



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## GIS Technicians: A New Breed of Hero to Public Safety



Joshua Briggs, Victor Valley College Adjunct Faculty Member, presented the Rotary Club of Victorville with an exciting program this week entitled, “Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics and GIS Technicians? A new breed of Hero”. Claude Oliver, VVC Department Chair, introduced Joshua as a “GIS Professional”, and stated that this program is key as to where jobs are headed in the future.

What is a GIS Technician? Wikipedia’s definition of GIS: “A geographic information system is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of geographical data.” Joshua emphasized the importance of using geographic knowledge in many applications, including defense and intelligence, mapping, health and human services, fire fighting and public safety, to name a few. Existing available data is used in new applications in exciting new ways. As Joshua says, the possibilities are as unlimited as your imagination!

The information stored within GIS is unfathomable. The idea that this information can help predict the areas that would be impacted in a flood, for example, was very impressive, as was the “dispersal pattern of debris” following a missile explosion in mid air!

Victor Valley College offers a certificate course on GIS. Joshua stressed that mathematical skills are not paramount, but having the credential expands employment opportunities for students exiting the program. For more information on the VVC course, contact Joshua Briggs at: [joshua.t.briggs@saic.com](mailto:joshua.t.briggs@saic.com), or visit the college web site at: <http://www.vvc.edu>.

### *Thank you to today’s Functionaries*



<b>Invocation:</b>	Joe Andreasen
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	Jim Barnes
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Jim Murray
<b>Song:</b>	Al Castellucci

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to Stephanie Rowley, sitting in for Marie Langley; Amy Rueger of Excelsior (Anderson); and Sean McGlade from the City of Victorville (Castellucci). Welcome to our speakers, Claude Oliver of Victor Valley College and Joshua Briggs, Sr. GIS Systems Analyst of SAIC.

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

## ★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

**May 11: Excelsior Grand Opening** and Dedication of the new campus, 4 to 6 p.m., 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville.

**May 12: Immunization Clinic**  
Azusa Pacific University, 15283 Pahute (between Locust and Cottonwood in Hesperia)  
Volunteers needed from 8:15 a.m. to approx. 1:00 p.m..



**May 15: GSE Team** from India visits Rotary Club of Victorville.

**May 17: GSE Team Pot Luck Dinner:** Apple Valley Club is hosting a Fireside at Rotary Gardens in Apple Valley at 6:00 pm at Rotary Gardens. This is a potluck; please bring your favorite dish.

## DISTRICT 5300 2012 CONFERENCE

May 31-June 3, 2012

Lake Arrowhead, CA  
Limited rooms available...

Book now! Phone:  
866-906-4096



## Golf Tournament



**JUNE 18, 2012**

Sponsors, Raffle Prizes, and Golf Teams are needed! We hope every Rotarian gets involved in this huge fund raiser!

## WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

**Collected this week: \$20.59**

**Collected to Date: \$8,655.65**

**Total equals: 78,380 Doses!**

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

## CONGRATULATIONS !

**U.S. News names Excelsior as one of the BEST High Schools!**

(Thank you message from Superintendent Hayhurst)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I can't think of a better day than today, National Day of the Teacher, to thank and congratulate you for doing your part to cause Excelsior to be named a 2012 Bronze Award winner as one of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News and World Report. All Excelsior staff members, regardless of job title or classification, impact student achievement and truly make a difference in the lives of children. Students appreciate you and I appreciate you for the things you do to help prepare them to be successful adults.

Congratulations on your achievement and thank you for a job well done!

Superintendent Mike Hayhurst

## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:

**Matt Drake** served as this week's "Finemaster / Rafflemaster". **Mike Hayhurst** offered to pay a hefty fine of \$50 for his announcement about Excelsior. See above for details.



**Matt** took the opportunity to ask who supplied the copiers to the new Excelsior facility, and was shamed into a self-fine of \$50 also! **Ginger Ontiveros** was hit for a whopping \$50 for the length of the program, and **Kevin Porter** was fined \$10 for coming in late and leaving early, just like the politicians! **Matt** fined **Sandra Luna** \$10 because "we're glad you're here!", and **Mike Page** for "talking while I'm talking... \$10". **Matt** gave **Marilyn Buttlerwerth** a shot at advertising the October 18th High Desert Opportunity, featuring Barbara Corcoran as keynote speaker... no fine there! **Colleen Butcher's** 15-year anniversary cost her a dollar per year.



Raffles: **Joe Andreasen's** "Vapor" Golf Balls were won by **John Kroencke**, and himself (yup, **Joe** took home his own Golf Balls!) **Bob's Tire's** Teddy Bear was won by **Gary Adams**; \$25 **Midway Home Solutions'** Gift Cards went to **Stew Anderson** and **Jim Murray**, and **B&B Cycles'** Tee Shirt and Bookmark went to **Doug Robertson**.





## **Ben T. Takes Over...**

**Charles** was away this week, and Ben Tafoya skillfully ran the meeting. Thank you, Ben, nice job!

Returning Club member **Ron Wilson** was given an opportunity to explain what he's doing at Sterling Commons, who now offers a \$1,000 referral for a potential resident! Ron is also offering free consulting on banking issues, so give him a call if you or your organization needs information from an experienced banking advocate.

**Alicia Anderson** read another "Thank You" note from one of the Mini-Grant recipients, whose funds were used to visit the "Finance Park", where students learned hands-on how to manage budget. This is a great example of how our program benefits our community's youth!

Happy Birthday this week to **Cherie Range, Barbara Garrick, and Gene Gregory!** Best wishes to **Cherie**, also, for good health following a recent hospital stay!

### **REMINDER:**

**Monday, May 14th**



**5:00** Meet at Green Tree Golf Course Bar

**5:30** Call to Order

**Make ups & Red Badges welcome!**

## **2012 Rotary International Convention Bangkok, Thailand**



## **VITO BELLO**



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### **LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE**

**Congratulations to Alicia Anderson for her big win...**

**\$300!**



**Next week... \$200 / 12 marbles**

### **NOTE:**

**The Adelanto Satellite Rotary Club meeting is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 a.m. at R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto, CA**



**Rotarians...  
are YOUR friends!**

**Rotary's Membership...**

**The Foundation of Our Club**

- Your friend will thank you
- The new Rotarian will thank you
- Your Rotary club will thank you
- Your community will thank you

**REMEMBER** someone just has to be asked!

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Gehrke  
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 Sergeant At Arms..... Gary Adams

### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Dwight Johnson • Steve Murray • Robert Lovingood • Ginger Ontiveros

Past President (2010-11) ..... Teresa DeAtley  
 Incoming President (2012-13 ) ..... Russ Stringham  
 President-Elect (2013-14) ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 President-Elect-Elect (2014-15) ..... Steve Murray

### Current Chair Persons:

New Generations.....Rob Kilpatrick  
 Membership ..... Russ Stringham  
 SongMaster ..... Al Castellucci  
 Scholarships ..... Ginger Ontiveros  
 Publicity/Public Relations ..... Charles Gehrke  
 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., Dennies, 14165 Main St.
- WEDNESDAY:** Adelanto Club (1st and 3rd Wed.), 7 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.  
 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!

- May 12:** **Immunization Clinic** - Hesperia  
 Azusa Pacific - 15283 Pahute  
 (between Cottonwood and Locust)  
 Volunteers needed.
- May 17:** **GSE Team Potluck Dinner - 6:00 pm**  
**Apple Valley Rotary Gardens**
- May 31 - June 3: District Conference**  
 Lake Arrowhead, CA
- June 18: Rotary Golf Tournament - SVL CC**  
**Sponsors needed!**
- June 30: Demotion Pary**

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## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- May 15:** **GSE Team from Chile AND S.T.A.R. Awards**
- May 22:** **Rory Shannon, Branch Manager, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage**  
 Topic: "Current Trends in Residential Lending" (Yule)
- May 29:** **Forum: San Bernardino County 1st District Candidates**
- June 5:** **Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest**  
 (Sawyer / Marsden)

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