



The Joshua Tree



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Decking the Halls with the Apple Valley High School Sunsatons!

It's a long-standing tradition that the Apple Valley High School Sunsatons stop by with a program guaranteed to get even the grumpiest Rotarian into the holiday spirit and today's program under the direction of Dave Prince was no exception!



THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



President Russ did the introduction of guests today, and boy did we have a lot 'em... **Teressa DeAtley** introduced **Mark Taylor's Wife Donna** and **Robert Lovingood's Wife Melanie...**

We were joined by **Louise Bevigacula** of the La Paz branch of Desert Community Bank who was introduced by **David North...** **Robert Lovingood** took this opportunity to announce that **Ron Wilson** will now be representing ICR Staffing... **Steve Murray's Wife Pam** was helping out at the table today... Welcome back to **Breanna Luna** who was attending once again as the guest of her mother **Sandra...** **Al Castellucci** introduced his guest, **Terry Says** of the Victor Valley Animal Protection League... **Jackie Morgan** of the St. Mary Hospital Foundation was with us representing **Mike Page** and was introduced by **Jim Murray...** **Jan Tafoya** was introduced by Husband **Ben** while **Dan Dever** introduced **Bill Gillard** of Patel & Associates... Finally, welcome back to **Jon Edson's** aide **Jacque Lukacsffi**. And of course a hearty Rotary Welcome to the **families and teachers** of our S.T.A.R. and Brentwood Elementary students!!

S.T.A.R. STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY ROTARY

Today we recognized three area students for their significant efforts to improve their scholastic efforts. Puesta del Sol School of the Humanities' **Kenny Wagner** (left), Mountain View Montessori's **Marissa Fernandez** (center) and Brandon Guillen from Mojave Vista Elementary (right) were applauded by Rotary and received certificates and \$25 gift cards from Russ Stringham and Mojave Vista's Chris San Nicolas.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Joe Andreasen
Flag Salute: Sandra Luna
4-Way Test: Todd Sturges
Song: Al Castellucci

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



The new Victorville Macy's is having a very unique fundraiser for are non-profits... 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's service projects, 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:



We welcomed back **Mark Taylor** as FineMaster today, and since time was short he let most of our Members "skate" on fines.

Dan Dever, David North, Robert Lovingood (who had left by the time Mark set his sights on him), **Kevin Porter** and **Mike Page** (who wasn't even with us today) were all levied fines of unspecified amounts. **Mark** pointed out how nice it was to have **James Baxter** back with us and spared him any fines.



On to some raffle prizes: The fix was in when **Mark's wife Donna** won the very first prize, a gourmet hot cocoa set donated by **Jim Murray**... **Jan Tafoya** took home a gift box set from **Charles Gehrke**... **Sandra Luna** donated a holiday chocolate tin which went home with **Kimberly Ramirez**... **Kimberly** donated a couple of Budweiser steins which were won by **Bill Gillard** and **Jim Murray**.



Caroll Yule brought in a "Polio Pig" stuffed with change today as a contribution to the fight to eradicate polio. Thank you Caroll for your \$15.91 for the cause.

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: **\$17.91**

Collected to Date: **\$9,066.72**

Total equals: **79,188 Doses!**

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

Thank you Carol Yule for the "Polio Pig" stuffed with \$15.91 in change!

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.



Our Victorville Rotarians were joined today by students from Brentwood Elementary School who got to spend some quality time with their "Mentors" as they enjoyed a taco buffet and the music of the Sunsations. Pictured above are Rotarians **Manny Manahan, Joe Andreasen, Todd Sturges, Caroll Yule** and **Teressa DeAtley** (not pictured, **Kevin Porter**) with Brentwood students **Porsha Guethus, Mika Asahina, Brandon Smith, Miarra Jenkis, Connor Valdez** and **Bianco Skelton**.

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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.



Russ' Rap

Today was Club Assembly and we took care of a couple of bits of Rotary business. First of all, due to the recent resignation of **Hough** as Incoming President and Membership Chair (due to business obligations) we had to fill those positions. Thank you to **President Russ Stringham** for answering the Board's call and agreeing to serve a second term as President. The Board's decision was soundly approved by the membership with not one dissenting vote. Also stepping up was **Past-President Charles Gehrke** who agreed to take on Membership for 2013.

Membership Chair **Charles Gehrke** reported that the Board also approved seven new Members which will add to our current total of 89. Charles asks that all Rotarians dig deep and come up with a name or two of prospective Members. All that is needed is to give Charles the name and he will take over from there. Surely you must know someone who would benefit from membership in the greatest Rotary Club around!

Be sure to purchase some \$5 **Macy's Charity Day tickets** from **Margaret**. Your \$5 donation benefits our Club's service projects, and includes lots of savings at Macy's on March 16th (prior to the public Grand Opening). This ticket gives you \$10 back on your purchase, offers more discounts, and a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card! Don't forget, the Charity Shopping Day Ticket makes a great stocking stuffer for the shopper in your life!

Mojave Vista YouthAct President Megan Murman and other YouthAct Members were on hand today to let us know about the amazing holiday projects these kids have planned. Among their holiday projects are visiting and singing with seniors at local senior care facilities, providing holiday gifts for local families and food and gifts for the High Desert's homeless. What a great group of kids who exemplify Rotary and the holiday spirit!

Congratulations!

To **Joe Andreasen**, the high point winner for October's Membership Drive. He takes home a \$25 American Express Gift Card!



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE
Jim Murray missed the lucky marble this week and won \$5. Next week Drawing will be 10 marbles for a prize of \$400.



Mike Page



Jackie Morgan filled in for Spoonholder Mike Page today and used the opportunity to talk about the 2013 St. Mary Medical Center Foundation's 11th Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held June 10, 2013 and there are currently many sponsorship opportunities available.

Jackie also spoke about the Foundation's "Men Who Cook" event which will be held April 13 at the Apple Valley Conference Center. Participants, Sponsors and Auction Donations are needed. Please contact Jackie at (760) 946-8167 or jacqueline.morgan@stjoe.org for more information.



Robert Lovinggood Honored by VVC Foundation

The Victor Valley College Foundation chose today's meeting to surprise **Robert Lovinggood** with a presentation as a Distinguished Community Leader. **Carol Yule** and **Ginger Ontiveros** presented the totally taken aback Robert with his honor for his work in our High Desert community.



"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!

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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)	Russ Stringham
President-Elect (2014-15)	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16) ...	Talk to Chuck for interviews

Current Chair Persons:

Membership	Charles Gehrke
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. 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!

Mar. 16th Victorville Macy's Grand Opening
Macy's Charity Day
Please see Margaret for your ticket

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UPCOMING

ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Dec. 18: Bob Haunschild** - Topic: "Reducing the Effects of Heart Disease and Diabetes" (Coker)
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!** (Dark)
- Jan. 1: Happy New Year!** (Dark)
- Jan. 8:** Incoming San Bernardino County Sheriff **John McMahan** - Topic: "My Priorities as Sheriff" (McEachron)
- Jan. 15: O'Keeffe Memorial Public Safety Awards**

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