



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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A Real "Rocket Scientist" Captivates Rotarians



Rotary's distinguished speaker this week is a local boy who's done well. Eric Schmidt has been a Hesperia resident for 33 years, graduating from Hesperia High School. He has garnered many recognitions in his field and as an entrepreneur, and is President and co-owner of Exquadrum Corp. Eric's definition of "Exquadrum" is... "outside the box" (both literally and figuratively).



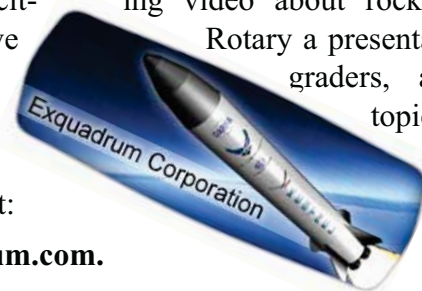
Rocket Science is the name of Eric Schmidt's game, and his company is very unique in the aerospace industry; they are "inventors", specializing in research and development of innovative products that typically are sold to the U.S. Department of Defense, one of Exquadrum's biggest clients. They have extensive experience in the commercial and defense aerospace communities, and also serve private corporations. Some of their projects have included space launch vehicle design, propellant development, propulsion system testing, and the development of systems to neutralize chemical and biological weapons.

The Company started in Adelanto with a manufacturing and fabrication facility, their headquarters are located at SCLA in Victorville, they recently opened an engineering office in Jupiter, Florida, and hope to soon expand to Alabama, "the center of rocket development" in the U.S.

Eric showed an exciting video about rocket technology, and he gave Rotary a presentation developed for 5th graders, as it is a complicated topic!

Check out the Exquadrum web site at:

<http://www.exquadrum.com>.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: David North
Flag Salute: Sam Lucia
4-Way Test: Jim Barnes
Song: Al Castellucci



THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

Stew Anderson did an "outstanding" job introducing guests this week: Paul Kaminski, V.P. of St. Mary's Foundation, was the guest of Mike Page; Mark Layton introduced his son, Scott, who will be working with "Shred Your Docs"; and Rosanne Weathers was the guest of Steve Orr.

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

Fun with the Victorville Rotary Club



Big thanks to Russ & Gaylynn Stringham!



Last year Bill Scott, Mike Page, and Carroll Yule attended Rotary's District Assembly. This year's D.A. is in our own back yard... Victor Valley College - April 5th - try and attend to learn more about Rotary!



Rotary Club Valentine Party
Thursday, Feb. 13th - 5:00 p.m. No Host Cocktails
Fireside Restaurant



FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor couldn't wait to get up and dish on Mark Sawyer for his Seahawks and blatantly bragging for his team; a fine worth \$25. Mike Page's squares in the football pool netted him an \$18 fine, and Mark Layton was hit for \$10 for driving the "rolling billboard". Mark Layton reciprocated, though, donating free shredding of up to 10 boxes from Shred-Your-Docs, won by Dwight Johnson and John Kroencke; Dwight also took home a bottle of the Club's wine; Kirk Riding won a LeChartreuse Wine Stopper; the \$25 Gift Card from Midway Home Solutions was won by Teresa DeAtley; Chardonnay from Dr. Hough went to Marilyn Buttlerwerth; and Paula Porter's Kendall Jackson Chardonnay went to Gary Adams. Big thanks to the wine winners who donated to Teresa's Beverage Bucket.



Ryan's "buddy"
Eric from
Exquadrum
picked his lucky
ticket, but that's
as lucky as
Ryan got... only
\$5 from a pot
worth \$350!



MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

A \$25 Gift Card and Congratulations to Steve Orr (Dec.) and Teresa DeAtley (Jan.) for winning the Monthly Membership Drive Contest!

MARCH 18th ROTARY MEETING
Speaker: Congressman Paul Cook

LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Ryan McEachron tried for the lucky marble this week, but unfortunately netted only \$5. Next week...

\$400 / 10 marbles



Russ' Rap

Thanks to **John Kroencke**, **Terry Caldwell**, and **Kirk Riding** for donating to our Rotary Pantry this week!

President **Russ'** announcements this week included the need for donations of alcoholic beverages for the "beverage bucket", our contribution to V.V.C.'s fund raiser. Contact **Teressa DeAtley** to donate. **Russ** reminded members about the Dec. 13th Club Valentine's Dinner; **Steve Murray** is the one to contact on that.

Steve Murray gave a big "THANK YOU" to **Mike Page**, who brings us the best programs in the entire District! Today was definitely one of those. **Thanks, Mike!**

Steve announced the upcoming Avenues of Service Meeting this Thursday at the "Rotary Room" at Bob's Tires in Victorville. All are invited. He is also hoping his Board members will attend the **BODTS** (Board of Director Training Seminar) training; anyone is welcome to attend (9-noon) Feb. 15th. Contact **Steve** if you are able to attend.

Dr. Hough and **Steve Murray** are both interested in the Rotary International "Superbuild" project May 3rd. This is a great one-day project, and carpooling is available. Passports will be needed to cross the border.

Russ is asking every Rotary member to get involved in one hands-on Rotary project (see projects listed below).

Congressman Paul Cook will be our speaker March 18th. RSVP's will be required due to limited space. This is a great meeting to bring a guest / prospective member!!

Choose YOUR Rotary Project:

- Help put food baskets together for the needy
- Have a Brentwood student as a career exploration guest at a Rotary meeting
- Read to a child using Rotary procured books, and give the child the personalized book
- Teach a child how to read to younger siblings and give them the book
- Talk at one of our junior Rotary clubs regarding your career (Elementary, Junior High, High and the College)
- Attend RYLA weekend as a City leader (6 students in your group)
- Hold a Fireside at your home
- Help Ginger Ontiveros and the Rotaractors organize the High Desert Leadership event in May
- "Read to Me" through the VV Chamber of Commerce

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: **\$22.05**

+ **Ryan McEachron Marble Win: \$5.00**

Tripled by Gates Foundation = \$81.15

Collected to Date: \$10,616.34

Total equals: 84,111 Doses!

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

★ ATTENTION MEMBERS ★

There is now a "Bill Me Later" in the Pay-Pal 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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Hough utilized her "spoon" time and handed out a flier for an upcoming Brandman University Leadership Information Session. Brandman is a part of the Chapman University System, and their Ed.D. program develops visionary leaders. Please contact Hough for information.

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 **Kirk Riding**, **John Kroencke**, and **Terry Caldwell** for this week's donations.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directords

President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Steve Murray
Club Service & President 2015-16	Ben Tafoya
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...
Beginning 2/23, Rotaract moves to Friday at noon
- FRIDAY:** San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- 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
- May 15-18:** District Conference - Palm Springs

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. 11:** Dan Stover Music Contest (Yule)
- Feb. 18:** Rotary 4-Way High School Speech Contest (Sawyer)
- Feb. 25:** Anna Garcia, Senior Hydrologist, Mojave Water Agency. **Topic: "High Desert's Water History Offers Instructions for the Future"** (Page) / **S.T.A.R. Awards / Brentwood Students**

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