

The *Award Winning* Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## An exciting and Patriotic Day at the Rotary Club of Victorville



*Brad Letner, U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, addressing the "Trends of Patriotism"*

The spotlight was shared between our Guest Speaker and (newly acquired) blue badge holder, Brad Letner; our newest Rotarian, Mark McKay's Induction ceremony; and new Club President, Steve Murray's first meeting of his year.

Today's speaker, Brad Letner, gave a special program this week on patriotism and the trends of American citizens' levels of patriotism going back to W.W.II. He was joined by his wife, Teresa, and had a great presentation for Victorville Rotarians, in time for our Independence Day. Brad has an impressive resume within the U.S. Army, and it was obvious what America means to him. His program offered statistics based on trends from the "Greatest Generation", showing a video clip from "Saving Private Ryan" to remind us of that generation's great sacrifice on June 4, 1944, "D-Day". Brad focused on trends in patriotism since that date, up to the "iGeneration" a term coined as that which is the first generation to grow up using

the latest technologies... iPad, iPhone, iMac, etc. These kids have never seen a floppy disk or heard an audio cassette. Brad's desire is for this generation to learn about patriotism, and feels there are three ways to encourage patriotism in our youth: (1) Shape It, (2) Show It, and (3) Share It! Thank you, Brad, for the enlightening presentation.

Past District Governor Stew Anderson performed an "outstanding" induction this week, as usual, inducting Mark McKay into the Rotary Club of Victorville. Stew stressed the eradication of Polio as one of Rotary's biggest challenges in the world. Mark's family joined him in the celebration, as did Sponsor Al Castellucci. Mark's son is a Riverside Club Rotarian, and we are very pleased to have Mark join our Club; he stated his great interest in public service, and feels privileged to be a Rotarian of the Victorville Club, where he can continue to serve.



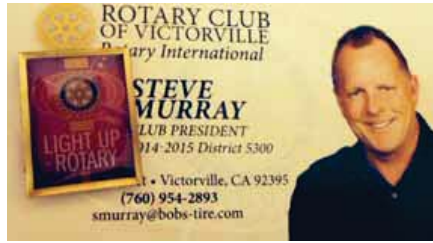
**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 11:30 A.M. BEFORE OUR MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON.**





## Steve Sez...

**President Steve** had no reason to be nervous, and admitted he was using an agenda prepared by **Pam**, and was grateful for his son **Matthew's** help bringing the many, many Rotary flags into the meeting room. The flags themselves are very impressive, and represent the "outstanding" history of our Club. (If anyone is so inclined to come early and help, **Steve** would like to have all of the flags out at his meetings, and hopefully have a team to dismantle afterward as well.) **Steve** gave each person a "Light Up Rotary" pin, and has more if needed. **Ben Tafoya** discussed more about membership; **Mike**



**Page** was the winner of the June \$25.00 gift card for the most membership points in the "Ignite" contest. May's winner was **Margaret Cooker**, and we are pushing for a bunch of new members during **Steve's** year! **Dwight Johnson** is looking for Sponsors for the big Wine, Jazz & More event Sept. 6th, and thanked **Rosanne Weathers** of Desert Valley Community Hospital for their \$1500 sponsorship! **Steve** played a "3 truths and a lie" game, and we all wondered which member he was describing... turned out it was **David North** (who knew)! Please help with the fun, and send **Steve** three facts about you for him to use in future meetings :) **Steve** congratulated **Brad Letner** on the receipt of his official "Blue Badge", and charged him \$15 for the honor of wearing it!

As "temporary" Spoonholder, **Steve** gave a shout out to his family, Pam, Ty, and Matt, and his parents for their support leading up to and through his year as President. The fun began, as he was hijacked by Past-President **Russ** with a \$100 fine for his new "President" Badge, and **Steve's** response was a fine back at **Russ** of \$150 for his "Past President" Badge! **Steve** then ceremoniously presented **Russ** with the Rotary "banner" used during his Presidency and his Rotary Ring (see picture on right);

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Mark Taylor introduced our guests this week. We welcomed Teresa Letner, Brad's wife; Dan Munsey, Division Chief, S.B.F.D. and Victorville Fire Chief; Robin Cackle and Nikki Jayne of Life Church; Mark McKay, McKay's Mortuaries and his wife Robin and daughters Victoria and Melanie, and granddaughter Savannah. Hello also to Lesley Murray, Steve's mom, wife Pam, and son Matthew Murray. Welcome, all!

### Impressive array of Rotary Banners from around the world



*Pastor Paul Earle*



The Spoon was sold by President Steve for the month of July, and Nikki Jayne visited to ask for Rotary support to help 1,000 kids start the next school year with a quality backpack filled with useful supplies. Contact Nikki at 760-995-3217. Web site: [info@vvlifechurch.com](mailto:info@vvlifechurch.com).

### Thank you to today's Functionaries



<b>Invocation:</b>	John Hulterstrom
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	Sam Lucia
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Kevin Kane
<b>Song:</b>	Al Castellucci

## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



**Sam Lucia** had a great game to play with Rotarians. Each table had a spokesperson to answer, and it was quite a bit of fun regarding local Victorville history, but this editor had

no way of keeping track! This fine session will be on the honor system, except for... new member **Mark McKay**, \$20 for forgetting his Rotary Pin (bet that's the last time that happens to **Mark**)!



Some nice raffle prizes were given away. The \$25 **Midway Home Solutions** Gift Card was won by **Gary Adams**; **Hough** brought some nice "Americana" bags, coupled with a USA Button and fan which were won by **Dwight Johnson**. **Brad Letner** also took home "Americana" items from **Hough**, as did **Stew Anderson**, who also won the **Desert Valley Hospital** Gift Bag; **Ben Tafoya's** Pen, Knife, and Bag were won by **Steve Orr**; **Brad Letner** took home the **Gentiva Hospital** Gift Bag; and a Route 66 Ball Cap from **Steve Murray** went to **Margaret Cooker**. **Steve Orr** was the winner of **Steve's** contest, and took home a \$5 Starbucks Card for the correct answer.

Judging from the conversation below, **Steve** is getting off on the right foot with **Margaret Cooker** (both are smiling). Good thinking, **Steve**!



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

Collected this week: \$14.00

Collected to Date: \$11,373.76

Total equals: 85,496 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

## Why I Am A Rotarian

May 23, 2006

In a single word, Rotary means "opportunities." Through Rotary membership, you can discover dozens of opportunities to enhance your life and enrich the lives of family and friends. There may be opportunities to establish close friendships with individuals around the world whom you would never have met, except through the magic of Rotary. There are opportunities to share with many others a common belief and philosophy of service, without any thought of personal return.

There are opportunities to work side-by-side with other community leaders whom we highly respect. There are opportunities to stretch your horizons by listening to interesting programs and enjoying the good times at the weekly meetings. There are opportunities to represent your profession and demonstrate how high ethical standards are a vital part of your day-to-day occupation.

There are opportunities to travel into virtually every land and find an open door and a cordial welcome to a totally new world of Rotary fellow-ship. There are opportunities to make your small part in the world really count through the achievements of the great and noble activities of Rotary's programs of service. There are opportunities to touch the lives of thousands of people whom you will never know, except through the rewarding glow of satisfaction which comes from knowing that some-where, someone needed your help, and you took the time to do some-thing. There are opportunities to join in the search for world peace and goodwill through the dynamic work of The Rotary Foundation.

And finally, all of these opportunities add up to one conclusion: Rotary helps you become a better person and makes the quality of your own life just a little richer and more meaningful. What a wonderful experience it is to have all of these opportunities knocking at your door—just because you are a Rotarian.

Clifford L. Dochterman

Rotary International President, 1992-1993

## MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

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

## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Ben Tafoya tried yet again, but pulled another BLUE marble.

Next week's available pot...

**\$275 / 11 Marbles**



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Steve Murray
Immediate Past President .....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary & Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership .....	Ben Tafoya
Public Relations.....	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17 .....	Dwight Johnson
Community Service .....	Brad Letner
Youth Service .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service .....	Jim Barnes
International .....	Dan Dever
Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth

### Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
Club Activities .....	Dwight Johnson
Membership.....	Ben Tafoya
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane / Dwight Johnson
Scholarships .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls .....	Pam Murray
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 Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
<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., Denny's, 14165 Main St. University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<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. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



### Important Dates

## Mark your Calendar!

- July 10:** Avenues of Service Meeting  
Bob's Tire Rotary Room - 5:30 p.m.
- July 14:** BOD Meeting - Hesperia/Silica Rds.  
DCB Board Rm., 2nd floor. - 5:00  
Fellowship, 5:30 for Club /  
Foundation follows.
- July 26:** Fireside & Movie Night - Hove  
Home 18970 Appaloosa Rd., A.V.  
Bring a side dish.
- July 28:** Past President's Meeting
- Sept. 6:** Wine, Jazz & More Auction  
Spring Valley Lake Community  
Building

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

- July 8:** Daily Press Editor, Steve Hunt - Topic: "Tales from the Press Box" (Page)
- July 15:** San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos - Topic: "Gangs and Prisoner Realignment" (Page)
- July 22:** Logan Olds, General Manager, Victor Valley Wastewater Authority - Topic: "Biogas Energy - from Sludge to Solution" (Page)

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