



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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A "Married" Roman Catholic Priest Shares His Story



Father John Congdon, Priest Chaplain

It's not every day we meet a Roman Catholic Priest who is married. Rotary's guest speaker, Father John Congdon of the Fresno Catholic Diocese, has been on loan to St. Mary's as a Priest Chaplain. He was retired in 2010 from Ft. Irwin and married since 1969 to his "saintly" wife. He has been in the priesthood for 32 years.

Father John explained to Rotary's enquiring minds the many ramifications of being a married Priest, and answered pertinent questions. He began his career as a (married) Episcopal Priest, and explained how he and his wife converted to the Catholic Church and then he petitioned the Vatican in Rome for "reunion", which allowed his ordainment (considered case-by-case) in August of 2000.

We learned that upon completion of Seminary, the young man elects either "celibacy" or "marriage". The "gift" of celibacy is the normal choice; however, if one chooses marriage, he must marry prior to being ordained in the Church. We enjoyed learning about this unusual exception to the rule of the Catholic Church.

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Stew Anderson introduced guests this week. Welcome to Jeff Salkin of CBS Radio and Rosanne Weathers (Orr).

S.T.A.R. Awards for Deserving Students

We welcomed the S.T.A.R. Award recipients and their families and school staff: Presenter Lori Clark, Assistant Superintendent of the Victor Elementary School District; Teresa Nevarrete, School Secretary for Park View; and Nick Hartman, West Palms 6th Grade Teacher. Recipients were: Anndreina Murguia from Park View Elementary and West Palms Conservatory's students Ariana Gonzalez, Valerie Rodriguez, and Josephine Zamora.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Mark Sawyer
Flag Salute: Doug Robertson
4-Way Test: Rosanne Weathers
Song: Al Castellucci

Don't miss these events...



Valentine's Day is coming, and See's is offering some great deals! See Margaret to place your order.

LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Jim Murray tried for the lucky marble this week, but came up with only \$5.

Next week...

\$350 / 11 marbles

FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION:

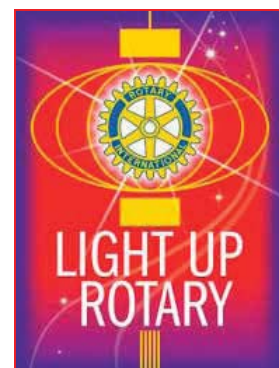


Mark Taylor served as Finemaster this week, and opened up the bidding for the Spoon of Exemption. **Caroll Yule** bid \$50, upped by \$10 by **Hough**, who won uncontested (unless you saw



Mark Sawyer try to bid, which the Finemaster missed). **Mark** hit up **Mark Sawyer** for \$25 for "invoking God for the Seahawk's Super Bowl Win" (in the presence of a Priest), and then **Mike Page** was hit for \$10 for falsely advertising today's speaker topic. Lots of nice raffle prizes were handed out: **Hough** won the **Club's** Wild Hare Wine, **Kevin Porter** won the **LeChartreuse** Gemstone Globe Key Chain; and **Hough's** Chardonnay went to **Stew Anderson**. Stew and Hough both gave their wine winnings to Teressa for the VVC fund raiser. The **Shred Your Docs'** Bachelor Basket also went to **Hough**; Girl Scout Cookies from **Hough** were won by **Jim Murray** and **Dwight Johnson**, and **Gary Adams** won a Bottle of **Hough's** Chardonnay. **Jim Murray** took home only \$5 from a Pot worth \$300 :(

Rotary 2014-15 Theme Logo Unveiled



RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose "Light Up Rotary" as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher, Confucius, who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.



Russ' Rap

President Russ reminded us the Super Bowl Party will be at his home this Sunday; he hopes to see you all there!

A few reminders... February 8th is the Victor Valley College Foundation Hall of Fame Celebration, and **Russ** and **Teressa** are asking for donations for items (particularly alcoholic beverages) to fill the trunk. **Russ** promises if you bring it to the Super Bowl Party he won't drink it :)

Steve Murray is fired up about the President's Advance meeting he attended with **Russ**, and he's putting together some exciting stuff for his year! He is very proud of our Club, and he plans to stir up some enthusiasm to bring in potential members and continue the success of the best Rotary Club in the Victor Valley!! As **Steve** says, "Membership is the key!"

Our Easter Baskets this year will go to St. Joan of Arc. Last year's recipients of 12 baskets went to Our Lady of the Desert, and we are hoping to increase the number of baskets this year. Please contact **Dwight Johnson** for more information.

The April 5th District Assembly (half-day) will be at the Victor Valley College. If our Club wants to be entitled to matching grants, we need two volunteers to attend the afternoon "Grants" session.

The International, hands-on project is "Superbuild"... an opportunity to join other Rotarians building homes for the poorest of the poor in Corezon, Mexico. It is in May, and there is more information on the District web site.

Our Club was recognized at the President's Advance with a certificate for "One Hundred Percent Plus for Polio Contributions", and **Russ** presented **Margaret Cooker** with the award for her hard work between July 1 and December 31, 2013.



Russ isn't too happy that his newly refurbished shiny bell has been taken! There are some usual suspects, and **Russ** hopes it is returned for the Super Bowl Party!

★ ATTENTION MEMBERS ★

There is now a "Bill Me Later" in the PayPal option that has been added to the web site. This will allow members to show payment of their bill to the Club now, but pay through Paypal later.

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WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$20.30

Citizens Bank Pig = \$5.34

Tripled by Gates Foundation = \$76.92

Collected to Date: \$10,535.19

Total equals: 83,949 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

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



February Spoon Holder: Dr. Hough purchased the spoon for a measly \$60, with no competition!

We happily joined Carol in a **short** song tribute to Super Bowl with a rousing song entitled "Oh, the Old Man of the Broncos", sung to the tune of the Yellow Rose of Texas. Fun, Carol!



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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 ongoing, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



Thanks to **Stew Anderson** for the boxes of Mac 'n Cheese for our Pantry!

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Steve Murray
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Community Service	Mark Layton
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Bob Basen • Rob Kilpatrick • Kevin Porter • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Club Activities	Ben Tafoya
Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Ben Tafoya
Cards and Calls	Gaylynn Stringham
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!

- Feb. 2:** **Super Bowl Party** - Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham - 3:25 kickoff. (See flier on Pg. 2)
- Feb. 8:** **Victor Valley College Foundation Hall of Fame Celebration**
- Feb. 13:** **Club Valentine Party** - 5:00 p.m. No-host Cocktails - Fireside Rest.
- Feb. 15:** **BODTS** (Board of Director Training Seminar) - Holiday Inn, Ontario Airport. 8:30 registration until noon. Open to all members. **Club pays.**
- Mar. 1:** **25th Annual District 5300 Peace Conference** - University of LaVerne
- April 5:** **District Assembly** - Victor Valley College
- May 3:** **Superbuild Project** - Corezon, Mexico

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

- Feb. 4:** Eric Schmidt, President, Exquadrum.
Topic: "Rocket Science in our Back Yard" (Ontiveros)
- Feb. 11:** **Dan Stover Music Contest** (Yule)
- Feb. 18:** **Rotary 4-Way High School Speech Contest** (Sawyer)

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