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GSE Team From The Middle East

The GSE Team from The Middle East had so much to share at today's meeting. Team Leader **Robert Srouji** began the program with a slide show that took us on a tour of Rotary International District 2450's ten countries: Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan and United Arab Emirates. The music along with his descriptions made us feel like we were there. Then we got to meet each team member.



Peter, Lara, Robert, Teresa, Sahar & Lena

Robert Srouji is Past President 2007-2008 at the Rotary Club of Amman, Jordan, and the Team Leader of the GSE Team from the Middle East. As a young adult, he joined the family business in the auto and bus building industry and became interested in paints. Robert has since established companies of his own in the high tech paint industry and is celebrating over 50 years of success!

Sahar Wahbeh, GSE Team Member, is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Amman, Jordan. Her life has been dedicated to teaching students, Grades 2 through 5, with learning disabilities. Sahar continues to enjoy working with special needs children at the International Academy of Amman in Jordan.

Lara Lahham, GSE Team Member, is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Amman-Petra, Jordan. Lara fills the position of Translator and Media Analyst at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan. She looks forward to learning more about journalism and news reporting in her travels.

Lena Karaoghlanian, GSE Team Member, is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Amman-Cosmopolitan, Jordan. Lena currently works at the Jordan Kuwait Bank in the Treasury and Investment Department.

One of her goals is to visit major banks and learn about their best practices and strategies.

Peter Alfred, GSE Team Member, is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Egypt. Peter is a Communications Engineer and works for the largest mobile operator in Egypt, Mobinil/Orange. He has a passion for the latest technology and loves being the "techie" on the team.

Thank you all for sharing your country, life, family, friends, vacations and passions with us. It was great!

The Rotary Club of Victorville donated a book to the Victorville Library in the GSE Team's name.



THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to our program speakers and GSE Team from the Middle East: Team Leader Robert Srouji and Team Members Sahar Wahbeh, Lara Lahham, Lena Karaoghlanian and Peter Alfred. We also welcome Chuck Utgard from the Apple Valley GSE Team, Larry Woodward, guest of **Marie Langley**; Gayle Walker from High Desert Therapeutic Massage (her 2nd visit and is turning in her application for membership!), guest of **Al Castellucci**; Lora Battee from Midway Home Solutions, **Don Lager's** Daughter; Rick Hampton from Servpro (and potential new member!), guest of **Joe Andreasen**; Dave Maddock, visiting us from Palmdale Rotary; and, Gerald Shaw from VVUHSD who was here for **Dee DeBruhl**.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Joe Andreasen
Flag Salute: Kevin Kane
4-Way Test: Sam Gibbs
Song: Marie Langley

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A VETERAN OR SOLDIER TO THE MAY 31ST MEETING TO BE THANKED AND RECOGNIZED

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected This Week: \$7.00

Collected to Date: \$8,628.84

Total equals: 86,288 Doses!

One dollar equals 10 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



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Rotary Celebrations!

June Member Birthdays

John Wilkins	June 6
Al Castellucci	June 9
Mike Page	June 12
Margaret Peterson	June 16
Steve Wingert	June 17
Matt Metzen	June 23
Eldon Heaston	June 25
Todd Turoci	June 29

June Partner Birthdays

Pat (Francis) Mark	June 6
Steve (Diane) Flannery	June 10
Windsor (Albert D.) Richmond	June 10
Luis (Polly) Frisby	June 17
Kimberly (Michael) Ramirez	June 20
Dee (Michael) DeBruhl	June 21
Eldon (Sharon) Heaston	June 22
Jerene (Lanny) Creason	June 26

Wedding Anniversaries

Alicia & Kenneth Anderson	June 1
Ben & Jan Tafoya	June 5
Caroll & Dennis Yule	June 6
Kevin & Susan Porter	June 10
Dale & Laurie Marsden	June 17
Rob & Lynae Kilpatrick	June 20
Jennifer & Robert Starbuck	June 25
Al & June Castellucci	June 27
Dee & Michael DeBruhl	June 28

Club Anniversaries

Jon Edson	June 1
Robert Lovingood	June 1
Gary Dobney	June 3
Gary Adams	June 6
Mike Page	June 6
Ron Hughes	June 9
Dave Leicht	June 18
Bob Basen	June 19
Ron Kabalin	June 27



Lucky White Marble

Next week: 13 marbles left

\$300.00 Pot!



Teressa hoped **Margaret, Charles, Hough** and **Manjita** were having a great experience at the Rotary International Conference in New Orleans. It ends this Wednesday, the 25th, so we'll see them next week with lots to share.

Teressa asked everyone to please keep the Joplin, Missouri, folks in our thoughts and prayers. The swarms of tornados in that part of the country have been devastating and Joplin is not far from where she grew up.

Teressa congratulated **Holly Noel** who became a Grandmother for the sixth time with a new baby girl! And **Teressa** couldn't wait to race back again to see her brand new (last night!) and very first grand baby boy! They may have to pry him out of her arms!

Teressa read a letter from the High Desert Church which thanked the Victorville Rotary for their help, support and donations at the "Kids Matter" 2011 Kids Health and Safety Fair on April 30th. Fifty agencies participated and there were approximately 2,000 people who attended. The Literacy Project provided over 1200 scholastic books and the Rotary Foundation donated 100 bicycle helmets.

Teressa reminded everyone to please bring a soldier or veteran as a guest next Tuesday to be recognized and thanked as part of the Memorial Day Program.

Joe Andreasen let us know there's still time to sign up for the Golf Tournament on Monday, June 13th. They can still accommodate more teams, players and sponsors. Applications for golf and sponsorships are on the website (victorvill Rotary.org). There are only 15 tickets left for the 50/50 Raffle! Remember, a \$50 ticket buys you a chance to win \$5,000 - yes, that's FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! Contact **Joe Andreasen** or **Russ Stringham** for any questions.

Dan Dever shared more information about **Teressa's** Demotion Party on June 18th at his home. Everyone is invited to come in "Renaissance" attire. There will be a \$100 Gift Certificate awarded to the winner of the "Best Dressed in Theme" at the party!

Teressa couldn't believe **John Wilkins** is still on vacation in Tahiti. There was a quiet moment while everyone took a short trip to the beach ... now, where was I?

Oh, and **Teressa** reminded us that the District Conference in La Jolla is getting close. It's not too late to make your hotel reservation and attend June 9-12.

Teressa thanked **Don Lager** for representing the Rotary

Club of Victorville in the Hesperia Rotary Golf Tournament this past Sunday, May 22nd. His team of Midway Home Solutions employees came in Third Place!

And, one last thing... WHO TOOK **TERESSA'S** BELL?!?



Teressa's Happy Thought

Friendship is precious,
not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life.

Thomas Jefferson

RAFFLE & FINE SESSION...

Terry Caldwell reigned as Fine and Rafflemaster this week. The raffle started with **Joe Andreasen** winning the H&R Block Notepad and Pen donated by **Dan Dever**. **Jim**



Murray won the Midway Home Solutions T-Shirt donated by **Don Lager**. The American Security Bank Coffee Cup and Maverick's Game Tickets donated by **Paul Russ** was won by **Gary Adams**. And **Marilyn Buttelwerth** won

the Tee Sponsorship for the June 13th Golf Tournament donated by the **Rotary Club of Victorville!** **Luis Frisby** tried to pick the Lucky White Marble out of the bag, but only got \$5.

Terry levied many fines today. Both new Grandmothers, **Holly Noel** and **Teressa DeAtley** were fined \$10 each. **Teressa** was fined another \$10 because she had just one Rotary Flag for the entire GSE Team. **David North** was fined \$10 twice and **Terry** waved the \$10 fine wand over **Bill Scott, Kevin Porter, Carol Yule, Paul Russ** and **Don Lager**.



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The Rotary Club of Victorville meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Grumpy Golfer, 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
 Hesperia, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m.
 Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
 San Bernardino, Masonic Temple, 12:10 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 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. - 6:00 P.M. - Yoshi Sushi
 14177 Kentwood Blvd., Victorville
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!

June 8: 2011-12 Program Planning - 1p.m.
 Citizen's Business Bank Board Room
 12380 Hesperia Rd., Victorville

June 9-12: District Conference - La Jolla

June 11: Interact Conference - La Jolla
 (Bus will leave from Oro Grande)

June 11: Ensenada Rotary 60th Anniversary

June 13: Victorville Rotary Golf Tournament
 Spring Valley Lake C.C.

June 18: Demotion Party
 Home of Dan Dever
 13166 Waco Road, Apple Valley

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

May 31 Memorial Day: Do You Remember the Reason? (Hough)
Please bring a Veteran or Soldier as your guest to be thanked and recognized.

June 5 Terry Caldwell, Caldwell, Kennedy & Porter
 Topic: Economic Development and
 The History of Victorville, Part 2
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June 14 To Be Scheduled

June 21 Citizen's Business Bank
 (DeAtley)

June 28 Incoming President and Treasurer Report (Gehrke / Wells)

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