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AVIATION ASSURANCE COMPANY BRINGS MORE JOBS



Craig allocated one of the airplanes to the Rotary Club of Victorville for auction! (This one will fit in your automobile.)

Craig Garrick, Chief Executive Officer of Aviation Assurance Company and Victorville Rotarian, gave an exciting presentation on the management of “commercial aviation assets” (BIG planes). He brought along a model of the United 777 300ER jet... the real one carries a price tag over 300 million dollars! Because of the huge cost, the planes are usually leased by banks and financial institutions; the major customer base of Aviation Assurance Co. (founded in 1998 and based in Victorville).

Aviation Assurance Co., LLC owns and operates Southern California Aviation, which physically houses the airplanes, performing transitional maintenance. It employs up to 250 mechanics to do aircraft and engine maintenance, from semi to highly skilled labor.

Also owned by Aviation Assurance Co. is Pacific Aviation Group, which operates an international sales and evaluation team to re-deploy the assets as needed. They also provide storage and manage aircraft in transition for

Boeing Leasing Co., G.E. Fedex, and others, nationally and internationally. Singapore Airlines and British Airways fly planes directly into SCLA, where Pacific Aviation Group does flight testing and incoming and outgoing inspections on aircraft and engines. It came as a surprise to our Rotarians that engines can cost upward of \$35 million dollars!

The activities above bring significant jobs and growth to our High Desert, and with an additional hanger, even more jobs will be forthcoming. We thank Craig for taking time from his busy day, and hope to schedule an off-site later this year to see firsthand the fabulous work that goes on at Aviation Assurance Company.



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



Welcome to Garner Morris from Brad Mitzelfelt's office; JoAnna Cloward, Craig's oldest daughter (Garrick); Lisa Lawrence from Apple Valley Unified

School District (Marsden); Matt Smith from San Joaquin Valley College (Marsden); Manny Mannahan (for Rick Hampton), and Mark Layton, Victor Valley Sunrise Club member, applying for transfer (published this week).

Don't forget to use your "Guest Pass", members!

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Dale Marsden
Flag Salute: Rev. Paul Earle
4-Way Test: Rob Kilpatrick
Song: Al Castellucci



Please keep Hough's mother in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Hough... we miss you!

LUCKY MARBLE HAS A NEW COLOR!



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Jon Edson took home only \$5 this week. :(

Next Week... \$250



AND THE SPOON GOES TO...

Kirk Riding for the month of March. **Kirk** battled it out with Reverend Paul Earle, Bill Scott, and Caroll Yule, with the winning bid of \$200! We will be hearing from **Kirk** on four consecutive Tuesdays about **Capstone Consulting Group**. Congratulations, **Kirk!**

RAFFLE SESSION:

Nice raffle prizes today, thank you to donors! Nice Mall of Victor Valley Mugs from **Vito Bello** were won by **Jon Hove** and **Gary Adams**; a great Basket from Apple Valley Transfer & Storage (**Mark Layton**) went to **Marie Langley**. **Midway Solutions'** Surprise Gift went to **Jon Edson**, and when it was unwrapped, we could all feel **Don Lager's** blush! His "Hillbilly Executive Brief Case" was hilarious, and you had to be there (think "briefs"). **Charles Gehrke's** Gift Basket was won by **Craig Garrick**; **BCA Animal Hospital** Cap went to Jim Murray, and **Jon Edson** tried for the lucky marble, but came up short (by \$195). The lucky marble is now **orange**, so if you pull a blue marble (as **Jon** did), don't get too excited!



Vito Bello



Vito's last week as Spoonholder brings exciting news... there is construction fencing at the north end of the Mall, and things are moving forward a bit ahead of schedule! Check the Mall's Facebook page! Vito relinquished his "Spoon of Exemption" this week, and we have enjoyed hearing about the Mall of Victor Valley over the month of February.

Next month...



Kirk Riding

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$38.05

Collected to Date: \$8,450.73

Total equals: 77,969 Doses!

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



Notes from Charles

Charles: The VVC Foundation Dinner recognized our own **Cherie Range**, for her “Distinguished Community Service”! Our Club also had a full page advertisement in the program. See also the plaque (next column) awarded to The Rotary Club of Victorville. Thank you, and congratulations, **Cherie!**

Charles reminds us we have a few more weeks to bring in canned and dry foods for delivery to the Salvation Army.

Charles’ invitations to the Past President’s Dinner April 5th have been sent. Please e-mail, text, call, or sign-up at meetings if you plan to attend.

Mike Page and **Gene Gregory** will be bringing us information next week on “aging and our skin”, in addition to the RYLA program.

Russ Stringham reported he attended the PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) this past weekend, and anticipates an exciting year, starting July 1st! He had a special pin for **Margaret Cooker**, **Charles Gehrke**, and **Al Castellucci** with the theme... “Ignite”! Please read:



Russ also presented a Sheriff’s badge to our Sergeant at Arms, **Gary Adams**, for greater enforcement of our Rotary rules during his year!

Charles’ Happy Birthday this week to **Mary** (David) **Leicht!**

Lastly, look for the awesome model airplane that was donated by Craig Garrick to be available as a Rotary Golf Tournament auction item!

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 delivering the food to the Salvation Army.

Special Recognition



PROPOSED MEMBER

Approved for publication at a special Board Meeting 2/28/12

Mark Layton

Company: Apple Valley Transfer & Storage

Position: Relocation Specialist

Classification: Services: Moving

Sponsor: Russ Stringham

Note: *If you protest the admission of this member, please notify President Charles Gehrke in writing by March 13, 2012.*

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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!

Mar. 2-4: RYLA Youth Camp

April 5th: Past President's Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse.

April 17: Rotary Off-Site - Victor Valley
 Transit Authority (Kane)

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

Mar. 6: Dr. Ashish Malhotra - Topic: "Dermatologic Conditions; What to look for and catching it early" (Page / Gregory)
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Kilpatrick)
Mar. 13: Terry Caldwell - Topic: "History of the Victor Valley Waste Water Authority" (Page)
Mar. 20: Regional Dan Stover Music Contest (Yule)

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