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Club of Victorville, CA



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT TOWN'S END



The Rotary Club of Victorville kicked off a new tradition this week with its inaugural "2nd Tuesday Family Fun Night" at Town's End in Apple Valley! Held on the second Tuesday of each month, Family Fun Night gives Rotarians, spouses and friends an opportunity to get together outside of the regular weekly meeting and enjoy a fun, relaxed evening of fellowship.

A great crowd came out for the first gathering, including President **Brad Letner**, **Jim Cox**, **Terry Caldwell**, **Chris & Leeann Ackerman**, **Jim & Leslie Murray**, **Angel Espino**, **Sheri Hays**, **Steve & Pam Murray**, **Darron & Donna Poulson**, **Ben Tafoya**, **Arsalee Morales**, **Matt Pedroza**, **Bob Basen**, **April Love**, and **Bill & Linda Scott**.

There was plenty of great food and conversation throughout the evening, with everything from hot wings and burgers to steaks, salads and more making their way to the tables. Most importantly, it was a chance to simply relax, laugh and enjoy each other's company.

And we're just getting started! Don't miss our next 2nd Tuesday Family Fun Night on September 8, when Brad & Teresa Letner will host "Pick Your Pleasure" at their home. The evening will feature wine and whiskey tasting, cigar time, fellowship and plenty more! Mark your calendar and come join the fun. We hope to see you there!

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LETNER'S LETTER

Our inaugural Second Tuesday Family Fun Night is officially in the books, and it looks like a strong beginning.



Thanks to everyone who joined us at Town's End for an evening with no agenda, no program, and no Rotary business. Just good food, good conversation, and a lot of fun. That matters. Rotary should do important things, but we should also genuinely enjoy being together.

And September is shaping up to be even better. Pick Your Pleasure is coming to the Letner Lakeside Lounge: whiskey flights, wine tasting, cigars on the lake—or all three. Bring your spouse, bring a friend, bring someone who ought to know Rotary. It should be pretty easy to invite someone to whiskey flights and wine tasting!

Don't wait until September to bring a friend. Congressman Jay Obernolte will be our speaker next Tuesday. Who can you bring with you?

So...what do you think of my new headshot?

Brad

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APRIL 30, 2027**



APPLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE



SHOTGUN START: 8:00 AM



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Rotary Projects Around the Globe

United States



After a popular home improvement show turned its cameras on Sebring, the small city in south central Florida saw an influx of tourists seeking to

experience the bucolic charms depicted in HGTV's Home Town Takeover program. There was just one problem: The area lacked a loo for the lookie-loos. In April, the Rotary Club of Sebring opened a public restroom off the town circle after a monthslong construction project. "Having safe, functional restrooms with climate control, changing stations, and disabled accessibility seemed like a no-brainer," says club member Debra Weiser. Club members offered pro bono professional services for engineering, construction, air conditioning, and other electrical work; another painted the structure at a discount, and Rotarian city officials sped permit approvals and fee waivers.

United Kingdom



When members of the Rotary Club of Borderlands (Passport Group) heard about the PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub, they

excitedly enrolled their furry friends. An extension of the district-led PolioPlus Society, the Kennel Klub allows pets (well, their owners) to pledge at least \$100 per year to PolioPlus and, in return, receive a pet-purrfect red End Polio Now bandana. "The Kennel Klub welcomes animals of any kind," says Borderlands club member Beth Thomson, "and whilst ours are mainly dogs, there is a pet sheep (a Swiss Valais Blacknose) in there too!" The club, chartered in 2023, has 100 percent PolioPlus Society membership, donating about \$5,500 per year to the cause.

Canada



The annual used book sale of the Rotary Club of Sarnia-Bluelwaterland in Ontario has been a fixture for more than

25 years. "We all realized we were in this because we loved books, we wanted to encourage others in the community to access great books at a reasonable price, and, yes, it was a wonderful way to generate funds to support local nonprofits," says coordinator Dale Wilcox. In January, the sale raised more than US\$42,000, with leftover books being distributed to several organizations and groups, including a Canadian Armed Forces unit stationed in Latvia. "Troops are already digging into the massive collection and finding a good book to keep at their bedside or take into the field," Lt. Col. Colleen Grebstad reported in a letter to the club.

Thailand



Golf ball drops using cranes or drones might be ubiquitous, but the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai International, in a lush, hilly northern province of

Thailand, takes it to new heights. In the sixth edition of its charity ball drop on 31 January, the club hoisted a tethered hot-air balloon to launch 300 labeled golf balls onto a green. Balls landing nearest, or in, the hole garnered gift vouchers. This year's event netted about \$4,000 for the club's projects for children. While the drop is only a minor fundraiser for the club in terms of receipts, "the event attracts a lot of attention in our community and worldwide and is a good contact point for new donors and new members," says club member John Schorr



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2026 - 2028	Brad Letner
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Executive Secretary	Pam Murray
Treasurer	Darron Poulsen
Foundation.....	Jon Hove
Membership	Bryan Gillespie
Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Craig Garrick
Vocational Service	Angel Espino
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service	Ryan McEachron
Directors/Members-at-Large.....	Bob Basen & Dr. Ron Boyd
Joshua Tree/Marketing	Chris Ackerman
Recording Secretary.....	Pam Murray

Positions & Committee Chairs

Scholarships.....	Kirsten Acosta
Billing	Pam Murray & Darron Poulsen
Public Service Awards.....	Arsalee Morales
Teacher Mini-Grants	Angel Espino
Special Projects.....	Rob Kilpatrick
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Angel Espino
Read B4K	Brad Letner
Grants.....	Please Volunteer
Food Baskets.....	Ben Tafoya
Interact (Junior Rotary).....	Please Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Fundraising	Brad Letner
S.T.A.R. Students	Chris Ackerman
Club Learning Facilitator.....	Please Volunteer

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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
WEDNESDAY:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, Noon. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

Aug 3

Board of Directors Meeting

5:30pm Board Meeting
Coldwell Banker
12138 Industrial Blvd., Suite102
Victorville, CA 92395

Oct 17

76th Anniversary Fundraiser

5:30pm Doors
6:00pm Dinner • 7:15pm Drawing
Spring Valley Lake Community Center
12975 Rolling Ridge, SVL

Rotary



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Upcoming Programs

Aug 18

Congressman Jay Obernolte

Aug 25

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Sept 1

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Sept 8

2nd Tuesday Fun: Pick Your Pleasure Wine, Whiskey & Cigar Night

Letner Lakeside Lounge

Nov 17

2026 Teacher Mini-Grants

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