



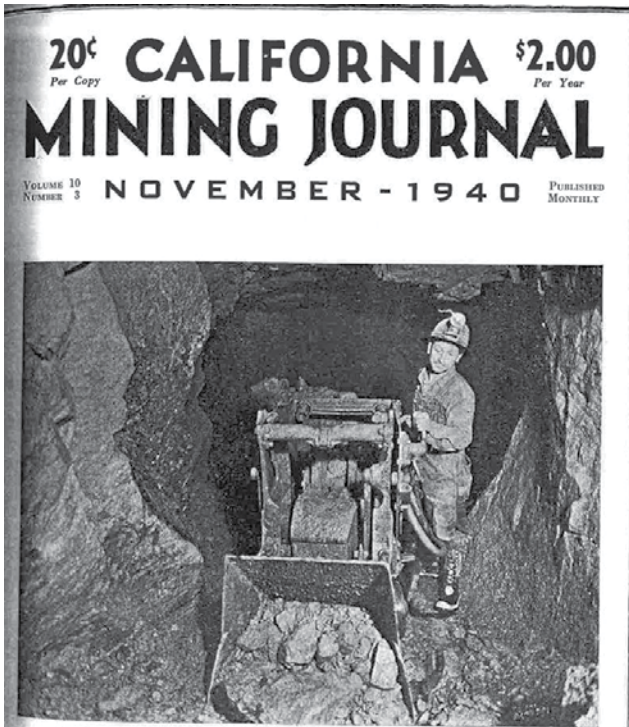
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The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

July 24, 2012

FOLLOWING THE LEGENDARY TRAIL OF THE RIVER OF GOLD



Anna Garcia is the Senior Hydrogeologist for the Mojave Water Agency. Early in her career with MWA she heard stories of an underground river from the Sierras flowing through the Mojave Desert. After some research Anna found an article in the California Mining Journal (November, 1940), and it piqued her interest in the mysterious "River of Gold".

Since the 1940's there have been numerous studies and reports attempting to substantiate the existence of this river. In the 1930's, prospector Earl F. Dorr learned of an associated cave's existence from local Native American brothers working at his father's ranch.

Several companies have invested into the search for the underground river and cave, including the Schnar family, Kokoweef Cavern Incorporated, and Explorations Incorporated of Nevada (EIN).

Anna has done her share of investigation throughout the years, and provided several pieces of documentation that confirms hers and others' interest in the mystery of the caverns and the River of Gold. The Press Enterprise published an article as late as 1995 entitled, "Miners on a mission; mountain legend is their obsession" which questions the myth, but lends to an incredible story.

We thank Anna for her interesting presentation, and her boss, Lance Eckhart, who fielded questions relating to water availability in our desert communities.



THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Caroll Yule introduced guests today, beginning with a welcome to Danielle Moore of Taylion (La Ferriere); Graham Leach of Journal Communications (Luna); Manny Manahan for Rick Hampton, and Jacquie Lukacsffi, guest of Jon Edson. Speaker guests from Mojave Water Agency were Anna Garcia and Lance Eckhart.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



- Invocation:** Pastor Paul Earle
- Flag Salute:** Luis Frisby
- 4-Way Test:** Al Castellucci
- Song:** Al Castellucci

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



Russ' Rap

Don't let it ever be said that Rotarians are set in their ways... just ask **President Russ**. Heaven forbid he changed up the order of our opening functions, and Al Castellucci wasn't any help in the matter, either!

Dwight Johnson thanks Rotary Club members for continuing to bring in canned goods to support the needy in our community. **Stew Anderson** brought in "outstanding" soup this week!

Steve Murray is having regular planning meetings for our next BIG fund raising event... Wine, Jazz & More, coming up on September 8th. Lots of the work is getting done; we need each member to purchase at least two tickets (\$40/ea.), which includes the meal plus two drinks and a \$10 donaton to the program of your choice, depending on which box you check!



Stephanie La Ferriere, President of the Adelanto Rotary Club invites everyone to their weekly meetings; there are currently 12 members, and growing fast!

President **Russ** announced our High Desert Assistant Governor this year is **Teresa DeAtley**, so we can count on things going right! **Russ'** Rotary Quiz question this week was: "In which year were women officially allowed to become Rotary members?" The correct answer, given by **Carolyn Villars**: 1989.

FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION:



Matt Drake was tardy, but not too late to hand out some fines, and he thanked **Mark Taylor** for his willingness to step in if needed. **Joe Andreasen** announced the ground-breaking for the new gym for his school in Oro

Grande, and escaped a fine, but **John Wilkins** didn't fare so well; Chevy's bottom line cost him \$20, and **Luis Frisby's** 3-year planning netted him \$10. **Al Castellucci's** question to the speaker was worth \$10, and even though **Jim Cox** is now retired, **Matt** fined him \$10 for complaining about the cost of the Wine, Jazz & More ticket. **President Russ** wasn't immune to a fine this week, and his comment about **Matt's** tardiness resulted in a \$10 fine. It was fun to hear that **Pastor Earle's** Life Church may soon be meeting at the Cockey Bull! **Teressa DeAtley** was hit for \$10 for her mom/grandma role, and **Steve Flannery's** Rotarian of the Year Award got a \$10 fine, payable by **Mark Sawyer!**



Some nice raffle prizes this week: **Midway Home Solutions'** \$25 Gift Card was won by **John Kroencke**, as was **Caroll Yule's** Margarita Set! **Donna Wells** took home Kahlua Drops from **PrintMart**. **Colleen Butcher's** husband is in Qatar building airplane hangers, and this information netted her a fine of \$10. **Matt** had a rare piece of inspiration to offer: "Your *altitude* is determined by your *attitude*". Thanks, **Matt!**



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

John Kroencke took home \$5 this week!

Next week = 9 / \$350.00

	Next Week... District Governor Dr. Sylvia Whitlock	
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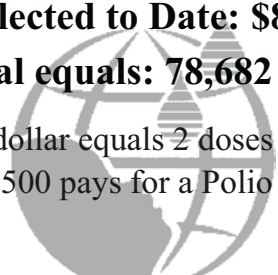
WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$24.10

Collected to Date: \$8,813.67

Total equals: 78,682 Doses!

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



VITO BELLO

Vito was on hand today to share some exciting Mall news:

Oct. 5th: J.C. Penney's new opening

and the Macy's parking lot will be open at the beginning of August. On the comic side, let's look forward to seeing Vito wearing a dress in support of the Boys and Girls Club!





PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY presents

Itzhak Perlman - a Concert to End Polio Now

One half of the ticket price goes to Polio!

Enjoy Itzhak Perlman, Violinist Virtuoso, and **1/2 the Ticket Price Goes to Polio in Your PH Account!**

The Concert features the renowned violinist, Itzhak Perlman, at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts near the South Coast Plaza on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10, 2013. Tickets run from \$50 to \$200 and if ordered ON THE PHONE (949-553-2422) before July 31st, half of the price will be donated to Rotary's Polio Campaign and your Paul Harris Account will be credited. When you CALL to reserve your tickets, you will need your RI member number (which is on the label of your Rotarian Magazine). More information is available on the Rotary District 5320 web site:

<http://rotary5320.org/>

PROPOSED MEMBERS

Approved for publication at a regular BOD meeting July 25, 2012

Paula Cox

Desert Community Bank, Adelanto

Position: Branch Manager

Sponsor: David North

Classification: Banking: Branch Manager

Note: If you protest the admission of this member to the Adelanto Satellite Club, please notify President Russ Stringham in writing by August 7, 2012.

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Evelyn Glasper

Victor Union High School District

Position: Trustee

Sponsor: Charles Gehrke

Classification: Education: High School Administration

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Sylvan ("Van") J. Young

The Salvation Army

Position: Captain

Sponsor: Gary Dobney

Classification: Services: Salvation Army

Former Bozeman, MT and Mid-San Fernando Valley member

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Rotary Celebrations!

August Member Birthdays

Kay Marie Gregory	August 2
James Baxter	August 4
Don Lager	August 11
Phyllis Fox	August 14
Jo Andreasen	August 19
Ben Tafoya	August 23
Manjita Patel	August 24
Jennifer Starbuck	August 24
Steve Flannery	August 25
Margee Powers	August 25
Craig Garrick	August 27
Sam Gibbs	August 27
Mark Sawyer	August 28
Ruth Ensworth	August 31
Ron Hughes	August 31

August Partner Birthdays

John (Ginger) Ontiveros	August 15
Lesley (Jim) Murray	August 16
Jeanette (Mike) Hayhurst	August 19
Charley (Terry) Caldwell	August 21
Jan (Ben) Tafoya	August 25

Wedding Anniversaries

Mehdi & Shandiz Mostaedi	August 5
Paul & Charmaine Earle	August 7
David & Carrie North	August 20
Mark & Donna Taylor	August 20
John & LaVaun Hulterstrom	August 24
John & JoAnn Kroencke	August 25
Stephanie & Justin La Ferriere	August 26
Sam & Debra Gibbs	August 27

Club Anniversaries

Mattie Brown	August 1
Dan Dever	August 1
Matt Drake	August 1
Ruth Ensworth	August 1
Phyllis Fox	August 1
Gene Gregory	August 1
Manjita Patel	August 1
Chris San Nicholas	August 1
Shirley Williams	August 1
Jesse Tafoya	August 2
Mehdi Mostaedi	August 4
Margaret Peterson	August 7
Gene Gibbs	August 8
Doug Robertson	August 9
Paul Stanton	August 14
Ken Chambers	August 16
Luis Frisby	August 16
Vito Bello	August 23

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Meirs & Meirs (Donna Wells) - Sterling Commons (Ron Wilson)

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Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Steve Murray
Community Service	Dwight Johnson
New Generations	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational	Joe Andreasen
International	Ben Tafoya
Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Buttelerwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams

Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Bob Basen • Robert Lovingood • Vito Bello

Past President (2011-12)	Charles Gehrke
Incoming President (2013-14)	Dr. Hough Everage
President-Elect (2014-15)	Steve Murray
President-Elect-Elect (2015-16) ...	Put your name in for interviews

Current Chair Persons:

Membership	Dr. Hough Everage
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Publicity/Public Relations	Dwight Johnson
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 (3rd and 4th 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!

- July 31:** GSE Team member applications due - 5:00 pm
- Aug. 11:** Immunization Clinic, Barstow, 8-1 pm
- Aug 16:** High Desert Potluck Fireside Rotary Garden, Apple Valley with D.G. Sylvia Whitlock - 5:30 pm
- Aug. 18:** Immunization Clinic, Victor Valley Christian School, 8:30 - 1 pm
- Sept. 8:** Wine, Jazz, & More - Spring Valley Lake Community Center
- Sept. 15-16:** Rotary River Trip
Rotary Fellowship on the Colorado River

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- July 31:** District Governor Official Visit (Stringham)
- Aug. 7:** Rory Shannon, Branch Manager, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage - Topic: Residential Lending (Yule)
- Aug. 14:** San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt
Topic: TBD

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