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Congressman Paul Cook Shares His Political Viewpoints

Congressman Cook is well educated, holding two masters degrees; Political Science and Public Administration. He represents California's 8th Congressional District, which includes the high desert communities of San Bernardino County as well as Mono and Inyo counties. He currently serves on the House Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Veterans' Affairs committees.

Congressman Cook brings to his office a strong set of values and a willingness to work in a bipartisan manner on the issues he is passionate about. This week he shared some of these political views. He admits his dissatisfaction in how poorly so many aspects of big government are run, and plans to do his best to change what needs fixing.

His biggest concerns are foreign affairs, the budget, Medicare, energy, and stated that of course, Obamacare will also need a lot of attention going forward.



Congressman Cook served as an infantry officer and retired after 26 years as a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time in combat, he was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts, with "V" for valor. We can thank the Congressman for sponsoring H.R.1241: To facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.

Congressman Cook believes in transparency, and has a young staff that ensures he is visible in the social media, including Twitter! Visit his web site at (<http://cook.house.gov/>) and sign up to receive his newsletter.

CHECK OUT OUR OWN ROTARY FACEBOOK PAGE AND READ THE ENTIRE DAILY PRESS COVERAGE OF CONGRESSMAN COOK'S VISIT TO ROTARY.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: David North
Flag Salute: Doug Robertson
4-Way Test: Teresa DeAtley
Song: Al Castellucci

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

S.T.A.R. Awards presented by Congressman Paul Cook



Five deserving students received S.T.A.R. Awards this week, presented by Congressman Cook, Russ Stringham, and Lori Clark, Assistant Superintendent of the Victor Elementary School District. Destiny Piper represented Village Elementary School, and Brentwood School of Environmental Studies' recipients were Samantha Aldana, Hailey Bergman, Kimberlee Gore, and Isaiah Hernandez.

Each student has made significant efforts in school, and thus recognized by Rotary through the "Striving To Achieve Results" Club program. Not only did this month's awardees receive the Rotary S.T.A.R. Certificates and a \$25 cash card, but Congressman Cook's Office provided a Certificate as well. It read: "In Celebration of Receiving the Victorville Rotary Club Star Student Award - On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, thank you for your dedication and commitment to education", and was signed by Congressman Cook.



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LUCKY BLUE MARBLE



Ryan McEachron tried for a huge pot, but took only \$5 from the Pot-O-Gold.

Next week...

\$700 / 4 marbles



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THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



There were way too many guests to list this week; however, we especially thank our elected officials for attending, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Victorville and other high desert clubs; educators and students and their families, and guests of Rotarians. In total, over 100 people attended to hear our 8th District Congressman.



District 5300 Update

Current District Strengths:

- Collaboration/partnering of clubs
- Foundation responsiveness
- Implementation of District Magazine
- Implementation of Rotarians Connect
- Development and formalization of the Garbis Peace Institute

Check it out...

We have collected over \$11,000!

AND

ave made available almost 85,000 doses of Polio vaccine!!



WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$89.50

Includes Ryan McEachron's marble - \$5

Collected to Date: \$11,005.15

Total equals: 84,889 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!



Russ' Rap

President Russ had a lot on his plate this week, addressing an audience of Rotarians, S.T.A.R. Award student recipients and their families, members of our local political sector, and guests of Rotarians.

Mike Page asked all of the elected officials to stand up and be recognized, and there were many! Audience applause indicated our thanks for their service.

Russ listed some of our Club's International and local projects we are involved in that are beneficial to all concerned, including:

- ★ Fresh water tanks at seven schools in Ensenada
- ★ Boys & Girls Club of the Victor Valley
- ★ Literacy Programs
- ★ Scholarships for High School and College Students
- ★ Grant to assist the Victor Valley Rescue Mission

Ben Tafoya invited attendees to consider joining our Rotary Club, and had applications available. He added that our Club provides Christmas and Easter baskets for needy families, and S.T.A.R. Awards for 6th grade students.

District Assembly for the 2014-2015 Rotary Year

Scheduled for April 05, 2014 at Victor Valley College in Victorville. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the event starts at 9:00 am. The purpose of district assembly is to prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office, to give the district governor-elect, incoming assistant governors and district committee chairs the opportunity to network with club leadership teams and to enjoy fellowship with Rotarians in District 5300.

Assembly is open for all District 5300 Rotarians, but we would particularly like to see Presidents Elect, Club Secretary Elects, Treasurer Elects, Assistant Governors (2013-14) and incoming District Committee Chairs in attendance. We hope to see you all there, the Club picks up your bill.



Craig Garrick

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Spoonholder **Craig Garrick** founded **Southern California Aviation** in 1999, focused on transitioning commercial aircraft from one owner/operator to another. The company is now the largest employer at SCLA with 250 workers and contracts for light transitional maintenance on some 220 aircraft for roughly 100 active customers around the world including Boeing, FedEx and United.

RAFFLE SESSION:

Russ and **Ben Tafoya** handed out Raffle prizes, and there were a bunch... Bottles of the **Club's** Wild Hare Wine from the Wine, Jazz & More event were won by **Gary Adams**, **Jim Cox**, and **Cherie Range**; Girl Scout Cookies and Honey from **Teressa DeAtley** went to **Dwight Johnson** and **John Kroencke**; **Paula Porter's** Kendall Jackson Chardonnay Wine went to **Gary Adams**; and **Midway Home Solutions' \$25 Gift Card** was won by **Bob Basen**.



Whew... **Bob's Tire** Gages were won by **Rosanne Weathers** (twice), a **guest** and **Carole Voll**; **Bob's Tire** Cap went to **Margaret Cooker**; a nice Tote Bag from **Desert Valley Hospital** was won by **Ben Tafoya**; a **Morgan Stanley** Mug went home with **Kimberly Ramirez** and a **Morgan Stanley** Pocket Knife was won by one of our **guests**. Another **guest** took home a Pineapple Palmgrass Candle from **Bob's Tire**. **Thank you for all the prizes, Donors!**

We're sorry for **Ryan McEachron**, who would have loved to win the big pot today, but came up empty. He did, however, donate his big \$5 winnings to **Margaret's Polio Pig**.

Rotary Club of Victorville Mission Statement



The Rotary Club of Victorville

is committed to the identification of

unmet community needs; and to the meeting of those needs, where appropriate,

by the mobilization and allocation of member and community donations of time and money.

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
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Steve Murray
Club Service & President 2015-16	Ben Tafoya
Community Service	Mark Layton
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth

Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Bob Basen • Rob Kilpatrick • Kevin Porter • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Club Activities	Ben Tafoya
Membership	Steve Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
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. University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
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!

April 5: District Assembly - Victor Valley College - **See Pg. 3 - CLUB PAYS**
RYLA Facilitator Training follows immediately

Apr. 24: **FIRESIDE** - Home of Steve and Pam Murray. Sign up at meetings.

Apr. 25-27: **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** YMCA Camp Whittle, Fawnskin (See Pg. 2 for information)

May 3: **Superbuild Project - Corezon, Mexico**

May 15-18: **District Conference - Palm Springs**

Hilton Palm Springs



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UPCOMING

ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Mar. 25:** Victor Valley College, Model United Nations - **Topic: "USA and Saudi Arabia - Friends or Foes?"** (Ontiveros)
- April 1:** Captain Jon Marhoefer, High Desert Detention Center, S.B. Sheriff's Dept. **Topic: "S.B. County Corrections and Prison Realignment"** (Lucia)
- April 8:** **Panel Discussion:** "Impact of Common Core on Teacher Preparation Programs, Teacher Professional Development, and K-12 Student and Parent Support (Dr. Hough)

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