



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

August 16, 2011

## Final Installment: "From My Perspective", Mayor Terry Caldwell

George Air Force Base was the subject this week of Terry Caldwell's final chapter on "The History of Victorville From My Perspective". Fellow Rotarian Caldwell painted a vivid picture of the unexpected demise of GAFB. Air Force units from the U.S. and other NATO countries trained pilots out of GAFB, and it was highly regarded as a major training facility. In 1962, when Terry arrived in the high desert, GAFB drove the economy of the Victor Valley, and was the largest employer in the high desert. Additionally, the men and women on the base became entrenched in the communities of our area. In 1992, GAFB was closed down by the U.S. government, and the story continues...

Terry went on to tell how the City of Victorville was successful in purchasing GAFB following its closure. The City has made a commitment to utilize the facility solely to create jobs, focusing on the air cargo and aviation industries, with added truck and rail cargo in the future. Terry tells us "the future looks sound; there is no other facility like it." He gives credit to Jerry Lewis, John Hardell, and Jim Worsham for their participation in the current successes of the transitions at GAFB and the 3,000 jobs it has created! Thank you very much, Terry for your part in the saga!



## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS

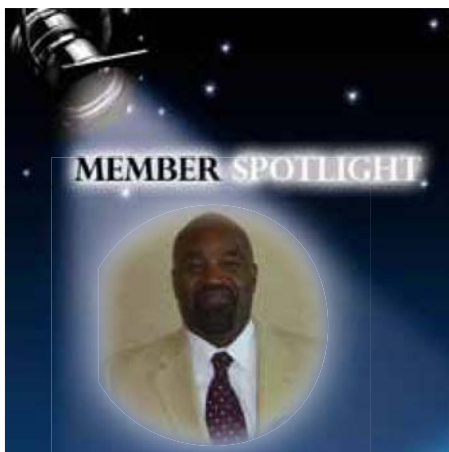


Welcome to Charlie (Terry) Caldwell and Councilman Jim Kennedy, both guests of Terry Caldwell; Pazely Hall, guest of Jon Edson, and Vito Bello, potential (published) member, guest of Al Castellucci.



Margaret Cooker did the honors today, inducting new member Doug Robertson, City Manager for the City of Victorville. Margaret discussed the need throughout the world for "Service Above Self", and used Paul Harris' project to put public toilets in Chicago, and her own assistance in a similar project in India as examples. Margaret explained how "Red Badge" members can trade up for "Blue" by participating in meetings, attending Board meetings, Firesides, etc. We are very happy to welcome Doug to the fellowship of the Rotary Club of Victorville, and encourage his involvement. Doug's Sponsor is Jim Cox, who "pinned" him today. Doug is working to improve the City's image, and encouraging City employees to assist by offering a higher level of service within the City of Victorville.

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



Sam Gibbs works as Director of Internal Audit Services and Quality for Omni-trans, who provides bus service in the San Bernardino County area. They are currently breaking ground for a new transit Corridor throughout San

Bernardino; one of the biggest projects FTA has funded on the west coast. A new milestone... Sam has recently finished his Doctorate in Management and Organizational Leadership! Congratulations, Dr. Gibbs!



## LUCKY WHITE MARBLE

Peggy Pope tried for the whole Pot, but made out with only \$5!

Next week: 13 marbles and a pot worth \$300!

## Upcoming Rotary Events

## NOTE NEW DATE



**September 22nd**


*Home of Gene & Kay Marie Gregory*

15560 Pohez Rd., A.V.

**760-242-7802**

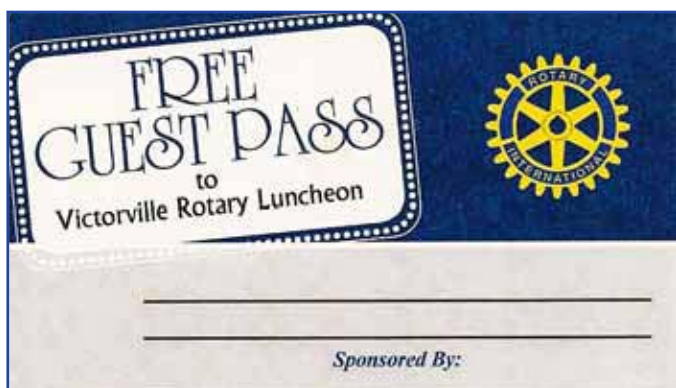
Charles and Jeanette Gehrke will be supplying the beef and chicken. Need salads, breads, and deserts.

Kay Marie Gregory advises women wear flat shoes, as the ground is uneven. Directions / Map to follow.



*Thank you to today's Functionaries*

<b>Invocation:</b>	David North
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	Mark Taylor
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Jim Barnes
<b>Song:</b>	Al Castellucci



## WHAT'S THE FREE GUEST PASS?

Simple...

- ✓ Bring in a member; give them a membership packet... get a card.
- ✓ When the guest brings a completed packet... get a card.
- ✓ Upon induction of the "qualified" guest... get a card.

At the end of each quarter, members holding cards for qualified new members will be playing poker.

At the end of the year, the member who brought in the most qualified new members will receive \$300, to be used toward dues, Paul Harris, etc.

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW

**Sept. 17-18: Rotary River Trip**



**Island Inn Hotel  
Lake Havasu City  
1-800-243-9955**

**CALL DAN DEVER FOR INFO:  
760-963-2198**





## Notes from Charles

**Charles'** Happy Birthdays this week go out to **Joe Andreasen**, **Phyllis Fox**, and **Jeanette Hayhurst**. **Charles'** cookies went to John (Ginger) Ontiveros and Leslie (Jim) Murray.

**Russ Stringham** and **Robert Lovingood** announced an upcoming fundraiser to support non-profits. It is the "ICR Cart Race". **Bob Basen** will be driving, and if anyone else is interested in racing, contact Robert. The races will be held September 7th, 14th, and 21st. **Fun!**

The new Rotary Directory will be coming out soon. Now is your chance to update your photo. If you would like one taken, please see **Mary Teran** at a meeting, or if you have one you'd like to use, just e-mail it to **Russ Stringham** at PrintMart.

## FUNDRAISERS...

**Russ** thanked the sponsors who have signed up already as Wine, Jazz & More Sponsors, and hopes all members plan to participate in one of the year's biggest fundraisers toward scholarships!

**Bob Basen** reminds members also that Teacher Mini Grants are upcoming. Your donations can be made directly on the Club web site with your credit card. What could be easier?? Go to: <http://www.victorvillerotary.org>. On the left-hand side of the home page (underneath the Joshua Tree, click on "Victorville Rotary Foundation - Donate", and scroll down to the Teacher Mini Grants, and click on "Donate".

**David Leicht** asks Rotarians to consider donating to the Thanksgiving Basket Program in November, which provide Gift Baskets (\$32.00) to needy families in our community. Please see sign-up sheets going around.

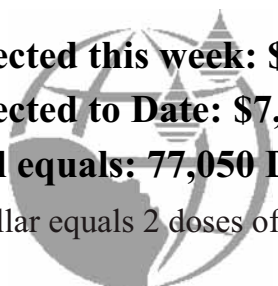
## WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

**Collected this week: \$27.96**

**Collected to Date: \$7,835.84**

**Total equals: 77,050 Doses!**

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!



## SPOON OF Exemption

**Paul R. Russ**

Senior Vice President /  
Regional Manager



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## PROPOSED MEMBER

*Pre-approved for publication by Board of Directors:*

**Vito Bello**

Marketing Manager, Mall of Victor Valley  
Classification: Marketing: Shopping Mall

*Sponsor: Al Castellucci*

**If you protest the admission of this member, please notify President Charles Gehrke in writing by August 22, 2011.**

## FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION:

**Mark Taylor** played "Fine and Rafflemaster" this week, and **Matt Drake** waived the unwritten "Fellow Finemaster" rule for **Mark**, who then fined **Matt** \$20. After some heckling, **Mark** fined **Terry Caldwell** for his green shirt (which our table agreed looked very appealing)... but a \$10 fine anyway. **Mike Page** was fined in absentia for missing ALL THREE of **Terry Caldwell's** presentations, and despite being in New York due to a Verizon strike, **Mike** was hit for \$20. **Matt Metzen's** Rotary Pin was missing, and his Rotary Badge didn't count, so \$10 to him!



On to some raffling, **Paula Porter's** "Rango" DVD was won by **Carolyn Villars**, **Russ Stringham's** Pocket Knife went home with **Peggy Pope** and **Vito Bello** won a set of Mavericks Tickets, donated by **Colleen Butcher**. **Carolyn Villars** brought a Yummy 7th Street Del Taco Coupon, won by **Donna Wells**. Lucky **Peggy Pope** also took home a Poster from **Bob's Tire Service**, and an "Executive Decision Calendar" from **Peggy Pope** was won by **Jim Murray**. New member **Peggy Pope** had the opportunity to win \$200 from the Pot, but came up with only a chip worth \$5. Sorry, **Peggy!**

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Treasurer ..... David North  
 Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Club Service ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 Community Service ..... David Leicht  
 Youth Service ..... Rob Kilpatrick  
 Vocational ..... Marie Langley  
 International ..... Ben Tafoya  
 Foundation ..... Margaret Cooker  
 Recording Secretary ..... Marilyn Buttelwerth  
 Sergeant At Arms..... Gary Adams

### Members-at-Large:

Dan Dever • Robert Lovingood • Steve Murray • Ginger Ontiveros

Past President (2010-11) ..... Teresa DeAtley  
 Incoming President (2012-13 ) ..... Russ Stringham  
 President-Elect (2013-14) ..... Dr. A. L. Hough-Everage  
 President Nominee (2014-15) .....

### Current Chair Persons:

New Generations..... Rob Kilpatrick / Bob Basen  
 Membership ..... Russ Stringham  
 SongMaster ..... Al Castellucci  
 Scholarships ..... Ginger Ontiveros  
 Publicity/Public Relations ..... Charles Gehrke  
 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 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  
 Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens  
 High Desert, Domingo's Rest., 6:00 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. - 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!

- Aug. 20** "Building Blocks for Building Clubs" See District 5300 website for details.
- Aug. 20:** Angels Rotary Night - See District 53 website for details.
- Sept. 15** FIRESIDE at Gene Gregory's home. 6-8 p.m. Need salads, breads, dips and nibbles and desserts. Map to follow. Sign-up sheet at meetings.
- Sept. 17-18** River Trip!
- Sept. 16** High Desert Club's American Heroes Dance - See District website
- Oct. 15** Wine, Jazz & More - *Our Club's biggest fundraiser. Need raffle prizes!*

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR JOSHUA TREE VIA EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT MARY TERAN TO GET ADDED TO THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST.

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Aug. 23** Carol Yule, Broker/Owner, Shear Realty  
 Topic: Residential Real Estate - Are we at the bottom yet?
- Aug. 30** Robert Gaines - Topic: Our Flag, What you may or may not know (Yule)
- Sept. 6** San Bernardino County D.A. Mike Ramos - Topic: Gang Suppression (McEachron)

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