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ROTARIAN TAX ADVISORS HAVE A GOOD HANDLE ON 2012 CHANGES IN TAX LAWS



Dan Dever moderated a panel of three Rotary CPA's, all with diverse knowledge of their industry. The topic was "Changes for 2012; review of 2011".

Dan gave us some history on taxes, which he said, were first collected in 1862 to pay for the Civil War! He also prepared a list of questions to add to those the audience asked. The panelists answered some questions with, "It depends", and John Hulterstrom stated it's the one answer to almost any tax question. One of John's other answers was, "If you can tell me who will become President next year, I'll tell you the answer to that one"! Donna Wells offered an important fact about child tax credits, and told us that the tax credit will likely drop in half this year (from \$1,000 to \$500).

When asked by Mike Page what one thing each C.P.A. would change with regard to taxes, Jennifer Starbuck admitted that because she is cynical on taxes, she would like to consolidate the various taxing entities in California. Donna would like to see less waste and more efficiency. John would do away with "withholding" taxes, and have all who owe actually write the check! He would also like to see taxes due on election day; wouldn't that be interesting.



Dan reminds us that penalties for non-payment of taxes and 1099 penalties are huge! Be sure you know the differences between "expensed items" and "deductions" and also "1099 employee" vs. "employee" when filing your taxes.

Thank you to our panel and Dan Dever for bringing this important presentation on taxes to Rotary. To

sum it all up, as Benjamin Franklin said, "There is nothing more sure in life than death and taxes".

Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** Tracy Marsh
- 4-Way Test:** Vito Bello
- Song:** Al Castellucci

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



We welcomed the following guests this week: Don Rucker of Azusa Pacific (Castellucci); Mike Morrissey of Citizen's Business Bank (DeAtley); Sandra Luna of LegalShield (Castellucci); Sam Pulice, A.V. Rotarian and guest of David North, Pazely Hall, guest of Jon Edson, and Mike Orme of Buck McKeon's office. We also welcomed Ann Clark (for Ron Boyd); Anya Sage (for Marie Langley); Manny Manahan (for Rick Hampton), Holly Noel (for Eldon Heaston).

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



Paul Russ is with American Security Bank, and has been in the banking industry for about 30 years. He's been living in the H.D. since 1988, and he and his family enjoy our community. He loves being with a small, independent bank, allowing for friendly customer service, which he feels is an important aspect of banking. Thank you, Paul, for sharing with Rotary.

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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER



Monday, February 13th
Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse

6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40/pp.
Meal choices:
Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu

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Steve took his last opportunity to say "be safe in your vehicle", and contact him anytime with questions (even if you're out of town like Charles)!

For the Month of February...



Vito Bello outbid Russ Stringham for the February Spoon benefits with a bid of \$100. Congratulations, Vito, we look forward to hearing about the Mall of Victor Valley!

RAFFLES:

Charles gave away a few nice raffle prizes, beginning with **Hough's Pad and Pen**, which went to **Luis Frisby**; **Midway Solutions' Serta Sheep** went home with **Pazely Hall**, who also won the **Club's See's Candy Discount Card**; and **Gary Adams** took home **H&R Block Candy and Sunshade!**



Congratulations to Teresa DeAtley for her Rotary Foundation award to the Rotary Club of Victorville for her year, 2010/2011 for donations to the Polio Fund.



ROTARY INT'L NEWS!

[The Rotary Foundation] United airline miles update From Steven Solomon, Rotary Annual Giving Officer

Thank you for voting for Rotary last month during United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway. For the miles giveaway, Rotary came in second place and will receive 2,488,070 charity miles from United. Rotarians will use the miles for humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals. For questions about donating United Airline miles, contact Robert S. Mintz (Travel Manager, Rotary International). Phone: 847-866-3445 Fax: 847-866-6297. Email: robert.mintz@rotary.org

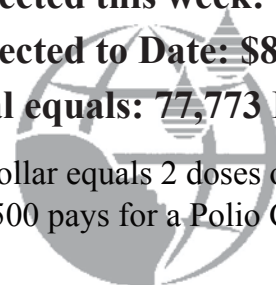
WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$8.38

Collected to Date: \$8,352.79

Total equals: 77,773 Doses!

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





Notes from Charles

President Charles shared a sobering slide show of who the earth's inhabitants would be if there were only 100 people living here. Thanks, Charles, for reminding us how very fortunate we are!

Charles offered two free tickets to the Salvation Army March 2nd dinner to thank the community for assisting them in their programs in 2011.

Teressa DeAtley is still in need of more "Adult Beverages" for for the Feb. 25th. Victor Valley College "Hall of Fame" dinner. The proceeds benefit the VVC Foundation. If you can help, contact Teressa. Cherie Range is being honored at the dinner as a "Community Service" awardee. **Congratulations, Cherie!**

Charles' Happy Birthdays this week go to Gary Dobney, Susan (Matt) Drake, Rob Kabalin, Ryan McEachron, Sharon (Mike) Page, Susan (Kevin) Porter, and James (Gayle) Walker... fresh baked cookies for all!

Russ Stringham asks Board Members, new Board Members, and those considering the Board to attend the BODTS (Board of Directors Training Seminar) on February 18th. There is information on the District web site. The Club pays \$25 for attendees.

The Club Directory is being passed around at meetings; please be sure to correct any errors in your listing.

Charles reminded us of some upcoming events: Open House at Glenn Dental in Apple Valley on February 18th at 6 p.m. Address is: 16098 Kamana Rd., A.V. (760) 242-2620.

St. Mary's Hospital is having a "Men Who Cook" event on May 12th at 5:30.

April 5th is the next Past President's Meeting, with a Scottish theme, so everyone can wear their kilts.

MAKE UP A ROTARY MEETING ONLINE!

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



LUCKY BLUE MARBLE

Someone just might be real lucky... Donna Wells missed her opportunity this week.

Next week... 3 marbles = \$600!

Upcoming Events

Super Bowl Party

February 5th

Home of Dick & Lynne Cole
12520 Indian River, Apple Valley



NOTE TIME CHANGE: Feb. 13 - 4:30 Fellowship / 5:00 Call to Order

Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse
(2 Bd. Mtgs. = 2 make-up meetings!)

Followed by...

Valentine Dinner See Pg. 2 for details

March 1st

Home of Jon & Linda Hove
18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley
Italian Theme Potluck - Sign up for your dish



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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 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: 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!

- Feb. 5:** **Super Bowl Party** - Home of Dick and Lynn Cole (See Map on Pg. 3)
- Feb. 13:** **Valentine Social & Dinner**
 Grumpy Golfer - 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$40/pp. Meal choices: Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu.
- Feb. 18:** **BODTS** - Board of Director Training
 See District web site for info.
- Mar. 1:** **Fireside** - Home of Jon and Linda Hove (More info to follow.)

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Feb. 7:** **Dan Stover Memorial Music Contest** (Yule)
- Feb. 14:** **Jim Cox** - Topic: "Mojave County, the history of the failed attempt to form a new County (Page) / **STAR Awards**
- Feb. 21:** **District 4-Way Test High School Speech Contest** - Club level (Sawyer)
- Feb. 28:** **Craig Garrick, Aviation Assurance Co.**
 Topic: "One company's history at SCLA and the reason that company expects to create 2500 new jobs." (Page"

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