



# The Joshua Tree



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

May 15, 2012

## Chilean GSE Team Visits Victorville Rotary Club

The Group Study Exchange (G.S.E.) Team from Rotary District 4320 in Chile joined us today, and as a result we all know a bit more about that part of the world. Team Leader Edgar Ibarra of the Rotary Club of Calama, introduced the four members of the team who each spoke a bit about their life in Chile. Edgar is a Clinical Psychologist and has been a Rotarian since 1995. He has held many posts in his home district, including Club President, Treasurer and Governor's Assistant.

Claudia Pizarro is a teacher of English Language in La Ligua, Chile and is sponsored by the La Ligua Rotary Club. She is a married, mother of two children and has been involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange in her hometown.

Fernando Velasquez (pictured left) is a Physician in the County of Punitaqui where he spends two to three days a week caring for patients at rural medical centers throughout the County. He is sponsored by the Punitaqui Rotary Club which is a small Club of 9 Rotarians dedicated to serving their small community.



Francisca Menendez is a Journalist who is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Concon, in the seaside town of Valparaiso. Francisca works for a non-profit agency doing public relations and online content for fundraising.

Finally, Alison Wiegand is a lawyer who works at the Chilean Judicial Academy which trains for the Chilean Judiciary. She is also sponsored by the Rotary Club of Concon which is a resort town famous



for its seafood and beaches.

You can meet the Chilean GSE Team and learn more about them at District Conference May 31 - June 3 at the Lake Arrowhead Resort. Or tonight, Thursday at the Potluck Fireside from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Rotary Garden next to the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce.

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to our GSE guests, Alison Wiegand, Claudia Pizarro, Fernando Velasquez, Francisca Menendez and Edgar Ibarra. Thank you to Derek King, Gene Bristol and Don Brown

of the Victorville Sunrise Club for accompanying the GSE team to our meeting. Also joining us from another Club was Reuel Herron from the Barstow Rotary Club. Terry Colvin, Alycia Owen and student Sean Olson from Riverside Prep were on hand as the guests of Joe Andreasen as was Dwight Johnson's guest Laura Crides from Foremost and Ozzie Aram from ServPro who attended as the guest of Rick Hampton. Finally, welcome back to Jon Edson's aide, Pazley Hall. *Welcome Guests!!*

### Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** David North
- Flag Salute:** Mark Layton
- 4-Way Test:** Sandra Luna
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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

## ★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

**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.

**May 22: Fireside at the Home of President Charles.** 10079 Valle Vista Road in Phelan. Members of the Ensenada Rotary Club will be on hand to receive the water truck being donated by our Club.

**May 23: Dedication of Desert Valley Hospital's Heart Expansion.** Lunch is served at noon with a program and ribbon cutting at 12:45. Guided tours will be given between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

**June 6: Wine, Jazz and More planning meeting** at 6 p.m. at the home of **Steve Murray**, Please contact **Mark Layton** if you have items for the auction .

## DISTRICT 5300 2012 CONFERENCE

May 31-June 3, 2012

Lake Arrowhead Resort  
Lake Arrowhead, CA  
Limited rooms available...

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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: \$10.00**

**Collected to Date: \$8,665.65**

**Total equals: 78,400 Doses!**

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

## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:

Welcome back to **James Baxter** who presided over our fine session today. It has been a while since James has inflicted his "fineyness" upon us. He claimed to have missed our "ugly mugs", but nevertheless showed no mercy with his fines.



It seems that James spent the morning showing GSE Team member Alison around the County Courthouse where they got to spend some quality time with **Kevin Porter**. James found \$6 in Kevin's parking lot which he returned, but took right back in the form of a fine... Because EVERYONE already knows **Ron Wilson**, James felt that he should have skipped the Red Badge treatment upon his return to the Club. Because she was responsible for the assignment of the Badge, **Margaret Cooker** was levied a \$50 fine which was raised to \$75 when she proceeded to argue her case with James... James then had Ron re-introduce himself, just in case. Ron was fined \$20 for his half-hearted intro... As always, anyone connected with local little league is easy fodder for James. **David North** was no exception and was hit with a \$20 fine for his son's 18 (soon to be 20) RBI's this season... James has been away for a bit and doesn't know all of the newer Members. It would behoove you to introduce yourself to James so you don't receive a \$20 fine like **Rick Hampton**... **Luis Frisby's** entire table was fined \$5 each for making a ruckus during James' fine session with **Stephanie La Ferriere** getting an additional \$5 fine for "being spunky".



James then doled out some nifty raffle prizes, including a Rotary Bookmark donated by **President Charles** which was won by **Gary Adams** who donated it back so that it could be won by **Cherie Range**... **Donna Wells** was the lucky winner of a sleeve of Vapor Black golf balls courtesy of **Joe Andreasen**... **Mark Layton** donated a lovely "snacks and stuff" gift basket which is going back to Chile with GSE Team Leader **Edgar**... **Marie Langley** was the lucky winner of a Rotary candle compliments of Charles as well as a Zagat Restaurant Guide donated by **David North**.

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## Notes from Charles

Well, the meeting started out rough for President Charles, who lost his bell before the meeting could commence. After an impassioned plea, the bell was returned and Charles was able to start the meeting with his bell.

The bell, of course, is also needed to start the meetings of the Adelanto Satellite Rotary Club which meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 a.m. at R&S Beverage Co. in Adelanto. Please make an effort to attend a meeting of this Club as we only have a year with the Club under our umbrella.

You are encouraged to attend next week's meeting where we will present a water truck to the Ensenada Rotary Club. This truck is going to help the Ensenada Fire Department immensely as they currently have no way to refill their trucks when fighting fires. The water truck was found in the desert and brought to Victorville by Steve Murray. It was in remarkably good shape and needed only minor repairs. Members of the Ensenada Rotary Club will be with us next week to receive the truck and will also attend a Fireside at President Chuck Gehrke's home which will be held in their honor. Please come to the Fireside to show your support for our sister Club. Charles' address is 10079 Valle Vista Road in Phelan. Thank you to Mehdi Mostaeedi for his donation and Ben Tafoya for leading the effort to get this truck for the Ensenada Club.

All Rotarians are invited to attend the dedication of Desert Valley Hospital's new heart expansion on May 23rd. Lunch will be served at noon with a ribbon cutting and guided tours to follow.

It's time once again for the Victorville Rotary Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held June 18th at Spring Valley Lake Country Club and sponsors, donors and golfers are needed. Contact Joe Andreasen for more information.

Wine, Jazz and More is scheduled for September 8th and the Committee is in need of auction items. This event is one of our Club's largest fundraisers and your support is very much appreciated. Please contact Mark Layton if you have items you can donate for the auction or if you need further information.

### 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**



## LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

After Alicia Anderson's \$300 win last week, we started over with \$200 and 12 marbles in the bag. Margaret Peterson purchased a ticket for GSE guest Fernando and showed real hospitality by winning him \$200!



**Let's try it again next week!  
\$200 / 12 marbles**



## STAR Award Winner Sean Olson

Sean Olson, a student at Riverside Prep was presented with a STAR (Striving to Achieve Results) award at today's meet-

ing by Joe Andreasen and President Charles Gehrke.

The STAR award recognizes students who have made a significant improvement in their GPA, Attitude or Attendance, and Sean has performed in all these areas. Nominated by Alycia Owen, Sean has committed himself to improving his efforts and arrives at school early, eagerly starts his daily tasks and does his best to submit his assignments on time. In addition, Sean has had similar success with his increased ability to make good choices in and out of the classroom. CONGRATULATIONS SEAN!

**EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR**

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Treasurer ..... David North  
 Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Club Service ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 Community Service ..... David Leicht  
 Youth Service ..... Rob Kilpatrick  
 Vocational ..... Bob Basen  
 International ..... Ben Tafoya  
 Foundation ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Recording Secretary ..... Marilyn Buttlerwerth  
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### 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 17:** GSE Team Potluck Dinner - 6:00 pm  
 Apple Valley Rotary Gardens
- May 22:** Members of the **Ensenada Rotary Club** will be with us to take possession of the water truck our club is donating.
- May 22:** **Fireside** at the home of Charles Gehrke  
 10079 Valle Vista Road in Phelan
- 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 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)
- June 12:** **Offsite meeting at Mojave Air Quality Management District**

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