



# The Joshua Tree



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## GANGS, REALIGNMENT AND THE 3-STRIKES LAW CHANGE



The Rotary Club of Victorville welcomed Sam Bernardino County's District Attorney, Mike Ramos, who addressed important issues within the County, and introduced the new Deputy District Attorney, Mary Asly. Mike restated his office's commitment to crimes involving domestic violence and crimes against elders and children, the most vulnerable in our communities. The good news, Mike stated, is that of three propositions brought to vote in this past election, two will impact us positively. Proposition 34 was not won without a fight, and 724 death row inmates were almost released back into the general public. Proposition 35's vote increased the sentence for human trafficking and

allowed for more money to fight this crime, which is becoming rampant in California. The vote was an overwhelming 81%.

Unfortunately, the change in the 3-Strikes law (Proposition 36) will impact us negatively, and is retroactive. About 500 criminals qualify, and will be re-sentenced, released, and put back on our streets. Mike tells us his office is ready and will closely monitor these released criminals, but there is hard work ahead.

Mike is the President of the California District Attorney's Association and sits on the Board of the National District Attorney's Association; we can be sure we're in good hands. Thank you, Mike, for attending and updating Rotary on these issues!



## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Manny Manahan did the honors this week of introducing guests. Welcome to Al Frattura from the Daily Press (Castellucci); Mike Ramos, S.B. County District Attorney; Mary

Asly, S.B. Chief Deputy D.A.; Michael Ramirez, Kimberly's husband, Jackie Morgan of St. Mary's Foundation; Manny Manahan for Rick Hampton, Breana Luna of LegalShield, and Jacquie Lukocsffi (Edson).

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



- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** Judy Muñoz
- 4-Way Test:** Dwight Johnson
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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



Margaret Cooker brought an interesting fund raising endeavor... This event is not open to the public, and offers an opportunity for our Club to make some money, and our employees, families, friends, etc... to enjoy a wonderful shopping experience in the new Macy's and save money at the same time! The date is March 16th. Your \$5 donation benefits our Club, and includes lots of savings at Macy's on that day. Please see **Margaret** for tickets (only \$5) that gives you \$10 back on your purchase, offers more discounts, and a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card! Cash and checks only, please. All of every \$5 we raise goes to our service projects, and we can sell the tickets to anyone!



## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



**Caroll Yule** had a fun quiz for our Club this week as she performed "Finemaster" duties. Members were questioned on facts relating to the "12 Days of Christmas", and wrong answers



brought a \$25 fine to **Kevin Porter, Kimberly Ramirez, Alicia Anderson, and Steve Flannery. David North** knew exactly what happens on the 8th Day of Christmas, but all members were fined \$5 for the "calling" birds. Yes, we learned something new from **Caroll**... they are "colly" birds! **Holly Noel** knew that pheasants had five golden rings, and we learned another fun fact from **Caroll**... the song is actually all about birds, and we'll never again sing this song at Christmas time without remembering that fact! So, thanks for the lesson, **Caroll!**

On to some raffle prizes: **Hough** has brought a gaggle of gifts from **Brandman University**; thanks, **Hough!** **Alicia Anderson's** "Brandy Cookies" were won by **Kimberly Ramirez**; **Sandra Luna Legal Shield Chocolates** went to **Judy Muñoz**; **Hough's** "365 Things You Should Know" book was won by **Jim Cox**, and "365 Ways to Be Happy" went to **Jackie Morgan. Kimberly Ramirez** won **Hough's** book entitled, "365 Ways to Live Cheap", and **Jackie Morgan** won **Hough's** Note Cards. **Alicia Anderson** took home one of **Hough's** gifts; a Can of Mints, and **Kimberly** won yet another gift from **Hough!** **Mike Page** won \$5 from the marble bag, and donated it \$5 to **Russ' President's fund!**

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

Collected this week: \$25.48

Collected to Date: \$9,048.81

Total equals: 79,152 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

*Includes donations from Nov. 20,  
Nov. 27, and Dec. 4*

## Holidays are around the corner!

Please join the High Desert Clubs as we hand over loads of "Be An Angel" gifts to the Salvation Army in Victorville! The date is Friday, December 14th. See Calendar information on the back page of this newsletter.



## 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.



## NEXT WEEK:

**Christmas Program with the Apple Valley Sunsets!**



## MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

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



## Russ' Rap

**Russ** asked Manny Manahan to introduce guests. **Russ** then announced the Corizon "Super Build" this year will take place Saturday, April 13, 2013 in Tecate, Mexico. More information will be forthcoming; be sure to mark your calendar if you can assist in building a home for a poor family.



Our Club has pledged \$500; more donations are always appreciated, and volunteers are needed for this hands-on project.

**Russ** received several nice Thank You cards to our Club; one was from the Assistance League (for children's clothing we gave to five kids) and a few were received for Scholarships provided by the Rotary Club of Victorville.

**Dwight Johnson** thanked all who have brought in canned and dry goods for the needy. We are in the "home stretch" for the year 2012, and will continue into 2013. **Russ** has a truck full of goods, and he is meeting with other Club Presidents to get it distributed to the designated organization prior to Christmas.

**Charles Gehrke** is "honored to be a Victorville Rotarian", and will be seeking each member's recommendation for a prospective member.

**Steve Murray and Pam** are moving the furniture out to make room for Christmas merriment at their home December 13th. Be sure you're on the guest list, or you'll miss a really nice time! AND... there will be raffles!

**Margaret Cooker** shared a great event coming up March 16, 2013... Macy's Charity Shopping Day! See Page Two for more information.

**Mark Sawyer** is excited about the Swamp Cooler Project! They have bids for three units, and they will be installed in January. Mark will be seeking volunteers for this day-long project which will bring needed relief to the Boys & Girls Club.

**Alicia Anderson** reported on a project funded by our Teacher Mini-Grant Program. At Excelsior, students build (wooden) motorcycles in the Woodshop class to present to preschoolers at Christmas time. **Alicia** invites Rotarians to attend the event at Excelsior on December 18th at 5:30 p.m. Contact Alicia for tickets.

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## SPOON OF Exemption

Mike Page



April 13, 2013

Apple Valley Conference Center



Jackie Morgan of the St. Mary's Foundation announced an upcoming event, "Men Who Cook". Men are invited to bring on their best recipe (appetizer, side, entree, or dessert) to be sampled, and it will be included in the "Men Who Cook" cookbook to be sold that evening!

There are also business sponsorships available to promote your business, and silent auction items are needed. Contact Jackie Morgan for details at (760) 946-8167 or [jacqueline.morgan@stjoe.org](mailto:jacqueline.morgan@stjoe.org).



"BE AN ANGEL" gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army on December 14th at 10:00 a.m.. All Rotarians are invited to be on hand for the event. The location is the Salvation Army Store at La Paz and 7th Streets in Victorville.

Steve Flannery thanks all who have participated in this rewarding project to supply needy children with Christmas gifts!

## ★ 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

Mike Page picked the marble worth \$5 from the Pot this week, donating it to the President's Fund.



# President's Circle

## Platinum Members

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**Volunteer Business Services (Ron Wilson)**  
**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
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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
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

<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!

**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 - 10:00 a.m.**  
7th & La Paz, Victorville.  
**All are welcome to attend!**

**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. 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" (Cooker)**
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! (Dark)**
- Jan. 1: Happy New Year! (Dark)**

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