



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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Retired State Senator George Runner Shares His Insights as Legislator

George C. Runner, Jr. is the Republican Board Member for District 2 of the five-member California State Board of Equalization. He has represented our area for many years, beginning with the Lancaster City Council in 1992, followed by five years in the State Assembly. He was a California State Senator serving from 2004 to 2012, prior to being elected to the Board of Equalization.

George is also a Rotarian, and presented to the Rotary Club of Victorville some of his insights gained from 12 years in the California Legislature. He brought bills related to sex crimes against children and found it difficult to get them passed. "Jessica's Law" was an initiative finally voted on as a result of the Legislature being unable to pass bills designed to protect children. George's biggest frustration was that legislators commonly agreed with his stance on important issues, but would rescind their support at the last moment due to pressure from members on their own side.

As stated on his web site, "As a Board member, my number one priority is to advocate for taxpayers. I believe that hard-working Californians deserve to have someone



working on their behalf in support of fair tax policies that will help grow our economy and jobs." George believes that limited government is better government, and encourages citizens' freedoms.

Rob Kilpatrick introduced the RYLA participants from the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp, and each gave their impression of the weekend experience. Thanks also to Bob Basen, past Chair of the program for our Club.

Victorville Rotarians enjoyed hearing Mr. Runner's observations, and were happy to see Mrs. Sharon Runner looking fit and healthy following her recent lung transplant. To visit George's web site as a Board of Equalization member, go to: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/runner/>.



Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** Pastor Paul Earle
- Flag Salute:** Steve Orr
- 4-Way Test:** Eddie Hernandez
- Song:** Al Castellucci

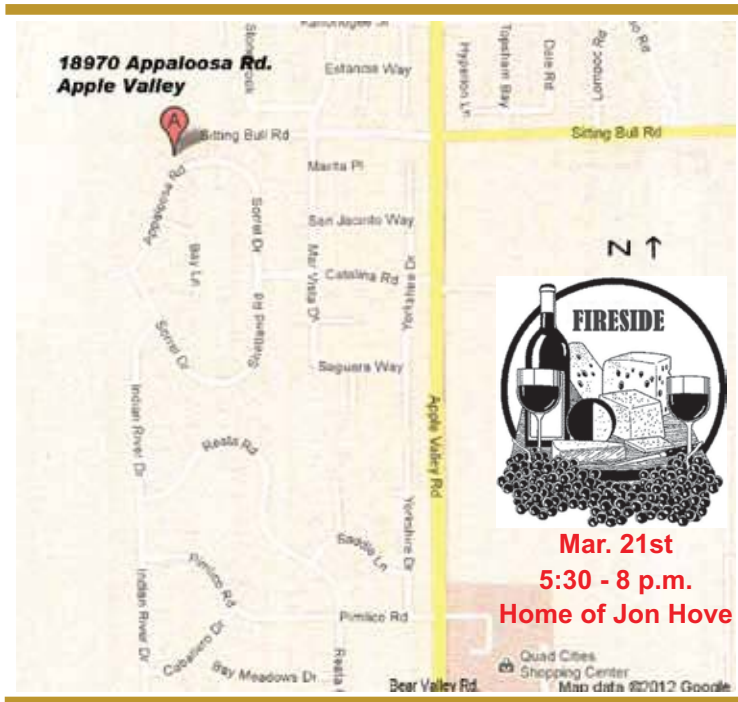
PLEASE JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 11:30 A.M. BEFORE OUR MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON.

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to our guests this week, introduced by Mark Taylor. Mark's guest is Sam Lucia, new Victorville Police Chief. Al Castellucci's guests and potential Rotary members are

David Keck, Editor of the Daily Press and Steve Kim from New Star Realty and the Victor Valley Korean Assoc. George Runner (speaker) brought two assistants Sean Wullertine and Drew Mercy (also Sharon Runner, briefly). Rob Kilpatrick's guests included three RYLA students, Taylor Lewis, Jacob Suh, and Marisol Olivas. We also welcomed Breana (Sandra) Luna and Jacquie Lukocffi (Edson).



BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

YEAR 'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

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.



WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: **-0-**

Collected to Date: **\$9,193.64**

Total equals: **79,421 Doses!**

Folks... PLEASE keep the can moving from your table to the next!

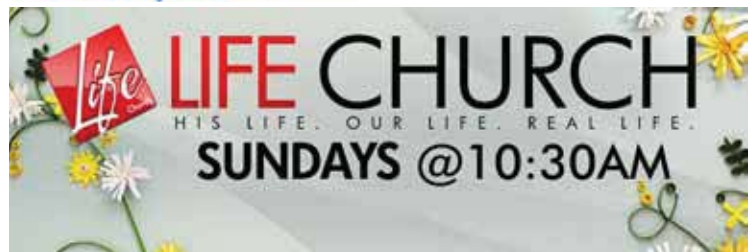
FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Matt Drake is getting lots of sun as Coach of the Victor Valley Christian School Golf Team. His first order of business was to sing Happy Birthday to **Dwight Johnson**, and then he gave away some nice raffle prizes. **Marie Langley's** Chocolate Popcorn went to **Team Edson** and also to "Birthday Boy" **Dwight**; **Donna Wells** received a Recipe Book donated by **Steve Murray**; **Charles Gehrke's** Ambassadors Unlimited Daffodils went to **Marilyn Buttellworth**, and **Charles' Chocolate Bunny** went to **Pastor Earle**, then to **Carroll Yule**, and finally to **George Runner**, who gave it to his wife, **Sharon**. **Matt** refused a fine suggested by **Margaret Cooker** for "horn tooting" and we congratulate him on the awards won by **Office Works and Top Notch Networking**. **Chuck Gehrke** received the only fine this week... \$20, just because Matt is "vindictive and bitter".



Pastor Paul Earle



Pastor Earle brought each attending Rotary member a copy of "The Case for Easter"; a journalist investigates the evidence for the Resurrection. He also encourages us to give our best this Easter, as the Lord gave His best for us.

Rotary International District 5300

18th Annual Peace Conference

The Power of Youth to Promote Peace

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013

9:00AM - 12:30PM - Pasadena

From Dr. Hough: Three students from Hook Jr. High School have been selected as the winners of the Art For Peace Art Contest. They will be announced and their entries will be displayed this Saturday at the Annual Peace Conference. Congratulations to Michelle Mejia, Jason Anderson, and Emily Aquino. Their prizes will be presented at the March 12th Victorville Rotary Club meeting.



Russ' Rap

David North reported that a recent "audit" of the last six months of our Club's bank statements was completed by members **Jim Murray, Stew Anderson and John Kroencke**. The books for the Foundation were also looked at, and the results were a positive indication that our financial condition is being handled correctly. David will provide financial statements to any member who requests it.



Dwight Johnson asks Rotarians to please help provide Easter Baskets (\$32/ea.) for needy families in our area. Contact **Margaret** or **Dwight** for more information.

Mark Taylor brought a Rotary banner he exchanged at the Kapa'a, Club in Kauai, Hawaii.

Many, many "clipboards" go around each week. Please be sure to look at them, and sign yourself up for Club events.

Ben Tafoya is looking for members who would like to join him in Mexico building two homes in the Superbuild Project on April 13th. Contact **Ben** or **Russ** for information, or register on line.

Charles Gehrke is drilling us weekly to offer up a name of a potential Club member, and this week Matt Drake was singled out for suggesting the idea and fined \$15! Al Castellucci was applauded for the many great new members he's brought to our Club!

Congressman Paul Cook will be speaking to our Club on March 26th - a fabulous opportunity to bring a true potential Rotary member. RSVP's will be mandatory as space will be limited. More information will be forthcoming.



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

Lucky Pastor Earl won \$200 this week from 14 marbles, proving that prayer works!

Next week... **We begin anew (again)- 14 marbles for a total of \$200!**

PROPOSED MEMBERS

Approved for publication in an E-poll March 6th

David Keck

The Daily Press

Position: Editor

Classification: Newspaper: Editor

Sponsor: Al Castellucci



Steve S. Kim

New Star Realty

Position: Realtor

Classification: Real Estate: Sales

Sponsor: Al Castellucci



Sam Lucia

Victorville Police Department (SBCoSD)

Position: Chief of Police

Classification: Law Enforcement: Municipal

Sponsor: Mark Taylor



Note: If you protest the admission of these members, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by March 18, 2013.

★ Macy's Volunteers ★

Your services will be needed from 12:00 to 2 p.m. Please arrive at 11:30. Thanks for volunteering!



Enjoy a wonderful shopping experience in the new Macy's and save money at the same time! The date is March 16th. Your \$5 donation benefits our Club's service projects, and includes lots of savings at Macy's on that day. Please see **Margaret** for tickets (only \$5) that gives you \$10 back on your purchase, offers more discounts, and a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card! Cash and checks only, please. All of every \$5 we raise goes to our service projects, and we can sell the tickets to anyone!



Mark Your Calendar...



April 9th

OFF-SITE ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Midway Appliance

April 25th

GSE DINNER

Apple Valley Chamber Courtyard

5:30 pm - \$10

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	David North
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Steve Murray
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
New Generations	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational	Joe Andreasen
International	Ben Tafoya
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams

Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Bob Basen • Robert Lovingood • Stephanie La Ferriere

Past President (2011-12)	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14)	Russ Stringham
President-Elect (2014-15)	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16)	Ben Tafoya

Current Chair Persons:

Membership	Charles Gehrke
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
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., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	Adelanto Club 3rd Wed. (8 a.m.) and 4th Wed. (11:30 a.m.), 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.



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- Mar. 9:** District Peace Conference
Pasadena - see web site for details
- Mar. 11:** BOD Meetings - Club/Foundation
5 pm Fellowship / 5:30 meeting.
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor,
Hesperia Rd. Office
- Mar. 16:** Victorville Macy's Grand Opening
Macy's Charity Day - \$5
Please see Margaret for your ticket.
- Mar. 21:** Fireside - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Hove home in Apple Valley
- April 19:** Friendship Dinner
- April 20:** District Assembly, VVC

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. 12:** Dr. Al Mariam, Professor, Cal State University, San Bernardino - Topic: "China in Africa; How the Chinese Are Eating Our Lunch on the African Continent" (Page)
- Mar. 19:** High School 4-Way Speech Contest (Sawyer)
- Mar. 26:** Congressman Paul Cook, 8th Congressional District (Page) **RSVP will be mandatory due to space limitations**

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