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Granite and Sugar Beets

Who would have thought the subjects of granite and limestone could be so interesting? Apparently, many Rotarians, as there wasn't an empty seat in the house. Our speaker, Fire Chief of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, Sid Hulquist, has a passion for the history of our desert, and this excitement is contagious. His main point was to show "how important the mining industry was to the growth and sustainability of the communities we enjoy today". The photos below are taken directly from Sid's Power Point presentation, and represent his "amateur" fascination with our history. He is a superior photographer as well, and speaks with great enthusiasm about subjects such as granite, limestone, and our interesting past.

Most of the mines were established in the late 1800's and early 1900's, mining granite, limestone, silver and gold. Some uses for granite are building construction, road paving and curbs, shoring along the railroad, and monuments. Sid's slide depicting the mining process read, "The granite lies in nearly horizontal beds from 6 to 15 feet thick. It is medium-grained and hard, and is broken down by hand drilling and blasting with black powder, and further split with plugs and feathers." Hard to imagine, but you can see in the photos below the enormity of the granite. Pictured in the center is the Ferry Building in San Francisco, built from "Victor Granite", which also built the San Bernardino County Jail in 1904.



How are Sugar Beets relative to Limestone?



Sid then introduced us to the process of refining sugar in the "old days"... American Beet Sugar Co. used Limestone in the processing of sugar beets. The Hoey and Superior Quarries were located east of Oro Grande. Limestone was shipped to factories in Oxnard & Chino mostly between 1891 and 1914. The company today is known as American Crystal Sugar Co. What might be next in Sid's history lesson to Rotary? Hopefully we won't have to wait too long to hear!

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



We welcomed Brentwood fourth grade students Abigail Lopez, Deja Gant, Darius Jamerson, and Kiarra Wilborn, along with two Brentwood teachers, Dave Stolfus and Teresa (Brad) Letner. Also in attendance were Buck Goodspeed, guest of Al Castellucci; Valerie Reeves, guest of Val Young; Cliff Bandringa, guest of Kevin Kane; Linda Hove, sitting in for Jon; Garner Morris, guest of Steve Murray; Midge Coomes, guest of Teresa Coomes; Diala Ugwumba of the Uyo Rotary Club, and Violet Roberts, sitting in for Eldon Heaston. Welcome, all!

★ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ★

There are MANY Rotary events coming up in March; please see the "Important Dates" on the last page of this Newsletter, and plan to attend some or all of them!



March 9 - BOD Meeting

5pm fellowship/5.30 call to order
DCB BOD, Hesperia and Silica



The District 5300 Peace Conference

Saturday, March 14 - 8am - 1pm

John Wayne Performing Arts Center

Glendale High School, 1440 E. Broadway Ave.

Info: PDG Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian, mashdots@aol.com
or visit the District 5300 web site / CLUB PAYS



"One Drop" - Cirque du Soleil Event

Friday, March 21

Mirage Hotel - Beatles "Love Theatre"

<http://onenigh.onedrop.org>



"The Stars Are Out Tonight"



Rotary Foundation Dinner

Saturday, March 28th - \$100/person

Black tie optional

6 pm Cocktails/7p.m. Dinner/Entertainment

Register at www.district5300.org

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Student Deja
4-Way Test:	Kevin Kane
Song:	Al Castellucci



Fourth grade students from Brentwood Elementary School's Career Exploration Program found Rotarian mentors this week to introduce them to the world of Rotary. Thanks to our Rotarian Mentors-for-the-Day. Ron Williams, Mary Hennessy, Van Young, and Brad Letner. Pictured also are Brentwood teachers Dave Stolfus and Teresa Letner (Hough stood in for Van for photo).



NEXT WEEK ...

**DAN STOVER MUSIC CONTEST
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!**



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 for our Club, and the entire pantry is delivered to a recipient quarterly.



Steve Sez...

Brad Letner thanked all who helped deliver food to the Victor Valley Rescue Mission for the Refrigerator Freezer Combo which was made affordable by **Don Lager** of Midway Home Solutions. **Brad** also reminded members of the Community Service meeting following next week's Rotary Club meeting. **Kevin Kane** received kudos from **President Steve** for the great public relations work he is doing for our Club, including press releases, newspaper articles, and Facebook posts! **Margaret Cooker** reminded members that monies members have paid (through Feb. 28th) into the Club Foundation go into the annual share, part for the Refrigerator/Freezer, part for the hygiene kits and also polio. You will be receiving receipts for the amounts paid. **Steve** encourages members to attend the Rotary Foundation Dinner March 28th in Las Vegas (see page two for info.)

REMINDER: After March 10th the prices for the meal package for the District Conference will go up, so go to the web site and make your reservations before then if you plan to attend. Reimbursement is based on the lowest cost.

Steve introduced Victor, owner of El Pescador Restaurant in Victorville, who will be providing our luncheon from now on, due to changes at the Golf Course restaurant.

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Brad Letner



Communities around the world hold Ignite events to share ideas and bring people closer together.

Now its our turn, High Desert!

Join us at 5:30pm on April 2nd at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hesperia for the Inaugural Ignite High Desert.

Hesperia Chamber of Commerce
To RSVP, Please contact
Chamber@HesperiaCC.com
or call (760) 244-2135

Tickets \$20 PP.
50% of ticket sales will be donated to the:
United Way
Desert Communities United Way

FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor levied a few fines on unsuspecting (or not) Rotarians. He could have hit up **Brad Letner** for his cell phone call, newspaper article and lengthy advertisement, but alas... **Brad** has the spoon for March, so he can get crazy with it! **Dwight Johnson's** birthday netted a \$53 fine, but **Russ Stringham's** Past Presidency saved him a fine due to his 23 years as a Rotarian. **Mark** gave kudos to **Caroll Yule** for her performance at the VVC Foundation Dinner, and then hit her for a \$20 fine for her "disco" costume. **Mark** congratulated **Kevin Kane** for the great publicity he's given our Club, then gave away some nice raffle prizes. **Marie Langley** brought Choice Medical "Mystery" Bags, won by **Gary Adams, Hough**, and **Teresa's Mother-in-Law, Midge**. **Hough's** Hand Sanitizers went to **Donna Wells, Steve Orr, and Dwight Johnson**, and her Personal Fan went home with **Teresa Coomes**. A Ticket to the Hesperia Chamber's "Ignite" event from **Brad Letner** was won by **Donna Wells**; **Teresa Coomes** won a DCB Mug from **David North**; **Steve Murray's** Wild Hare Wine went to **Marilyn Buttlerwerth**; a **Bob's Tire Service** Cap and Tire Gage were won by **Don Lager, Hough** won a Victorville Rotary Key Chain from **Steve Murray**; and **Jim Cox** took home a **Desert Valley Hospital** Gift Basket. Nice donations, Rotarians!



WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$19.00
Plus **Caroll Yule's Little Piggy**: \$15.56
Collected to Date: \$12,093.53
Total equals: 86,918 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

LUCKY BLUE DICE



Gary Adams again tried to win the Pot, but came up short with \$5 .

Next week:

\$300 / 10 Dice



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President	Steve Murray
Immediate Past President	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary & Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Ben Tafoya
Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17	Dwight Johnson
Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker

Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Club Activities	Dwight Johnson
Membership	Ben Tafoya
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane / Dwight Johnson
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
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.
University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** Adelanto Club meets 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed. at R&S
Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto, 7 a.m.;
2nd Wed. at Chamber Rm., Maverick Stadium at
11:30 a.m.; 5th Wed. dark.
- 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!

- March 10: Community Service Committee Meeting** - Follows Rotary Club
- March 14: District Peace Conference** - See page three for information. Club pays your registration.
- Mar. 20: "One Drop" - Circue du Soleil event - Mirage Hotel (Beatle's "Love" Theater)**
<http://onenight.onedrop.org>
- March 28: Rotary Foundation Dinner** - Treasure Island Hotel, Las Vegas. See District web site for informatio.
- April 2: High Desert Huddle - V.V.C.**
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- April 17-19: RYLA Weekend**

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. 10: Dan Stover Music Contest**, Club Level
- Mar. 17: City of Victorville, Director of Public Works / Water, Sean McGlade.** Topic: "The Troubles in Northern Ireland" (Page) / **S.T.A.R. Students**

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