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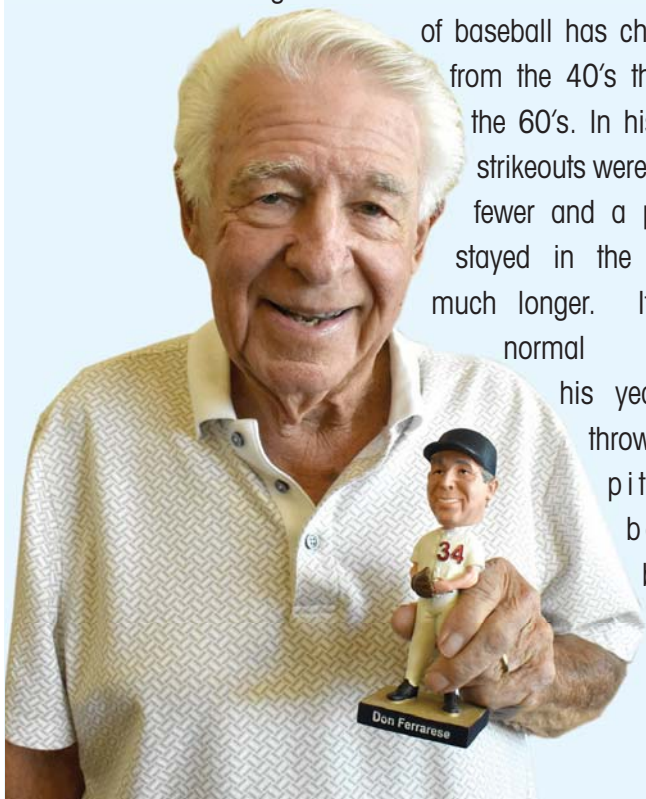


June 12, 2018

The Continuing Saga of Don Ferrarese

At the behest of the membership, this week we welcomed back once again local icon and former Major League pitcher **Don Ferrarese** to continue from his talk from January. This time around Don shared stories about some of the greats he pitched against in his career.

One of the first things he shared was how much the sport of baseball has changed from the 40's through the 60's. In his day, strikeouts were much fewer and a pitcher stayed in the game much longer. It was normal during his years to throw 200 pitches before being



relieved; nowadays it is unheard of for a pitcher to even come close to 100 pitches before he is pulled.

Don pitched against the great **Hank Aaron** 14 times with only 4 hits. One of those times Don struck out



Hank with an illegal spit ball. Hank Aaron was not happy!

Yogi Berra (14/3) said that Don had the best curve ball in the game, while **Ted Williams**, who was considered the best hitter in baseball, (7/1) had a different opinion. At an Orioles vs Yankees game, Ted went to the plate against Don. Don threw 2 curve balls for strikes, while Ted just stood there at the plate. On the third pitch Ted hit the ball so hard he knocked the shortstop over! When Ted made it to first, he told the baseman that, "Don's curve ball can kiss his A%#!"

Don also shared stories about such greats as **Stan Musial**, **Billy Martin**, **Frank Robinson**, **Ernie Banks**, **Mickey Mantle**, **Roger Maris** and **Larry Doby**, the first Black player in the American League.

If you want to find out more about Don's career in Baseball and many more wonderful and entertaining stories, please pick up a copy of his biography entitled "Bigger Leagues... Bigger Hearts" which tells more than he was able to share in his time with us. You can pick it up for \$24.95 and find more information about the Don Ferrarese Charitable Foundation at don-frse.com. All proceeds from the book go directly into the scholarship fund.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Joe Alvarez |
| 4-Way Test: | Corey Beck |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | David North |

Dwight's Writes



Now that we have officially hit the Summer months and baseball is in full swing, what a treat it was to have a return visit from **Don Ferrarese** to

share stories from the big names he has pitched against.

Jon Hove

gave us another Business Moment this week. Although we are nearing the end of our Rotary year and are still 2 new members short of our goal, Rotarians are still encouraged to invite anyone and everyone you might feel would make a great addition to our Club, so we can start the next Rotary year off strong!

Congratulations to our own **David North**, who will be moving on to a new position as SVP Senior SBA Underwriter for Bank of George. Although the bank is in Vegas, David will be working from Apple Valley!

As a reminder, next Tuesday, we will have our annual Program Committee Meeting after our regular luncheon with **Mike Page**, so please make plans to stay for this very important meeting.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, please keep your thoughts and prayers with **Gary and Carole Adams**.

Finally, the thought of the week is "The future belongs to the competent. Get good, get better, be the best!"

- Brian Tracy



Raffle Prizes

At this week's raffle, **Jim Mettler** took home a meat tenderizer kit from **Jim Murray** at Bob's Tire, and a water bottle courtesy of **Steve Orr** at Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group. **Chris Ackerman** also won a water bottle, and

Steve Orr himself went away with the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**. This week's gift of the Alaska USA bag, seeds and chip clip from **David North** were won by

Jon Hove and **Rob Kilpatrick**.

Donna Wells will be enjoying her time at the BBQ with the new Pit Mitt she received from Bob's Tire and finally, the **Don Ferrarese** bobble-head will now have a prominent place on the shelf in **Corey Beck's** office!



Prayers for Gary

Jim Murray addressed the Club this week with the latest condition of Gary Adams. Jim spoke with **Carole** this week, and Gary is sadly, not doing well.

After taking another fall, Gary is at Victor Valley Global Medical Center in the ICU and is currently receiving Hospice Care. Please take time to lift him and Carole in your prayers during this difficult time.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Polio Pig: \$11.00 + Dice (Jon Hove): \$5.00 = \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$15,354.93

Total equals: 91,758 Doses!

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

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Lucky Blue Dice



Jon Hove got the chance this week to get some big money but once again, left the Blue Dice in the bag for next week's meeting

We continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week, and began by fining all Dodger fans in the room \$5. Why? Because after posting a photo of himself at a Dodger game on Facebook, none of the other Rotarian Dodger fans defended David when he was being heckled by Angel fans online!

Al Castellucci was given a birthday fine in the amount of \$50, as did Jim Murray, but his was due to the fact that Bob's Tire Service got an article in the High Desert Breeze Magazine. When Jim protested that he didn't write the article so he shouldn't be fined, David lowered it to \$45, but added a \$5 fine because Jim did not know that Tuesday was Automotive Service Professionals Day!



Spoon of Exemption

Steve Orr used his time with the Spoon this week to first explain the difference between HMO and PPO providers, and unlike other Medical Groups, Heritage excels in having a team of specialists ready to serve you, not waiting for you to be referred to them.



As the Director of Business Development at Heritage, Steve also encouraged Rotarians to come by and see what's new at Heritage! If you are a business owner, you know that getting the best employees often means you offering great health benefits. Heritage offers a special insider's tour for business owners to see their new renovations as well as their near-ER-level Urgent Care Facility, active fitness center, nutrition classes and so much more. Call 800-655-9999 or visit www.hvvmg.com for more information.



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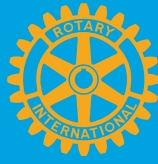
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The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

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 Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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

- June 19: Annual Program Committee Meeting**
1:00pm Immediately Following Luncheon
- June 30: Demotion Party**
Home of Brad and Teresa Letner
- July 9: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- July 14: Movie Night**
Home of Jon and Linda Hove

Future Rotary Programs

- June 19:** Victor Valley College Professor, David Wilkerson **TOPIC: "Unusual and strange requests for military stock footage to be used in television shows and movies."** (Wagner)
- June 26:** President Dwight Johnson **TOPIC: "My Second Year - A Year in Review"**
Treasurer Donna Wells **TOPIC: "Update on our Club's Finances"** (Johnson)
- July 3: DARK**
- July 10: Offsite - Life Church**
12199 Industrial Blvd (Pastor Paul Earle)

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