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Studying Our High Desert Water Has A Long History



Pictured above: Members of the U.S. Geological Survey work with the Mojave Water Agency "stream gauging" at Mojave Narrows near the bridge in Victorville.



Anna Garcia, P.G., C.H.G., is the Senior Hydrogeologist for the Mojave Water Agency, and shared some very interesting history about our water supply. In the early 1900's Lou Wescott Beck and his dog, Rufus, almost succumbed to death by thirst while prospecting. Following that life-changing experience, he devoted his life to scouring areas of Death Valley and providing sign-

posts signaling where water was located for travelers through the area. Following Beck's death in 1917, the U.S. Geological Survey was assigned the task of placing signposts and mapping water holes and springs in the high desert for desert travelers. In addition, they

collect water samples and measure water levels in wells throughout the desert.

The Mojave Water Agency is a good "steward" of our water supply; they work with U.S.G.S., utilizing records dating back 100 years. Lance Eckhart, Principal Hydrogeologist for MWA, compared our underground water supply with a retirement account, stating we should only "dip into" it when there is no alternative.



Right: Anna Garcia, Senior Hydrogeologist, Mojave Water Agency.



Left: Lou Wescott Beck and Rufus

(From the Harold and Lucile Weight Collection, Mojave Desert Archives, Goff, CA)

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Mark Sawyer
Flag Salute: Doug Robertson
4-Way Test: Jim Barnes
Song: Al Castellucci

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Holly Noel introduced this weeks guests, including Lori Billig, Principal and Denise Catherwood, teacher, both from Brentwood Elementary School. Also in attendance were Daisy Flores of Del Rey Elementary School; Lori Clark, Assistant Superintendent of VESD; Mojave Water District's Anna Garcia and Lance Eckhart; Kathy Ferace, in for Mary Hennessy; Manny Manahan in for Rick Hampton; and Garner Morris, in for Robert Lovingood.

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

NEW ROTARY MEMBER INDUCTED



Welcome
to Rotary,
Rosanne
Weathers



Stew Anderson did an “outstanding” job performing the induction of our newest member, Rosanne Weathers, Director of Marketing for Desert Valley Hospital and Medical Group. Stew reminded us that this week is Rotary’s 109th birthday, and discussed the importance of Rotary’s challenge to eradicate Polio. Steve Orr is Rosanne’s Sponsor, and we look forward to getting to know Rosanne and enjoying the enthusiasm she brings to our Club!

Honorary member Carole Voll paid for an advertisement to encourage our members to help her organization. She is an advocate for abused children, and if you would like to help, Carole’s number is in our directory or on DaCdb.



Margaret Peterson announced her departure from the High Desert to take a position in at the California Hospital and Medical Center in Los Angeles. She thanked Rotarians for welcoming her over the years, and will be missed!

Rotary Honors Deserving S.T.A.R. Student

Lori Clark presented Kelsy Damacio of Del Rey Elementary School with a S.T.A.R. Award Certificate and a \$25 gift card for her outstanding “whatever it takes” attitude. She was joined by her teacher and family members.



The Rotary Club of Victorville hosts six students each month from the Brentwood Elementary School’s “Career Exploration Program”. The students are accompanied by school staff and are paired up each week with Rotarians who offer a glimpse into various fields of business.



MARCH 18th ROTARY MEETING
Special Guest Speaker: RSVP required



Mike Page reminds members that an **RSVP will be required to attend the March 18th meeting**. We expect unusually high attendance, with all high desert Rotary Clubs invited. Please RSVP to President Russ at 760-949-3377. If you seen an invite in your email inbox from Russ, just “reply” and let Russ know that you’re coming.

If you’d like to sit at Congressman Cook’s table, contact Russ and place your bid. All money collected goes to the Victorville Rotary Foundation.

This is the perfect opportunity to bring a potential Rotary Club member as a guest!

LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Margaret Cooker bought a bunch of tickets and won a bunch of raffle prizes, but the biggest prize evaded her.

Next week...

\$550 / 7 marbles



Russ' Rap

President Russ invited ALL Rotarians to join the group going to Ensenada next weekend to donate a wheelchair and visit our Sister Club. Big thanks to **Gene** and **Kay Marie Gregory** for the donation of several cases of canned goods for our Rotary Pantry! **Russ** reported that **Gene** is improving steadily, and will be back in the H.D. shortly. We all look forward to seeing him back at Rotary, and the same goes for **Jon Edson**!

Steve Murray is pretty fired up after the PETS (President Elect Training Seminar), and wished he had more time to elaborate on how exciting it was, and how much he learned! **Steve** was sporting his new (President) Rotary blue District embroidered Polo Shirt (\$45), which are available to purchase on DaCbd. Log in; click on "Calendar"; it's the first item listed "Leadership Team Shirts". Order now, and your shirt can be picked up at the District Assembly. Great news... there are about six Rotarians already signed up for the "Superbuild" project in Mexico on May 3rd!

The District Assembly is right here at V.V.C. on April 5th. **Steve Murray** explained that the next District Governor, Larry Skaggs, will lay out plans for Rotary year 2014-15. Please plan to attend! There is no cost to members; it's only a half-day program, and you need to sign up in advance. This is a great opportunity to new members to become more familiar with Rotary operations.

Clipboards are going around for all of our Rotary events; be sure to get your name on as many of them as you can!



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We can thank Hough this week for handing out many Brandman University antibacterial hand cleaners, ready to be clipped on to your purse or keychain! Thanks for sharing the many opportunities at Brandman during the month of February, Hough!

RAFFLE SESSION:

Steve Murray assisted **Russ** in giving away some nice raffle gifts, and lucky for us, no fines were levied this week. **Margaret Cooker** took home the \$25 **Midway Home Solutions** Gift Card, Movie Passes from **El Dorado Broadcasting**, a House of Fajitas Coupon, AND a nice Bottle of Wine from **Hough**. Her luck ran out, however, when it came to drawing the blue marble from the bag (she won the \$5 booby prize). A nice Wine Set from **Rancho Motors** went home with **Rob Kilpatrick**; **El Dorado Broadcasting** Movie Passes and House of Fajitas Coupon was won by **Steve Orr**; and **Gary Adams** won a Bottle of Wine from the Havanna Wine Bar, courtesy of **El Dorado Broadcasting**.



Margaret Cooker announced the receipt of a \$1,000 from the District (Foundation money) to be used to purchase books for Rotarians to read to children. Each child's name will be placed into the book and will be theirs to keep. Margaret is

looking for Rotarians to assist in the reading program through The Boys & Girls Club of the Victor Valley, The Victor Valley Rescue Mission, and any child you feel would benefit from the interaction. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding project.

Russ is willing to trade... His Rotary Bell for Easter Baskets (at the expense of the children... shame on you, Russ). He is considering using the Easter Basket money to purchase a new bell. So, if you know it's whereabouts, you might want to come clean.



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 on-going, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directords

President & Immediate Past President.....	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
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International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
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Dwight Johnson • Bob Basen • Rob Kilpatrick • Kevin Porter • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
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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.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- 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

- Mar. 4:** Phyllis Morris, San Bernardino Public Defender (Daughter of Garner Morris)
Topic: "Three Strikes Reform; the Real Reason Behind the Initiative" (Page)
- Mar. 11:** Dr. Pat Mark 4-Way Speech Contest - Middle School (Sawyer)
- Mar. 18:** SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
Congressman Paul Cook (Page)
See inside for special RSVP requirements
S.T.A.R. Awards
- Mar. 25:** Victor Valley College, Model United Nations - **Topic: "USA and Saudi Arabia - Friends or Foes?"** (Ontiveros)

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