



The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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SUNSATIONS SHINE!!!



This week's program was such a joy and pleasure to experience. We saw the return of the wonderful singing talents of Apple Valley High School's Sunsatons. Led by Dave of Apple Valley High School, these young men and women entertained us with some wonderful singing and dancing. Everything from classic standards, hilarious antics and even a Christmas Rap, there was something for everyone in attendance. The biggest applause from the room today was their unique rendition of songs from "The Grinch That Stole Christmas". They danced, sang and truly brought the Christmas Spirit out in the room!

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

Carroll Yule introduced guests this week. We welcomed the S.T.A.R. families who attended to support their students, our young boys and girls from Brentwood's Career Exploration Program (*more on page 2*).



Ken Lutz, a Sergeant from the Victorville Police Department was a guest of representing Sam Lucia and **Mary Hennessy** brought two guests, Kathy Ferace and Don Mathews. Also in attendance were **Steve Murray's** wife Pam, and **Jim Murray's** wife Leslie. We also welcomed Chris Ackerman, a long time local graphic artist who is now heading the graphics department at Printmart. Chris was here to cover for our own **Mary Teran** who was on vacation this week.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation:	Mark Sawyer
Flag Salute:	Dr. Hough
4-Way Test:	Jim Murray
Song:	Al Castellucci

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

Rotary Honors Deserving S.T.A.R. Students



Five S.T.A.R. Awards were handed out this week to deserving students who made significant effort in school by improvement in their academics, attitude, and/or attendance. The Rotary Club of Victorville recognized Hector Duenas, Dawn Noss, Manuel Belandran and Jasmine Rodriguez from Mojave Vista Elementary as well as Jhared Willcot from Mountain View Montessori with Assistant Superintendent Lori Clark along with President Russ Stringham. Bonnie Ross, a teacher at Mountain View and Mojave Vista Principal Christina San Nicolas were in attendance and did a wonderful job with presentations for their students.



The future Rotarians from Brentwood Elementary Career Exploration Program were in attendance today with their mentors. We were introduced to them by each of their respective mentors, and were thrilled to be told a little about each one. Thank you all for supporting these young boys and girls; George Acosta mentored by Carroll Yule, Natalia Martinez mentored by Jennifer Starbuck, Ralph Geurrero mentored by Dan Dever, Zaina Saleh mentored by Deb Clarkson, Teresa Alvarado mentored by Donna Wells and finally, Alberto Morales who is mentored by Brad Harris. Please thank these Rotarians for talking the time to mold our future leaders!



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

The Rotary Club of Victorville believes that every child deserves to know the joy of receiving a new toy or clothing, and getting to share those special moments with family at Christmas.

We still need more of you to pick something from the Angel Tree to make this Christmas a little brighter for a needy child in our community. So far 33 Angel Kids have been picked, but we are still far off our promise of 100. Please make sure you buy at least one gift for a child this holiday season.

Steve Murray, Chair

Stew Anderson, Vice Chair

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$8.14

Collected to Date: \$9,743.87

Total equals: 80,580 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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

Russ welcomed us all to this very busy Rotary meeting. First off Russ thanked **Jim Murray** for bringing food for the Canned Food Drive we are presently doing. Please make sure you bring your cans in next week to add to the supply! We are reminded that this was the last meeting to put your name in for the 16/17 year. If you did not get your name in, there is always next year! Russ let the Rotarians know that **David North** now has financials available to anyone that would like a copy. Copies will be available at the next Rotary meeting if you did not attend this meeting. Russ also called up **Steve Murray** who let us know that once again **Al Castellucci** was the winner for Membership for the month of November. Please make sure that more of you are bringing guests and potential Rotarians. Steve also got everyone excited for the Christmas Party on December 13 and finally reminded everyone to bring your "Angel Gifts" to the next Meeting on December 17th!

SPOON OF Exemption



Mark Sawyer



Mark's work with families in the High Desert through The Boys and Girls Club, is truly Amazing! Their annual Christmas Fund-raiser with the Mall of Victor Valley is in full swing again, and Mark shared the generosity of one High Desert resident who won the Christmas tree of Gift Certificates, and donated it back to the organization! The tree was the given to a foster family of 5 children! Mark encouraged us all to buy more of these opportunity tickets, and instead of putting our names on them, to purchase them for the children in attendance. Thank you Mark for unselfish generosity and care for the children of the High Desert!

RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor slapped some fines on unsuspecting Rotarians this week: **John Kroencke**, and **Brad Harris** received fines of \$10/each for



John's birthday and Brad's err.. umm, gas!. On to some raffle prizes... Electronic brass candles from **Dr. Hough** were won by **Gary Adams, Marilyn Buttelwerth and Donna Wells** who took home a pair of candles; **Boys & Girls Club Raffle Tickets** were won by **Gary Adams**; **Gentiva Hospice's Beautiful Basket** was won by **Gary Adams**; Margaret Cooker donated gift certificates from **Athena Jean Hair Salon** that were won by **Mark Taylor and Marilyn Buttelwerth**; and finally a \$25 Midway gift card was taken home by **Carroll Yule**.



LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Rotarian **Mary Hennessy**, took home \$5 today, leaving \$350 and 11 marbles for a lucky Rotarian next week.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
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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. 24: Christmas Eve - DARK (no Rotary meeting)

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! - DARK (no Rotary meeting)

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

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- 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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