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Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



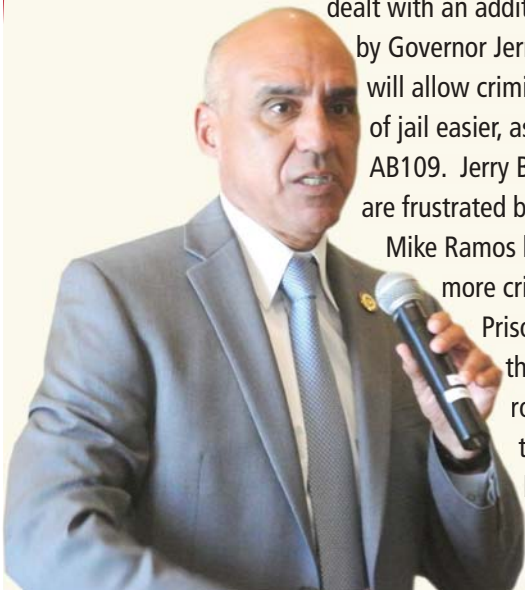
June 14, 2016

Working Hard to Keep Criminals Behind Bars!

This week the Rotary Club of Victorville welcomed San Bernardino County District Attorney **Mike Ramos**, but he did not come alone! Due to recent threats, which DA Ramos describes as "doing his job right", he had two bodyguards scanning and watching over the room during his speech.

Mike Ramos is now serving in his 4th term as DA and by all accounts he is doing a fantastic job, making safety his number one priority. As a San Bernardino County native, this is the most important aspect of his job.

DA Ramos spoke on three different topics. One of those topics dealt with an additional initiative by Governor Jerry Brown, that will allow criminals to stay out of jail easier, as an extension of AB109. Jerry Brown and others are frustrated by the fact that Mike Ramos keeps sending more criminals into State Prison and they claim they have no more room, so they are trying to get them back on the street earlier.



One of the most fascinating topics today was an account of December 2, 2015, during the terrorist attack in San Bernardino. Mike Ramos spoke about that day while he was in a meeting only 3 miles where the horrific crime took place, and had to leave and to go into a Crisis Management Room, where with his great relationships with the police, fire, FBI and government had the terrorist's photo and name within minutes. As snipers were mounted on their rooftop, he called back all his staff from the Courthouse and began to make plans immediately to charge them with the death penalty, if they were to be captured alive. Of course, that did not happen, as the terrorists were killed in a gun battle with police, and the mysterious third suspect the news was reporting about? Well, that was just a resident who had a felony warrant out on him and was running away when he saw all the police cars, thinking they were there for him! In the aftermath, now that the Feds are gone from the area, it is the duty of Mike Ramos and his staff to continue to help and work with the families of the 14 killed and 22 injured in the attack. An example of this is one of the survivors, a 25 year old male who was shot 5 times, is so traumatized about terrorists in the County, that Mike's office has assisted in moving his family out of the county, where he can heal and get help.

Finally, DA Mike Ramos is working very hard as the Co-chair for the Death Penalty Reform Act, which will shorten the delays, and lessen the appeal process of criminals on death row. The Act will also focus on the impact to victims families and move the death row inmates, who don't have to work, and sit, play sports, read and watch TV all day long, into the general population and truly make their lives a lot harder!

Please keep District Attorney Mike Ramos and his team in your thoughts and prayers. Just as our first responders take criminals off the street, Mike Ramos and his staff work hard to keep them locked up for as long as they can!

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Van Young**
- Flag Salute: **Sam Lucia**
- 4-Way Test: **Dr. Ron Boyd**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

Today was an interesting Rotary meeting, as it marked the first time we have ever had a speaker who came with his own bodyguards who were watching the room like hawks!

Mike Page reminded all in attendance this week that immediately following next week's meeting, the Program Committee will be gathering for its once a year meeting. The discussion will take about 90 minutes and all Rotarians are invited to attend, so you can have your say on the speaker slate for the 2016-2017 year. Please make your plans to attend and make your voice heard.

Dan Munsey announced that our Rotary Exchange Student **Rikki Seji Biedsgaard** will be leaving us soon and heading home to Sweden, and to say goodbye, we will be having a Fireside Chat on July 16th as a going away party for her. The time and location will be announced soon.

Make sure you mark your calendars for Saturday, June 25th for our Annual Demotion Party, where we will say farewell to President **Ben Tafoya** and welcome President **Dwight Johnson!** The party will be held at the home of **Kristie and Dan Dever**. Drinks begin at 4:30pm and dinner will begin at 5:30pm with festivities such as the raffle for the Motorcycle, announcement of Rotarian of the Year and The Demotion! Their home is located at 13166 Waco Road in Apple Valley. This is a free event and Rotarians are invited to bring family, friends and potential members. Please see Margaret to RSVP.

Finally **Dwight Johnson** was able to present **Dr. Ron Williams** with his \$25 Costco gift card for winning the Ignite Membership Campaign for the month of May. Great Job!



The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$18.56

Polio Pig: \$13.56 + Dice (Robin Cackler): \$5.00 = \$18.56

Collected to Date: \$13,188.18

Total equals: 87,9444 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Spoon of Exemption: Mary Hennessy



This week, **Mary Hennessy**, an Army brat, and in honor of Flag Day, shared an organization that is very important to her, Honor Flight.

The Mission of Honor Flight is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. To find out more about this great cause visit: www.honorflight.org.

Rotary Guests

This week we were honored to have some great guests join us. All the way from Longview, Texas we had Rotarian **Richard Lazarus** visit with us to see what the buzz is all about with our Club!

Mary Hennessy brought **Cathy Caruso** and **Leslie Marty** from Gentiva Hospice, **Kevin Kane** invited former Victorville City Mayor **Mike Rothschild** and **Don Lager** had **Manfred Wendt** from the Desert News Post at his table.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Robin Cackler** in for Pastor **Paul Earle** and **Curtis Green** in place of **Robert Lovingood**.

Fine Session

Dan Munsey was our Fine Master again this week and had a session of \$5 fines! **Victor Rocha** was first on chopping block, as he received a \$5 fine, because, although his lunches are wonderful, he tricked most Rotarians who picked what they thought was pineapple, but turned out to be yellow watermelon! **Terry Caldwell** was given \$5 fine as payback for the large amount of fines he has been passing out lately, and **Chris Ackerman** also went home \$5 less because he told Dan he couldn't follow the confusion of last week's fine session.

Jim Murray was asked to take a look around his table to notice that all other members had dress pants and proper shoes, so Jim got hit for \$5 for his "retirement" uniform of shirts and sandals! If you Google "**Steve Orr**", it comes up with many different companies and money making scheme-type businesses, so Steve got a \$5 fine for moonlighting! During lunch, Dan noticed **Rosanne Weathers** checking the cupcakes and almost weighing them to see which one was the biggest and then only ate half! She was given a \$5 penalty for wasting food.

Finally, **Sam Lucia** was enjoying lunch sitting with our speaker **Mike Ramos**, but Dan sent him home with a \$5 for having to be flaked by "muscle", the bodyguards for the DA.

Raffle Prizes

Sharing is caring. The first raffle prize was from **Sam Lucia**, and was an Athena Jean gift card, which was won by **Victor Rocha**. Victor preceded to give it back to Sam, since he is the one who is overdue for a "haircut"! But that gift card wanted to be with Victor, as he ended up winning the other one!

Mary Hennessy gave away a bunch of tumblers from Gentiva Hospice that went to **Jim Murray, Dr. Hough, Gary Adams, guest Manfred Wendt** and **Donna Wells**. Not to be outdone, **Rosanne Weathers** donated a couple of water infusers that went home with **Chris Ackerman** and **Mary Hennessy**, but Mary was not done winning yet. **Steve Orr** gave away two pairs of Mavericks Baseball tickets, and both sets went to Mary!

Finally, **Dr. Hough** raffled off a bottle of champagne that will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells** and a bottle of wine, that will REALLY be enjoyed by **Steve Orr**!

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Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. June 27 to President Ben Tafoya.

James Mettler "Jim"

Cement Division/District Sales Manager

Cal Portland Cement

Classification: Marketing: Cement

Sponsor: Jon Hove

Lucky Blue Dice



Robin Cackler didn't win any raffle prizes this week, but no matter, she got to draw for the blue dice! Sadly, it eluded another Rotarian for a 75% chance next week!

We continue next week with 3 dice and \$475 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Programs	Mike Page
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Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
Newsletter	Chris Ackerman

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, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 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

June 21: Program Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. • El Pescador
Following Rotary Luncheon

June 25: Demotion Party

4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home
Apple Valley

July 16: Fireside Chat Going Away Party for Rikki Seji Biedsgaard

Time and Location TBD

Upcoming Rotary Programs

June 21: Kevork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty Undergraduate Studies, CSUSB and Model United Nations Instructor at Victor Valley College
Topic: "The Trump Phenomenon & Model UN" (Wagner)

June 28: Incoming President Dwight Johnson
"What to Expect During My Year" and Treasurer Donna Wells - **"Update on our Club's Finances"**

July 5: **Annual Patriotic Program "Celebrating Our Independence"** (Letner)

July 12: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte

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