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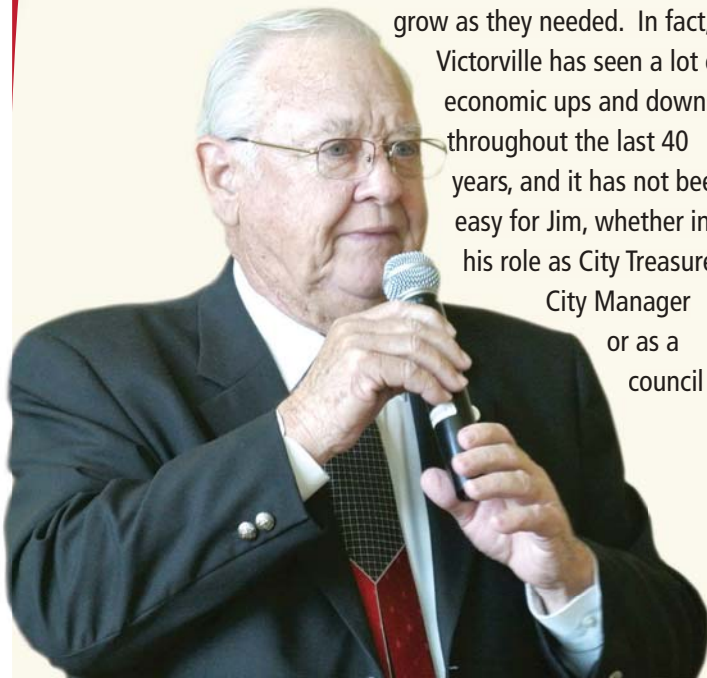


Managing By Crisis

Jim Cox returned to speak with the Rotary Club this week to complete a history of the City of Victorville that he began in 2015.

This time we began with the opening of George Air Force Base and how this was the turning point not only in the growth of the Victor Valley, but in Jim Cox's career as well. After the city incorporated in 1962, a great recession hit the area, where the city was not able to borrow money to

grow as they needed. In fact, Victorville has seen a lot of economic ups and downs throughout the last 40 years, and it has not been easy for Jim, whether in his role as City Treasurer, City Manager or as a council



member and Mayor. But through it all the City has grown by leaps and bounds. In the 70's while the economy continued its rise and fall, the City flourished as a few high profile movies were made here, as well as a new golf course. In the early 80's, the Victor Valley saw its greatest recession, but thanks in part to continued military spending and the increased activity at George Air Force Base, Victorville survived another downturn and actually had its best years during this period.

Unfortunately, in 1992, word came down that the Base was closing. **Jim Cox, Terry Caldwell** and others in our local government did everything they could to keep the base open, but in the end, it was shut down, and the valley was hit extremely hard.

Thankfully, due to the diligence and hard work for those who care about our area, we did survive and now the whole of the Victor Valley continues to grow and has become more than a retirement community, but home for a great many people.

Jim Cox has had a wonderful career and over his 30 years of service. It has kept him on his toes, and it seems, due to his ingenuity, he was able to manage by crisis, one after another, and become a High Desert icon.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David Cain
Flag Salute:	Mike Page
4-Way Test:	Kevin Kane
Song:	Al Castellucci

Facilitators Needed

Rotarians work tirelessly to provide an amazing experience to 324 eleventh grade students, and every year there is a challenge to find other Rotarians to join us as engaged Facilitators. This is one of the biggest investments we make as a District, to provide a once in a lifetime leadership and team building opportunity to future leaders not only of America but of Rotary.

Will you please attend Facilitator Training this year and consider spending the weekend of April 15-17 at Thousand Pines Camp in the Crestline area. Contact Teresa Coomes for more information.



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Tafoya Talk...

We were blessed to see the return of our President **Ben Tafoya** this week, and although he is still recovering, he looked great! Welcome back Ben!

Dwight Johnson spoke about the upcoming District Assembly on April 9th at Sitting Bull Academy. Dwight invited all board members, past presidents, and general membership to attend. We want to outshine all the other Clubs with the most attendees. Let's make it happen!

Don't forget that our meeting next week is an off-site at Robar Enterprises/Hi-Grade Materials with **Jon Hove**. Please be aware the plant is located at the corner of Bear Valley Road and Ridgecrest, BUT on the opposite side of the Ridgecrest Business Center. Map and directions will be in our weekly emails. Keep an eye out for them.

Finally, we have an fantastic fund-raiser for the Club! **Dan Munsey's** intern **Jill Wierzbicki** spoke about the opportunity for one lucky person to win a 2015 Honda GROM 125 Motorcycle! If we sell all 500 tickets, then the Club could potentially raise \$9,500! If we sell at least 250

tickets, then we will make enough to raffle the bike, but if we sell less than 250 tickets, then it will turn into a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$25 each and will contain a coupon for a free meal at El Pescador on the reverse. Thanks to **Russ Stringham** at Print Mart for taking care of the printing of the tickets. Tickets will be available to pick up at next week's off-site meeting.



Spoon of Exemption: Pastor Paul Earle

This week is a significant week in the history of Christianity as we celebrate Easter on Sunday, March 27. **Pastor Jeff Leach** of Life Church used the Spoon this week to share a passage from 1 Corinthians 15 and to share the beauty of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are a lot of wonderful services going on throughout the Victor Valley on Easter Sunday, and if you don't have a church home, please visit Life Church at www.vlfechurch.com.

Rotary Guests

We had some great guests and visitors with us this week. Hesperia City Council Member **Paul Russ** was on hand, as a guest of **Jim Cox**, and **Pastor Jeff Leach** was a guest of **Pastor Paul Earle**. **Terry Caldwell** had his lovely wife, **Pat Caldwell** in attendance, **Ron Williams** invited **Daryl Bell** of Victor Valley High School and **Jill Wierzbicki** was on hand once again, as a guest of **Dan Munsey**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **David Cain** for **Van Young** and **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

Lucky Blue Dice



David North was given the chance this week to win the big money, but left it for another Rotarian!

We continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian.

The Polio Pig...

Collected this week: **\$5.00**

Collected to Date: **\$12,989.16**

Total equals: **87,9046 Doses!**

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

Fine Session

Fine Master **Jim Barnes** was back this week and tried to give out a few fines, but none seemed to work out and due to time restraints, only gave himself a fine to celebrate 24 years of marriage, but only fined himself \$20, because 4 years didn't count!

Raffle Prizes

Guest were the big winners this week, specifically **Delores Clayton** and essay contestant **Thaneka Strong!** Delores won a pack of Girl Scout cookies, a BJ's Brewery gift card, a bottle of sparkling cider and a bottle of lavender spray, the latter two gifts from **Dr. Hough**. Thaneka also received a box of Girl Scout cookies, a VVTA Bus thumb drive from **Kevin Kane** and a Go Lunch kit from Desert Valley Medical Group. **Stew Anderson** was also a big winner with winning three gifts from **Dr. Hough**, as he got two bottles of sparkling cider and a chips and dip in a decorative bowl!

Rounding out the raffle gifts were **Ron Williams** who won a VVTA thumb drive, **Robin Cackler** who loved receiving a bottle of lavender spray and **Terry Caldwell**, who went away with a Mojave Desert AQMD gift bag.



CONGRESSMAN
PAUL COOK

April 5, 2016
12:00 noon

George Hensel Ethics Essay

This week we got to hear from our three finalists in the George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest, with one representing our Club. Runner up, **Thaneka Strong** from Victor Valley High School wrote a passionate essay on surviving in a family with an absent father. More often than not, children in these situations use it as an excuse to get in trouble with crime, drugs and gangs, but Thaneka chose to become stronger, not a victim.



The next runner up, **Miranda Vasquez** from Adelanto High School spoke on following moral principals, and shared a story on her father, admitting to the family that he was actually a fugitive on the run from the law, but chosen to be an example to his kids, and allowed himself to be captured and to stand up to his responsibilities.



Our winner and the essay that will represent our club was from **Kayla Bridges** from Silverado High. Kayla taught us to "Never be Voiceless" and took us back in

time to an incident in the 3rd grade, when she witnessed 2 boys stealing from their teacher and threatened her with violence if she told. When she did speak up, she was bullied severely, until the school principal came to her rescue. Congratulations to all of our finalists and thank you for the wonderful essays.

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
WEDNESDAY:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 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
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES

- April 9: District Assembly**
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Rd., Apple Valley
- April 15-17: RYLA 2016**
Thousand Pines Camp, Crestline
Facilitators Needed!
- April 21: Past Presidents' Dinner**
Mama Carpino's, The Village in Apple Valley
\$20.00
- June 25: Demotion Party**
4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home, Apple Valley

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Mar 29: OFF-SITE ROBAR Enterprises / Hi-Grade (Hove)**
- April 5: Congressman Paul Cook**
\$19 members, \$22 others if paid in advance; \$25 at the door
- April 12: Melda Gaskins, Principal, Cobalt Institute of Math & Science, Topic - "An Introduction to a School Worthy of Praise." (Williams) plus S.T.A.R. Students from Village, West Palms Conservatory and Victor Valley Christian**
- April 19: Cari Thomas - United Way RYLA students talk about their experience**

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