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ROTARY GETS HISTORY LESSON AND GIVES STUDENT S.T.A.R. AWARDS



Former City Manager Jim Cox offered his explanation to the Rotary Club of Victorville as to why our High Desert communities failed in their attempt to form a separate county.

In 1986 several High Desert citizens attempted to form the Mojave County, which would encompass 18,000 square miles, and of those, 13,000 acres were government-owned land. A Mojave County Committee was formed. Over 20,000 signatures were acquired and 23 public hearings were held. There was much opposition by the County, and committee members were attacked regularly at these hearings.

Jim stated these were very interesting times; the public was convinced by the county that costs would be excessive, and the final result was that the county would be losing significant tax dollars if a separate county was formed.

In 1988 the court ruled against the new county, and San Bernardino County continues to receive a huge percentage of monies generated in the High Desert.

The Rotary Club of Victorville's S.T.A.R. Awards recognize those students who have made a significant improvement in their G.P.A., Attitude, or Attendance. This week five students received the recognition. They represented Mountain View Montessori Charter School, Village Elementary School, Green Tree East Elementary School, Lomas Elementary School, and Liberty Elementary School. President Charles Gehrke presented the awards along with Rotarian and Victor Elementary School District Superintendent, Dale Marsden.

Pictured from left: Rotary President Charles Gehrke, Priscilla Greenup, Eugene Chow, Adriana Guerrero, Eugene Chow, and Ashley Gibbs.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Dale Marsden
Flag Salute: Mark Taylor
4-Way Test: Matt Drake
Song: Al Castellucci

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

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



S.T.A.R. Award recipients brought along family and school support, and we welcomed them all. Other guests included: Vic Baimmel (Bello); Chris Lamoureux of Coldwell Banker (Castellucci); Aurelie Hambursin, Chris' guest visiting from Belgium; Garner Morris of San Bernardino County Supervisor's Office; Michael Orme from Buck McKeon's office; Maureen Mills of Victor Elementary School District (Marsden); Deb Clarkson of Victor Valley Christian School; Manny Manahan of ServePro (for Rick Hampton), and of course, Pazely Hall, Aide to Jon Edson. Welcome, everyone!



LUCKY BLUE MARBLE

Whoever has their lucky ticket pulled...

WINS BIG - \$750!!



ROTARIANS HONORED

Margaret Cooker recognized three Rotarians for becoming Paul Harris Fellows: Dale Marsden, Alicia Anderson, and Rob Kilpatrick. Donors of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin. Margaret also had a special pin to present to Kevin Kane for his \$3,000 donation to the Foundation. Kevin was absent today, but Margaret will be sure he gets his pin beautiful containing two sapphires. Congratulations, all!



FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:

Matt Drake admitted to the students in attendance that he has never grown up, so now everyone knows! He congratulated the award winners, and reminded us what a small world we live in... he visited (accidentally) with **Hough** and **Eugene** in the Houston airport recently!



Matt teasingly levied a \$2,000 fine on **Margaret Cooker** for her "feminist" comment. A few others were victims of

Matt: \$10 to **Terry Caldwell**, \$5 to **Jon Edson**, and \$10 to **Marilyn Buttelerwerth**. **Dr. Ron Boyd's** quick answer of "yours" to **Matt's** question about his favorite animal to work on made him fine free today! Nice going, **Ron!**



Nice raffle prizes were given away: **Dr. Ron Boyd's** cool WOOOF Cap went to **Todd Sturges**; **Midway Solutions'** Serta Sheep was won by **Margaret Cooker** with a "wolf in sheep's clothing quip"; **Dwight Johnson's** Mt. High Lift Passes went to **Don Lager**; **DCB's** Paperweight went to **Don Lager**; **Dick Cole** took home another WOOOF Cap donated by **Dr. Ron Boyd**; **Bob's Tire Service** Cap went to **Jim Murray**, who exchanged with **Mark Taylor** for a Bag of Starbucks Coffee from **Vito Bello**. **Don Lager** missed out on the big pot today! Sorry, **Don!**



Vito Bello



"There is always something interesting happening at the Mall of Victor Valley", says Vito Bello, Mall Manager. He offers his fellow Rotarians 10% discount on advertising at the Mall. Give Vito a call at 760-514-8893 and arrange for your business to have a Mall presence!

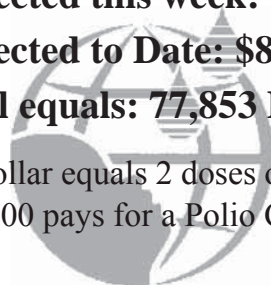
WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$38.77

Collected to Date: \$8,392.60

Total equals: 77,853 Doses!

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





Notes from Charles

Charles announced that the Victorville Rotary Foundation has opened an account for members to deposit funds and withdraw them at any time. Our Club's Foundation receives the interest from these funds, allowing more opportunity to provide dollars for our many projects.

Charles invited members to attend the Open House of Dr. Glenn in Apple Valley this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Also, the Fair is coming, and Charles has free tickets to the "Barn Bash" on March 24th at the fairgrounds.

Happy Birthdays this week go to **Kevin Kane**, **Kristine (Dan) Dever**, **Eugene (Hough) Everage**, and **James (Marie) Langley**. Charles ended up with some extra cookies so shared with the Interact kids!

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Charles presented an official Interact Bell to two new Middle School Interact Clubs sponsored by our Club: Victor Valley Christian School (Jr. High) and Cobalt Middle School. Victor Valley Christian also received their 4-Way Test and Rotary banners (Cobalt received theirs at an earlier date).

Interact Clubs are organized for the purpose of providing an opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. Students at the secondary school level or young people between the ages of 14 and 18 are eligible for Interact Club membership.



BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

YEAR-'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. In March President Charles will be making the deliveries.



Upcoming Events



March 1st

Home of Jon & Linda Hove

18970 Appaloosa Rd., Apple Valley

Italian Theme Potluck - Sign up for your dish



PROPOSED MEMBER

Approved for publication at a regular Board Meeting 2/12/12

Sandra Luna

Company: Legal Shield

Position: Independent Associate

Classification: Retail - Legal Services

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

Note: If you protest the admission of this member, please notify President Charles Gehrke in writing by February 28, 2012.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President Charles Gehrke
 Treasurer David North
 Executive Secretary Margaret Cooker
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 Community Service David Leicht
 Youth Service Rob Kilpatrick
 Vocational Bob Basen
 International Ben Tafoya
 Foundation Margaret Cooker
 Recording Secretary Marilyn Buttlerwerth
 Sergeant At Arms..... Gary Adams

Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Dwight Johnson • Steve Murray • Robert Lovingood • Ginger Ontiveros

Past President (2010-11) Teresa DeAtley
 Incoming President (2012-13) Russ Stringham
 President-Elect (2013-14) Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage
 President-Elect-Elect (2014-15) Steve Murray

Current Chair Persons:

New Generations.....Rob Kilpatrick
 Membership Russ Stringham
 SongMaster Al Castellucci
 Scholarships Ginger Ontiveros
 Publicity/Public Relations Charles Gehrke
 Cards and Calls Gaylynn Stringham
 Programs Mike Page
 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. 18: **BODTS** - Board of Director Training
 If you are interested in attending, contact Russ Stringham ASAP.

Mar. 1: **Fireside** - Home of Jon and Linda Hove (See Page 3 for information.)

Mar. 2-4: **RYLA Youth Camp**

May 12: **Immunization Clinic** - Hesperia
 Azusa Pacific - 15283 Pahute
 (between Cottonwood and Locust)
 Volunteers needed.

June 18: **Rotary Golf Tournament - SVL CC**

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR JOSHUA TREE VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT MARY TERAN TO GET ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

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)
Mar. 6: **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** (Kilpatrick)
Mar. 13: **Terry Caldwell** - Topic: "History of the Victor Valley Waste Water Authority" (Page)

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