |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | Eddie Hernandez |
| <b>Song:</b>        | Al Castellucci  |

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



## Club Christmas Party December 13th

Remember to get signed up for the Christmas Party and the opportunity to share in the spirit of Christmas with your fellow Rotarians. This will be your last chance to bring your Angel Tree gifts, wrapped or unwrapped. If you missed the sign-up sheet, contact Steve at 760) 954-2893.

### DIRECTIONS TO STEVE AND PAM'S HOME:

15306 Pirinda Ct. Apple Valley

Coming from Victorville: take Apple Valley Rd. Go south towards Bear Valley Rd. Go 1 mile on AV rd. Turn left on Symeron rd. When you come to the "Y" in the road go to the right Otoman rd. Follow that as far as you can. Turn right on Chole rd. The first right off Chole will be Pirinda rd. Then right again into Pirinda Ct.

Home phone # 760) 946-1345

Cell # 760) 954-2893 or 760) 963-1923

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## HOORAY!!

Since the year 2000, when Margaret began her polio can drive, we've collected over \$10,000!! THAT'S HUGE!! AND GETS TRIPLED BY GATES!

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

Collected this week: \$19.38

Tripled by Gates Foundation: \$58.15

Collected to Date: \$10,137.15

Total equals: 83,261 Doses!

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



It's not too late to order See's Candies for those on your Christmas list.. at a very discounted price! Margaret has order forms, and the order will be shipped within one week of placement. NOTE: the 8 oz boxes are available at \$8.60

### MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

Visit: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

**1 Pantry Item = 1 Raffle Ticket**

### 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

Steve Murray made his plea for new members. With a new year ahead of us, let's all try a bit harder!

Russ had some reminders for the rest of the year...

★ Don't forget to sign up for the Rotary Christmas Party next Friday (13th).

★ Remember to pick up your Angel Tree and bring your gift in next week or to the Christmas Party.

**NEXT WEEK...**  
**Apple Valley Sunsatons!!**

## SPOON OF Exemption

Please support our Boys & Girls Club by coming to Rotary and purchasing tickets to the Mall of the Victor Valley Tree and Gift Raffles Fund raiser. See the list of items at meetings! This year there's over \$8,000 in Cash and Gifts! What a great way to support the children of the Victor Valley and with any luck have a great return on your \$1 investment!

Mark Sawyer



There are many, many Angel Tree tickets left on the table. Please find it in your heart to bring joy to a needy child in the community. The deadline is the Christmas Party on December 13th.



## RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor handed out many raffle prizes to just a few people, but more received fines from Mark... Poor Brad Harris just got his official



blue badge, so was fined another \$10! \$5 went to Kevin Porter for his lack of a timepiece; \$10 was charged to Rick Hampton in absentia for being too busy to come to our meetings!

A bottle of Wine from Mark Taylor was won by Gary Adams (duh); Some goodies from Morgan Stanley also went to Gary (maybe they were in cahoots... sitting back there so innocently :) Ben Tafoya donated some "shooter" glasses and other stuff, going to Gary, if you can believe that! A \$25 Midway Solutions Gift Card and 10 Boys & Girls Club Raffle Tickets were won by Dwight Johnson; Gary Adams ALSO won 10 Raffle Tickets to the Boys & Girls Club, and was finally hit up with a \$10 fine for winning most of the prizes! A Beautiful Wine Stopper from La Chartreuse went home with Ben Tafoya, and Wild Hare Cabernet and 10 more Boys & Girls Club Raffle Tickets went to Gary Adams (geez you guys)!

## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



And just guess whose ticket was pulled for the Pot!! Gary Adams! ... but he took home only \$5, leaving \$300 and 12 marbles for next week!

Thank you notes from girls at Past District Governor Sylvia's project, Piyali Learning Center, were passed around for all to see.



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directords

President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer .....	David North
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Vocational Service .....	Jim Barnes
International .....	Dan Dever
Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
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### 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!

- Dec. 13:** Rotary Christmas Party!!
- Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve - (DARK) no Rotary meeting)
- Dec. 25:** Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 31:** Happy New Year! - 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

- Dec. 10:** Apple Valley High School "Sunsations" / Brentwood Career Exploration Program / S.T.A.R. Awards
- Dec. 17:** Lance Eckhart, Principal Geologist, Mojave Water Agency - Topic: "Behind the Water Glass: the Science of Water" (Page)
- Dec. 24:** Dark (no meeting)
- Dec. 31:** Dark (no meeting)
- Jan. 7:** T.B.A.
- Jan. 14:** Bill O'Keeffe Safety Awards / Brentwood Career Exploration Program

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