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Real Estate Broker Carroll Yule Finds Relative Stability

Who else could deliver gloomy news with so much enthusiasm and charm but Carroll Yule, Broker / Owner of Shear Realty. Her thoughtfully prepared Power Point presentation reflected a lot of numbers, but also some of the underlying causes and influences of our high desert real estate market. Carroll's oft repeated statement, "*relatively stable*" sums up what the statistics are now showing.

Bank owned homes, short sale homes, and standard sales are the only homes selling at this time, and 90% of our market consists of homes listed below \$200,000. Through July of 2011, *ONLY FIVE* homes sold in the price range over \$500,000! The median home prices since '08 (\$170,000) have dropped significantly... to \$112,000! This drop is 67%. However, the numbers over the past eight months have been "relatively stable".

Foreclosures are at about 50-60% today, and more homes are expected to enter the foreclosure market in a steady trickle, possibly over another five years. Country wide, one in 150 homes are going into foreclosure, and that is alarming.



Carroll Yule feels that any time the numbers are "relatively stable" in this real estate market, it's a good sign!

In a nutshell: About one-third of Real Estate Owned homes are paid for in cash, and investors are really liking the H.D.! Short sales account for about 10-15% of our market. Carroll tells us, "The economy is dependent on housing, and housing is dependent on the economy", and if "relative stability" continues, both should improve significantly by 2013, in Carol's opinion!

Rotary Club of Victorville Inducts New Member

Former Mayor Terry Caldwell did the honors today inducting our newest member, Vito Bello, Marketing Manager of the Mall of Victor Valley. Al Castellucci is Vito's Sponsor. Terry stressed to Vito the many opportunities Rotary offers to do service in our community and the world. Vito shared a bit about himself: He was born and raised in So. Cal., and has lived in the H.D. for about three years. Vito looks forward to making improvements at the Mall of the Victor Valley, and enjoying the fellowship of Rotary.



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



Holly Noel offered a few minutes about herself this week. She is an Honorary Member, and works at Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District as Grants Program Coordinator. She loves giving out grant money, while

improving the air quality of our desert. A claim to fame Holly hesitates to make: "I served an internship at the City of Hesperia with the now infamous Robert Rizzo"! She is a long time resident of the H.D., and Teresa appreciated Holly bailing her out this week!



Rotary Celebrations!

September Member Birthdays

Ron Sugi	Sept. 7
Dana Utgard	Sept. 11
Mike Hayhurst	Sept. 12
Dan Dever	Sept. 13
Teresa De Atley	Sept. 16
Gene Gibbs	Sept. 17
Kimberly Ramirez	Sept. 20
Jon Edson	Sept. 25
Bob Basen	Sept. 26

August Partner Birthdays

Carole (Gary) Adams	Sept. 9
Shandiz (Mostaedi) Mehdi	Sept. 22

Wedding Anniversaries

Mark & Niki Sawyer	Sept. 9
Dick & Lynn Cole	Sept. 11
Ginger & John Ontiveros	Sept. 17
Margee & John Powers	Sept. 19
Robert & Melanie Lovingood	Sept. 20
Bill & Linda Scott	Sept. 22
John and Ann Wilkins	Sept. 26

Club Anniversaries

Pat Mark	Sept. 1
Todd Tatum	Sept. 10
Paul Russ	Sept. 14
Dwight Johnson	Sept. 17
Kirby Brill	Sept. 19
Charles Gehrke	Sept. 23
Donna Wells	Sept. 25
Hough-Everage	Sept. 28

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Carolyn Villars
Flag Salute: Mark Sawyer
4-Way Test: Dick Cole
Song: Marie Langley

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to James Langley of Kursch Group, guest of Marie Langley, visiting for the first time, and Pazely Hall, aide to Jon Edson.



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Paul Russ, August Spoonholder, took the opportunity to remind us that the smaller, independent banks don't do home mortgages, but can help with our banking needs..

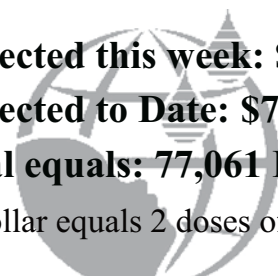
WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$22.06

Collected to Date: \$7,857.90

Total equals: 77,061 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!





She's Baaaack!

Teresa De Atley, Past President, ran this week's meeting in Charles' absence. **Hough** reminds us of upcoming Rotary Club events (see next column), and invites anyone who would like to attend the Wine, Jazz, and More planning committee meeting (Printmart on Sept. 1st at 5:00) is more than welcome!

David Leicht encourages members to take advantage of available (free) tickets to the High Desert Club's American Heroes Dance on Sept. 16th in Hesperia at the Percy Bakker Center. Information is available on the District web site (see special club events). **David** is also seeking Thanksgiving Basket donors for needy families. See the sign-up sheets going around at each meeting.

FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION:



Matt Drake was at it again this week, looking to have some fun with our fellow Rotarians. We missed you, **Matt**!

A "Nice-to-see-you-no-fine" to **Craig Garrick**, who comes about as

often as **Matt**, and **Jon Hove** was fined \$20 for his appearance at Rotary this week. **Matt** shared his business' year-to-date 14% sales increase over last year, and happily fined himself \$20 bucks! **Gayle**

Walker received her "Official Blue Rotary Badge" this week, thus a \$10 fine to **Gayle**!

A couple of Raffle prizes were given away... **Mojave Desert Air Quality Management** goodies were won by **Teresa**, who also took home a Del Taco Gift Certificate from **Carolyn Villars**! A nice Bottle of Wine from **Paula Porter** was freely given by **Matt** to **Caroll Yule** to help prevent the real estate market blues.



LUCKY WHITE MARBLE

Congratulations to **Gary Adams**,
who took the whole
kit and caboodle! \$300!!

Next we start anew at \$250 / 12 marbles

FREE GUEST PASS

Don't forget the opportunity to win \$300 Cash or Credit!

Simple...

- 1) Bring a guest who takes a membership package;
- 2) Bring signed and paid membership application.

Upcoming Rotary Events

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

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.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President Charles Gehrke
 Treasurer David North
 Executive Secretary Margaret Cooker
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 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!

Sept. 17-18 River Trip!

Sept. 16 High Desert Club's American Heroes Dance - See District website

Sept. 22 FIRESIDE at Gene Gregory's home. 6-8 p.m. Need salads, breads, dips and nibbles and desserts. Sign-up sheet at meetings.

Oct. 15 Wine, Jazz & More - *Our Club's biggest fundraiser. Need raffle prizes!*

Nov. 13 Rotary Peace Conference, Palm Springs Convention Center
 1:00 - 4:30 PM. See website:
<http://www.district5300.org>

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. 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)
Sept. 13 T.B.A.
Sept. 20 Assemblyman Steve Knight (McEachron)

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