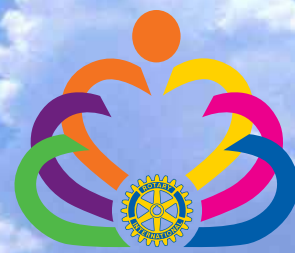




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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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District Attorney Mike Ramos Addresses Rotary on Gang Suppression



San Bernardino County District Attorney Mike Ramos has served our county since the '80's, and is currently the 2011 Chairman of the Attorney General's CDDA Alliance. Last year he was the Statewide co-chair of the Gang Violence Committee for the California District Attorneys' Association, and has been a member of the Governor's Gang Task Force since 2007. The D.A.'s "Gang Prevention Protocol" was featured at the White House in 2009, and the model consists of four phases in battling the gang problem. They are: Suppression, Gang Injunctions, Witness Protection and Relocation Assistance, and Prevention and Intervention.

The Rotary Club of Victorville was fortunate to have D.A. Ramos premiere a brand new video on "Gang Prosecution Protocol", which he will be showing all over the county. It features the "SMASH" unit (San Bernardino Movement against Street Hoodlums), and illustrates how his office works with Sheriff and Police agencies to make an impact on street gangs.

District Attorney Ramos' stance against gangs is very strong and his statewide and national involvement against crime is undeterred. He goal is to "give the neighborhoods back to the neighbors", and he is succeeding in this endeavor in the San Bernardino County.

Mr. Ramos stated that the D.A.'s Office has put over 4,000 gang members in prison since 2005. He is concerned, however, about the "prison re-alignment" that has been put in place by Governor Brown. Beginning Oct. 1st, non-violent criminals will be overcrowding our county facilities, opening the door for release of offenders into our communities. He states they will keep a close watch on the situation.

Mr. Ramos complimented the Rotary Club for its work with our young people, and stated we need to continue supporting our community and our youth, in particular, to assure the kids at risk have a chance to make it. Thanks to Mayor McEachron for bringing Mr. Ramos to speak to Rotary. For more information on the District Attorney's office, go to: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/da/welcome.asp>.



Full house at Rotary this week for the District Attorney's presentation.



Thank you to today's Functionaries

Invocation:	Dale Marsden
Flag Salute:	Mark Sawyer
4-Way Test:	Todd Sturges
Song:	Marie Langley



Ryan McEachron shared how he attends loads of meetings daily in addition to answering tons of e-mails. He has three e-mail accounts, and deals with about 100 e-mails every day involving the City of Victorville. He

works closely with staff and the City Manager on various issues for the City as well. For fun, Ryan chases his two young children and is enjoying the fun he has watching them grow up. Thanks, Ryan, for the glimpse of your daily career and private life.



Midway Home Solutions
Don Lager
(760) 245-3731



Don Lager utilized his spoon this week to announce that fall brings loads of savings at Midway. He will be marketing sales via e-mail advertising, so keep your "in-box" open. Check out: midwayappliance.com. You can also read many testimonials from satisfied customers at: www.insiderpages.com/b/3710204574/midway-appliance-victorville.

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to our Rotary guests today. We were joined by Alison Greiner, guest of Robert Lovingood and Jeff Salkin, sitting in for Robert. Manny Manahan

sat in for Rick Hampton. Also in attendance were Carl Jones and his son, Ben, Margaret Cooker's guests; Christi Goodloe of Victor Elementary School District, guest of Dale Marsden; Edward Turner of Spring Valley Lake Country Club, guest of Russ Stringham; James Lowery of Midway Appliance, guest of Don Lager; Shelly Cable, VVTA Contracts Oversight Manager and guest of Kevin Kane; Pazely Hall, Aide and guest of John Edson; District Attorney Mike Ramos, this week's speaker, and his assistant, Chris.



September 22nd

*Home of Gene &
Kay Marie Gregory*
15560 Pohez Rd., A.V.
760-242-7802

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

From Hwy. 18 go south on Apple Valley Rd. to Mondamon - left on Mondamon - go two short blocks to Chapae Rd. - right on Chapae - go one short block to Pohez turn left. Our home is the second house on the left Pueblo (style home).

From Bear Valley Rd. north on Apple Valley Rd. - right on Mondamon (the rest of the directions are the same).

WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$4.44

Collected to Date: \$7,921.99

Total equals: 77,100 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Let's keep the can moving each week!

***Need to make up
a Rotary meeting?***



Sept. 12th - 5:00 Fellowship / 5:30 Call to Order
Grumpy Golfer (2 Bd. Mtgs. = 2 make-up meetings!)



Notes from Charles

President Charles continues his attempt to improve our health. His report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture listed the produce which retains the most pesticide (apples). Interestingly, 50% of food from our grocery stores is either organic or health food!

Charles read a "Thank You" note from our Austrian Exchange Student for supporting the Exchange program.

Kay Marie Gregory visited today with an invitation to attend the September 22nd Fireside at the **Gregory** home. It will be a potluck dinner. **Contact Kay Marie** with your food donation and RSVP if you haven't signed up at meetings already.

Carl Jones, past Apple Valley Rotary Club President, is fund raising for Rett Syndrome. He brought invitations for his upcoming event; monies will go to the Rett Syndrome Foundation. Carl tells us a perfectly healthy and normally developing 12-18 month old can suddenly regress and present the characteristics of autism or mental retardation. This genetic problem can be reversed if caught early. More research is needed internationally. Participation in this fund raiser will help the local Rett Syndrome; contact Carl Jones at 760-242-5354, or e-mail to: indyjones1@aol.com

Alicia Anderson reminds us of the importance of our Teacher Mini Grant Program. She expressed one teacher's happiness to receive a Mini Grant to purchase rocking horses for the children in her class. Please go online and make your pledge to the Teacher Mini Grant Program.

Dan Dever wants to sell some more 50-50 tickets. The winner will be announced at the Wine, Jazz & More auction. There will only be 200 tickets sold at \$50 each. See **Dan Dever** to get your chance to win big money.

Dan encourages members to come out to the River Trip September 17 and 18, and also the Calico Fun Run (4-Wheeling) on Friday, Sept. 30th through Sunday, October 2nd. You don't need a 4-Wheel vehicle to come join the fun. Call **Dan** at 760-963-2198 or see sign-up sheets at Rotary Club meetings.

David Leicht is collecting Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy. Thus far he has 24 baskets purchased for \$32 each. Please consider donating to this effort; sign-up sheets are available during our Rotary meetings.

Margaret Cooker reminds members to submit a nominee for the Paul Harris Fellow Award. The application form is on our web site for download.



LUCKY WHITE MARBLE

Next week...
10 marbles and \$300!

Alicia Anderson took \$5 this week leaving a good sized Pot for the next lucky ticket winner!

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RAFFLE AND FINE SESSION:

Terry Caldwell made his debut this week as Finemaster, and did a very "fine" job, he did. **Terry's** disclaimer was that he "did NOT volunteer" for the "chore", although he seemed a natural! **Terry** doesn't see **Kevin Porter** often, so hit him for \$20, then added \$5 for **Kevin's** retort. **John Wilkins** offered up \$20 for servicing **Terry's** wife's Cadillac, and then **Ryan McEachron** was dished for Rotary absences (\$20), and **Carroll Yule** for \$10... it's adding up! **Col. Dick Cole's** GAFB "closure" earned him \$20, and **Mike Page** was fined (again) for missing two of **Terry's** three presentations for a total of \$20. **Gene Gregory's** legs netted him a \$20 fine, and **Gary Adams, John Kroencke** and **Alicia Anderson** were all fined \$10 for double raffle winnings!

Many nice raffle prizes today... **Midway Home Solutions' Candles** were won by **Kay Marie Gregory**; Wine from **Paula Porter** went to **Alicia Anderson**; Golf from **SVLCC** was won by **Gary Adams**; **Bob's Tires' Poster** went to **John Kroencke**. **Jon Edson** won the **H&R Block Calculator**; **Peggy Pope's Gift** went to **Jim Murray**, **Del Taco meal** went to **Alicia Anderson**, and a Little Book Bag from **Hough** was won by **John Kroencke**.



Wine, Jazz & More Auction

Russ Stringham is seeking sponsors for this great event. He has e-mailed sponsorship letters to each member, and thanks Carroll Yule for her generous support. Russ is looking for more sponsors from his fellow Rotarians.

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 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>

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

Sept. 13 Assemblyman Steve Knight - Topic: "Jobs, and How the Legislature Can Get Out of the Way" (McEachron)
Sept. 20 Jim Cox
Sept. 27 DG Doug Fowler official visit
Oct. 4 TBA
Oct. 11 San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt - Topic: "The New First District, Redistricting" (Page)

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