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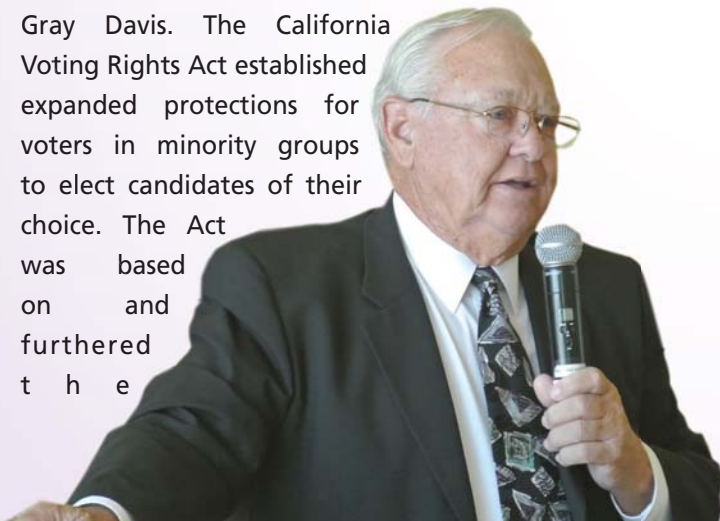
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The Winners Will Write the History...

There is a lawsuit coming to the City of Victorville, and it is has a huge potential to change the way voting is done throughout the Victor Valley. City of Victorville Mayor Pro Tem **Jim Cox** shared just what the difference between At-Large (General) elections vs. District Elections and just how this impact may affect how candidates are voted into office.

For as long as Victorville has been a City, council members have been elected "At-Large", via a general election, and have had a wide variety of council members from both sexes and ethnicities. Names such as Jim Busby, Gloria Garcia and Felix Diaz come to mind.

In 2001, the California Voting Rights Act was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by then-Governor Gray Davis. The California Voting Rights Act established expanded protections for voters in minority groups to elect candidates of their choice. The Act was based on and furthered t h e



provisions of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed voting practices that discriminated against minority voters.

Throughout Victorville's rich history, there has never been an issue upholding this law, but once lawyers saw a provision in the Act that ensures all plaintiffs and fees are guaranteed paid by bringing a lawsuit against a city for "unfair voting practices against minorities", the suits have flown throughout the State and a lot of people have become extremely rich. Cities such as Highland, Anaheim, Rancho Cucamonga and Lancaster have all been hit and it has now come to the City of Victorville.

This lawsuit wants to change city elections to a vote by "District", by separating areas of Victorville into districts that each hold a large population of Hispanics, African Americans, etc.. Each District would elect their own council member to represent their district on the Council, and the Mayor would be used in an "at-large" capacity in the community and only vote when there is a tie on an agenda item. This biggest issue with this comes down to how to break up Victorville into "Districts" when there is no large cluster of one minority in any part of the City. All races and nationalities are peppered throughout all parts of the city.

On this November's Ballot, the City Council has chosen to let the people have a voice, to choose whether they want elections to remain "at-large" or move to district elections. Now, even if the voting public vote to stay with the general election process, the judge in the lawsuit has every right to supersede the will of the voters and force the City to split into districts, just to satisfy the "Plaintive".

The democratic process in Victorville will likely change, and you will no longer be able to work any council member, but only the person elected from your "District". Please stay informed and vote on this important issue in November.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Dr. Roger Wagner |
| Flag Salute: | Capt. Sam Lucia |
| 4-Way Test: | Rosanne Weathers |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |

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Dwight's Writes

When I gave my opening message for my Rotary Year, I shared that I would be implementing some new membership rewards and this week I premiered one of

those, the Rotarian of the Month! For the first month, our winner is **Jon Hove!** Jon brought in new member **Jim Mettler**, hosted a wonderful Movie Night at his home and invited



the most guests within a month. Congratulations Jon on a well deserved recognition!

For those who sometimes wonder just how to go about inviting potential members, try this latest elevator speech that I picked up at a Rotary Membership Seminar this past weekend. *"The Rotary Club of Victorville is a leadership organization of local business professionals and civic leaders. We meet regularly to get to know each other, form friendships and through that we are able to get things done in this community."*



Wine, Jazz and More Committee Chair **Brad Letner** came to the front this week and warned all sponsors from last year that your phones will be

ringing soon to bring you back on board for our 2016 event. Please sign up to sponsor, volunteer or to donate a raffle gift (over \$25) to make our auction and drawing so special.

Finally, my thought of the week comes from Olympian **Mia Hamm**, *"Celebrate what you've accomplished, but raise the bar a little each time you succeed"*.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$21.30

Collected to Date: \$13,420.02

Total equals: 87,9898 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

This week, **Violette Roberts** was with proposed member **Brad Poiriez**, and **Sam Lucia** invited Sgt. **Randy Conman** from the Sheriff's Department. **Kevin Kane** filled a table with **Simon Herrera**, **Eduardo Espiritu** and **Craig Barnes** all from the VVTA. We were honored to have vacationing Rotarian **Norman Harsk** all the way from Oxford, Ohio! Our Stand-Ins this week were **Robin Cackler** for Pastor **Paul Earle** and **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay**.

Lucky Blue Dice



Gary Adams had the opportunity to parlay his luck for the blue dice and big money, but came up short...this time.

We continue next week with 7 dice and \$350 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. August 15 to President Dwight Johnson.

Brad Poiriez

Administrator/CEO

Mojave Desert Air Quality District

Classification: Government: Air Pollution Control

Sponsor: Eldon Heaston



Fine Session

This week **Mark Taylor** was back as the Fine Master and started the proceedings by giving **Victor Rocha** his Blue Badge and also awarded him with a \$20 fine! Luckily for **Mary Hennessy**, she was going to be fined as the longest Rotarian with a Red Badge, but she ducked out early, but Mark does not forget... The Remaining fine for this week went to **Don Lager**, who received his bag of cookies for his birthday, and a whopping \$50 fine to go along with it!

Spoon of Exemption



It begins with a dream... The next crop of business leaders for 2034 are just being born now, and spoon holder **Brad Letner** spoke once again on the importance of Hesperia 2034. The efforts of Hesperia 2034 will be successful when the term "Down the Hill" is no longer associated with jobs, opportunities

and amenities. The only way for this to be a success is for people to get involved and take the survey. This provides valuable information to make it successful. Even if you do not live in Hesperia, please take time to take the survey and share it with your neighbors at www.hesperia2034.com

August Wedding Anniversaries

Mehdi & Shandiz Mostaedi	26 Years	<i>August 5</i>
Paul & Charmaine Earle	22 Years	<i>August 7</i>
Steve & Pam Murray	?? Years	<i>August 14</i>
Mark & Donna Taylor	34 Years	<i>August 20</i>
David & Carrie North	21 Years	<i>August 20</i>
Mark & Robin McKay	33 Years	<i>August 21</i>
John & LaVaun Hulterstrom	41 Years	<i>August 24</i>
John & JoAnn Kroencke	59 Years	<i>August 25</i>

Raffle Prizes

This week's raffle started with a bit on controversy, as a bottle of wine, donated by **Paula Porter**, was won by her son **Kevin Porter**. Hmmm...

Then the competition began on who would win more gifts, **Robin Cackler** or **Gary Adams**. **Rosanne Weathers** donated some great gifts this week again with interesting light extenders that went home with **Stew Anderson** and **Donna Wells** and sets of Ear Buds with chargers went to **Donna Wells** and **Robin Cackler**. Robin donated an insulated hot/cold bag that went to **Gary Adams**. Next, there were sets of hats and thumb drives from MDAQMD that were won by Gary and Robin! **Terry Caldwell** took home a gift card from **Don Lager** from Midway and Rosanne won a pair of tickets to Pool Palooza at the Holiday Inn.

Finally a Fox 106.5 Shirt from **Dwight Johnson** was given away and won by Robin! The final score, **Robin Cackler** wins 3-2 over **Gary Adams**...this week.

Water Project Update



On Saturday August 6, **Dwight Johnson** and **Russ Stringham** attended a Rotary Membership Seminar at Claremont College where Russ gave an update on the Ensenada Water Project. There have been some new members in the Club in Mexico and we are working with an engineer named Dan to get the project through the planning stages. The goal is to provide clean water for sanitation for local Mexican schools. We need to create 2 large water tanks at all 12 schools, at a cost of \$52,000.

Please go out into our community and talk about this project and invite potential to hear more and get involved.



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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 Maverick 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 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

- Aug 17: WJM Committee Meeting**
5:00pm, Home of Brad and Teresa Letner
18175 Lake View Drive, Spring Valley Lake
- Sept 24: Wine, Jazz and More 2016**
Spring Valley Lake Community Center
- Oct 18: Offsite Meeting - Victor Valley Transit Authority**
Noon • 17150 Smoke Tree St., Hesperia

Future Rotary Programs

- Aug 16:** Deputies Brendan Mahoney & Jacob Graham **TOPIC: "Workplace Violence Awareness"** (Lucia)
- Aug 23:** Jason Lamoreaux, President Coldwell Banker Commercial, Real Estate Solutions **TOPIC: "State of Commercial Real Estate"** (Basen)
- Aug 30:** Afshin Arianjam, MD **TOPIC: "Joint Health Management and Prevention"** (Page)

16TH ANNUAL
WINE JAZZ & MORE
Saturday September 24 2016
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