

The *Award Winning* Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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This week's Rotary meeting shed light on the controversial aspects of the death of Dr. Shane Todd, presented by Kevork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty Undergraduate at CSUSB. Kevork holds a Masters degree in National Security Studies and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, is an alumni of VVC, and also an ex-Marine. He shared the following:

Dr. Shane Todd was an American engineer who died under disputed circumstances in Singapore in June of 2012. Local authorities said Dr. Todd had committed suicide, though his family insists that he was murdered, possibly in connection with the work he had been doing at the Institute for Micro Electronics (IME), part of the Singaporean government-run Agency for Science, Technology and Research. The program involved a gallium nitride-based semiconductor amplifying device for the Chinese telecom company Huawei, the world's largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer.

"Hard Drive" is the captivating story of Shane's mysterious death authored by his mother, Mary Todd. According to the Todd family, Shane had told his family that he was increasingly anxious at work in the months leading up to his death. He worried the project he was working on with an unnamed Chinese company may have been endangering U.S. national security. He had also told his family that he felt he was under threat because of his work with the Chinese. The many inconsistencies between the Singaporean government, the family's findings, and the FBI make for a compelling study. If you would like to follow the story further, you can "Google" his name, or go to the Facebook community page dedicated to finding the truth and bringing justice to Shane's memory and to his family: <https://www.facebook.com/Justice4ShaneTodd>.

Thank you, Ginger Ontiveros and Mike Page, for bringing this interesting program to our Club.



Kevork Kazanjian

New member Dr. Ron Williams was inducted by Margaret Cooker this week. Al Castellucci is his Sponsor. Ron is the Superintendent of the Victor Valley Union High School District, and looks forward to making his contribution to the community as a Rotarian. Welcome, Ron!



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



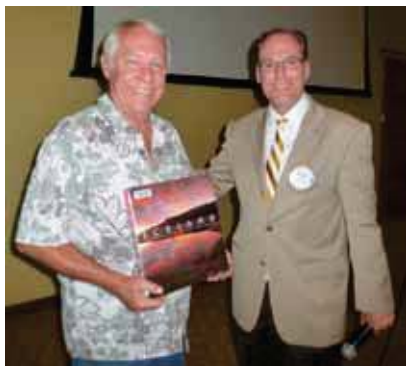
Mike's Page

President Steve was missing in action this week, and **Past President Mike** stepped in and did a very respectable job as acting President; thanks, **Mike!** He reminded us of what happened on August 31, 2010 when the guest speaker, Bernie Hunt of the Las Vegas West Rotary Club, collapsed from a heart attack immediately following his presentation. Had it not been for the heroic efforts of **Dr. Paul Stanton, Margaret Cooker, R.N., and David Leicht**, Bernie would have surely died on that day. It was a meeting to be remembered!

Dwight Johnson thanked **ICR Staffing** for their sponsorship for the Wine, Jazz & More event this weekend, and those members who brought items this week for the auction. There are still tickets available, and more live and silent auction items are needed! **James Baxter** will be the M.C., assisted by **Caroll Yule**.

Ben Tafoya announced the August winner of the Club's membership contest is **Al Castellucci** (again). Honorable mentions are listed in the next column. Ben thanks all for your efforts to bring in new members!

Mike reminds "Red Badge" members that the September 8th Board meeting is a great way to move forward to obtaining your official "Blue Rotary Badge"! He then invited **Bill Scott** up to receive the book donated in his name to the Victorville Library for his great off-site at Scott Turbon Mixer August 19th.



Past President **Russ Stringham** announced the September 17th High Desert Fireside at the Apple Valley Rotary Garden. It begins at 6:00 p.m., the District Governor will be in attendance, and it will be catered by "Out of This World BBQ"! See calendar for details.

LUCKY BLUE DICE



Caroll Yule tried to pick the blue dice, but came up with only a white one this week, worth \$5.

Next week:

\$350 / 8 Dice



THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Brad Letner introduced our one guest this week, Catherine Abbott of VVC Foundation; however, it was great to see almost every table full to capacity with Rotarians. Seems everyone's back from vacation!

Thank you to today's Functionaries



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

MEMBERSHIP REWARDS

Congratulations to this month's winner Al Castellucci with 20 points! Also in the running with 10 points were Dan Munsey and Brad Letner, and the following members received 5 points for their membership efforts: Bob Basen, Roseanne Weathers, Paul Earl, Giniger Ontiveros, Jon Hove, and Mike Page. Nice to see so many Rotarians realizing the importance of bringing in potential members!



Van Young



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Doing The Most Good...

Captain Van Young announced the Salvation Army's Annual Dinner September 27th at the H.D. Events Center at 5:30 p.m. It's an opportunity to see what the Salvation Army does for our community. Sponsorships and Silent Auction items are needed, and all proceeds go toward helping the citizens in need in our own community.



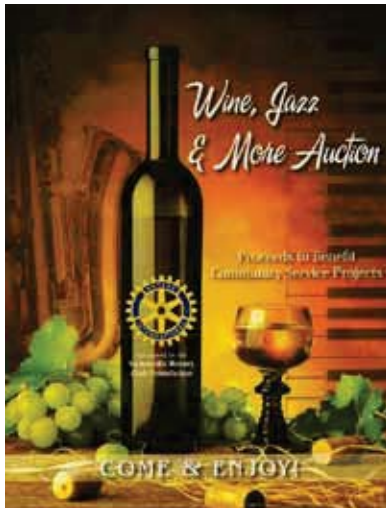
Saturday, Sept 20, 2014 - Rancho Cucamonga

Register now for Rotary Basics and learn specifics about a Rotary training you're interested in (foundation, membership, international projects, public relations/social media). Register on DaCdb; cost is already pre-paid by the Club. A continental breakfast will be served. Register at 8 a.m., Seminar is 9:00 until noon.

6:00 p.m.

This Saturday!!

Directions: From Bear Valley Rd., head north on Spring Valley Lake Parkway to the 1st stop sign, which is Kalin Ranch Dr. Follow to the stop sign at Rolling Ridge and turn left. The clubhouse is down a block or so on the right-hand side of the road.



WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$21.00

Collected to Date: \$11,579.79

Total equals: 85,909 Doses!

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

1 Pantry Item = 1 Raffle Ticket

BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

Please remember to bring in your canned and drygoods for needy high desert families. This is an ongoing, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:



Mark Taylor returned as FineMaster this week, and fined **Ginger Ontiveros** \$10 for her vacation photos, a whopping \$58 to **Steve Orr** for his birthday, and **Doug Robertson** \$15, \$5 for each of his three years as a Rotarian. **Mark's** Trivia game netted **Al**

Castellucci, Cliff Harris and **David North** a "no fine" for their correct answers. **Ron Kabalin's** "fast cars" brought him a \$20 fine, and **John Kroencke's** mis-answer netted him a \$10 fine.



Shear Realty Bag and Red Vines were won by... guess who... **Gary Adams**; "Nature's Wick" Reed Diffuser from **Hough** went to **Carol Yule**, who also tried to win the Pot.

Rotary Code of Conduct

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

1. EXEMPLIFY the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. USE my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. CONDUCT all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. BE FAIR in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. PROMOTE recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. OFFER my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. HONOR the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. NOT SEEK from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

Adopted September 2013

Thank you, Margaret Cooker, for listing this in the induction of Ron Williams this week!



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VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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President	Steve Murray
Immediate Past President	Russ Stringham
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary & Foundation	Margaret Cooker
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Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17	Dwight Johnson
Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever
Foundation	Margaret Cooker

Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor

Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Club Activities	Dwight Johnson
Membership	Ben Tafoya
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane / Dwight Johnson
Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Wine, Jazz & More	Dwight Johnson
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
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 Rotaract, 2nd Mon., VVC Student Activities.
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., Denny's, 14165 Main St. University Prep Interact Club, 1:45 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at 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.
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. Rotaract, 4th Friday, noon, VVC Student Activities



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- Sept. 6:** Wine, Jazz & More Auction - 6:00
Spring Valley Lake Community Bldg.
12975 Rolling Ridge Dr., Victorville
- Sept. 8:** BOD Meeting - DCB (2nd floor
corner of Hesperia & Silica Roads.
5:00 fellowship / 5:30 for Club /
Foundation follows
- Sept. 17:** High Desert Rotary Fireside
6:00 p.m. - Apple Valley Rotary
Garden - A.V. Chamber - 16010
Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA
Cross Streets: Between Kamana & Muni Roads
- Sept. 20:** Back to Rotary Basics - Chaffey
College, Rancho Cucamonga. 8
a.m. - noon. See Pg. 3 for details.

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Sept. 9:** Richard Ives, Complex Warden,
U.S. Department of Justice Federal
Bureau of Prisons - Topic: Part #2,
An overview of the Federal Bureau
of Prisons and Federal Correctional
Complex @ Victorville (Page)
- Sept. 16:** District Governor Larry Skaggs Visit
- Sept. 23:** Ray Wolfe, Executive Director, SAN-
BAG - Topic: "Highway Construction
Affecting the Victor Valley" (McEachron)
/ S.T.A.R. Students

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