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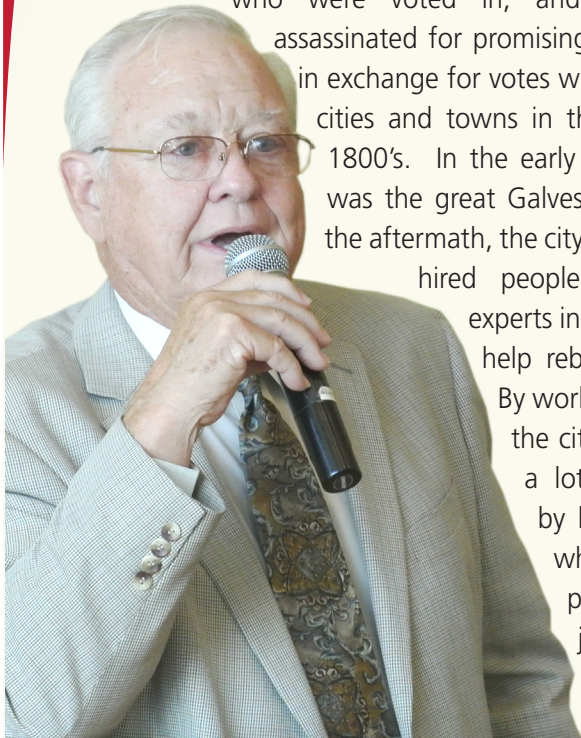
Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA



## Hire People Who Are Qualified

"The people who win, write history", stated Jim Cox as he presented his speech to the Rotary Club of Victorville. As Jim admits, this statement is not necessarily true, but Jim Cox has had a winning career with the City of Victorville.

Jim began his presentation on the history of people who were voted in, and yes, some assassinated for promising people jobs in exchange for votes within growing cities and towns in the 1700 and 1800's. In the early 1900's there was the great Galveston flood. In the aftermath, the city of Galveston hired people who were experts in their field, to help rebuild the city. By working this way, the city was rebuilt a lot faster than by hiring people who were only promised a job for a vote.



This was the beginning of Planning Commissions.

With the introduction of the Civil Servants Act, began the hiring of people who were qualified, and in turn, received better work quality.

Jim Cox started his career working at an aircraft plant right out of the Navy, and then worked for different cities, setting up punch card systems, including the City of Victorville. From there Jim stayed.

In 1967, Jim became the City Manager for Victorville, and stayed there for over 30 years!

Jim has seen all of the highs and lows within the City of Victorville. In January 2009, Cox returned to Victorville to serve as a Consultant. In November 2012 Cox was elected to the Victorville City Council. He served a two-year term as Mayor until his appointment as Mayor Pro Tem in December 2014. During his time as mayor, he learned that the City Council has to work as a team to survive. The role of the Council works hard to adopt new policies, and it is the mayor's job to implement them. Without a team effort from the Council, nothing will get done.

Community service has always been a hallmark of his leadership. Cox was elected to the Victor Valley Water District Board of Directors in 2003 and held that position until 2007. Cox has also served on Victor Valley Hospital Board of Directors, Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District, and a number of local clubs and organizations including the Victor Valley Am-Vets Post 7007.

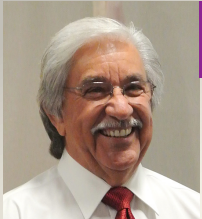
The Rotary Club of Victorville salutes Jim Cox for a fine and upstanding career, not only with the City of Victorville, but as a Rotarian as well.

## This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Russ Stringham
Song:	Al Castellucci



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### Tafoya Talk...

We were very pleased to see a full room of members and guests this week, and with so much information to pass along, it was great to have the meeting so well attended.

**Dwight Johnson** came up to talk about the importance of membership and the rewards that went along with it. Both **Steve Murray** and **Don Lager** were presented with their membership blue discs, that go along with their Rotary pins, that signify their hard work in bringing in new members. The club has upped the perks in bringing guests, building the club, retaining members, as well as signing new members.



As we get closer to this year's Wine, Jazz and More, the focus will be on ticket selling and raffle gifts. **Dan Munsey** shared the importance that we need live and silent auction items for our biggest Fundraiser of the year to be a great success. Another run of event flyers and tickets will be available at next week's meeting.

Immediate Past President **Steve Murray** announced that nominations are open for Club President for the 2018 - 2019 year. You can nominate yourself or someone in the Club you feel truly exemplifies what Rotary stands for, and who will be a great Rotarian leader. Nominations forms are available. Please contact Steve to get one.

**Margaret Cooker** is looking for Facilitators to this year's TLC Camp, where 8th graders will be taught to find the leader within themselves. This is a great and rewarding opportunity, which will incorporate ex-RYLA attendees as facilitators as well as Rotarians as advisors. Please submit your name as a possible facilitator to Margaret as soon as possible.

Finally, **Mike Page** prepared us for next week's meeting and our guest speaker, **Dr. Darshan Patel**. Dr. Patel will discuss the topic of memory loss, and instead of a usual presentation, he will be conducting a Q&A session. Please come prepared with questions to ask.

### Lucky Blue Dice



**Mr. Raffle winner himself, Gary Adams was picked to draw the blue dice this week, but did not win this time, but added \$5 to his bevy of raffle prizes he had already won!**  
**13 Dice remain and \$225.00 up for grabs!**

### Fine Session

Our Fine Master today was **Terry Caldwell**, once again and started this week's session by fining Doug Robertson \$10 for whining to Terry that he was NOT fined last week! Mike Page and Russ Stringham were both fined \$15 each for their comments to the old folks...errr, "Retirement" table! In the raffle challenge, Gary Adams was fined \$10 for always winning raffle prizes, and the fine would be raised to \$15 if Gary won a prize at the meeting. (see page 3 to find out). Finally Kevin Kane was given a whopping fine of \$50 for the purchase of some new buses!

### The Polio Pig....

**Collected this week: \$11.00**  
**Collected to Date: \$12,590.07**  
**Total equals: 87,245 Doses!**

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

## Rotary Guests

We had a very nice group of guests and stand ins at this week's meeting. We were honored with the presence of Victorville Mayor Gloria Garica, who came as a guest of our speaker, Jim Cox. Margaret Cooker invited former member Carolyn Villars and Al Castellucci brought Kate Barnett from Target, a possible soon to be member. Ron Williams brought VVUHSD Board member Dennis Niugent and Steve Orr invited Eric Camerena from the Hispanic Chamber. Sam Lucia invited Ron Wickum from the Sheriff's Department and Kevin Kane had Shea Johnson from the Daily Press at the meeting to report on Jim Cox. Finally in a game of musical chairs, Mary Hennessy invited Jennifer Hernandez from the Sunset Hills Children's Foundation, but Mary herself was unavailable, so she had Trish Nevue as her stand-in!

Other great Stand-ins for our meeting were Tony Cooker for Dr. Hough, Violette Roberts for Eldon Heaston, Ralph Fernandez for Don Lager, and finally, Danielle Grozman was in attendance for Donna Wells.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION ITEMS FOR WINE , JAZZ & MORE PLEASE DONATE A GIFT!**

## Rotary About Town



Mark Taylor and his wife Donna were spotted on August 14th, taking part in some mini golf at the Inland Empire United Way Annual Kick-off Fund-raiser at Scandia in Victorville.

## Raffle Prizes

Did Gary Adams get the larger fine... of course he did! Gary was first off winning a lunch thermos from Rosanne Weathers at DVMG. Gary also won a lunch buffet from San Manuel Casino , donated by Dwight Johnson. Joining Gary at the buffet will be Terry Caldwell, Ron Williams and Jim Cox. Dwight Johnson, was rewarded for bringing so many prizes, by taking home a flashlight and a mug from B&B Cycles. Stew Anderson is going to have quite a large group at a Mavericks Game, as he won both sets of tickets up for grabs! Finally this week, the \$25 Midway gift card from Don Lager was taken away by... you guessed it, Gary Adams.

## Spoon of Exemption: Rosanne Weathers



**10 Years**  
HIGH DESERT  
**FITNESS CHALLENGE**  
STRENGTH.PASSION.PRIDE

DESERT VALLEY  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

SEPTEMBER 12TH - OCTOBER 3RD

**CHALLENGES INCLUDE:**

- 5K Relay · Bike Relay
- Hamster Ball · Obstacle Course
- Tug O War · Golf Tournament
- Zumba · Poker · Softball · Billiards
- Volleyball · Flag Football · Basketball · Bowling · Tennis
- Table Tennis · Bocce Ball
- Pickle Ball · Mall Walk

HDFitnessChallenge.com

Rosanne Weathers was back with us this week and continued to promote the 10th Annual High Desert Fitness Challenge, which will be taking place September 12th - October 3rd. If your company is large enough, then you are encouraged to make a team within your company. If you are small business with few employees, Rosanne will put you onto a Chamber of Commerce team. Since this is their 10th anniversary, Desert Valley Medical Group is looking to raise \$10,000, all of which goes to area non-profit organizations. Get involved! Call 760-241-8000, ext.8568 or visit [www.HDFitnessChallenge.com](http://www.HDFitnessChallenge.com).

## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President .....	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Murray
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation .....	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership .....	Dwight Johnson
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17 .....	Dan Munsey
Community Service .....	Brad Letner
Youth Service/Scholarships .....	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service .....	Jim Barnes
International .....	Dan Dever

### Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

### Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster .....	Al Castellucci
Programs .....	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More .....	Dan Munsey
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

### Sept. 14: Board of Directors Meeting

5:00 p.m. Fellowship  
5:30 p.m. BOD Club Meeting  
Foundation Meeting Follows  
DCB Board Room  
Hesperia & Silica Road

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**WINE JAZZ & MORE**  
**Saturday October 3 2015**  
**SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE, CA 92395  
**5:00PM : WINE TASTING • 6:00 PM : DINNER**  
**\$40 PER PERSON • \$75 PER COUPLE**  
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS • VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS  
LITERACY PROJECTS • POLICE/FIRE ACTIVITY LEAGUE

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Aug. 25:** Dr. Darshan Patel  
**Topic: Memory Loss (Page)**
- Sept. 1:** David Coleman, Recreation Supervisor, City of Victorville  
**TOPIC: "Power of Parks" (Munsey)**
- Sept. 8: Open**

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