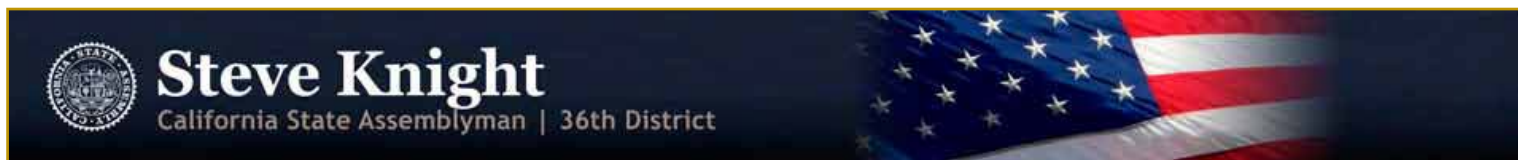




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*Job creation is of utmost importance to the State of California, and legislature must "get out of the way and allow business to work", according to Assemblyman Steve Knight.*

Assemblyman Steve Knight was introduced by Mayor McEachron as our Assemblyman who "is fighting the good fight up in Sacramento". Steve began by relating that "Sacramento is broken". He and 119 other people plus a Governor are all trying to make fixes, and as a member of the minority party, it can be frustrating. Steve finds allies and works toward moving forward with the bills he favors. He states that 50 percent of his job is to "fix" laws; not necessarily introduce new ones. He spends a lot of time trying to make sure bad laws don't get passed, and he votes 3,000 times every two years! Steve works tirelessly to improve laws relating to keeping business in California, and feels his job is primarily to make sure the environment is conducive to job creation. He wants to "let business work", whether it is writing a bill, correcting a bill, or just getting out of the way, and not constraining business by writing excessive new bills.

Steve represents 585,000 people in our District, which is the second largest in population in the state. When not in session, he talks to schools, business, and groups like the Rotary Club, which he will be doing for the next several

months. He will then prepare his bill package based upon what he feels the needs are, and then return to Sacramento along with 80 Legislative members, each writing several bills. Steve is currently meeting with Cement manufacturers whose business is being constrained by government, and he will write bills to try to improve their situation in the next session. He is also hoping to see more transparency in the money spent next year (to the tune of 147 million dollars); he would like to see it more evenly distributed between the districts.

Steve asks us to continue to encourage our youth to get them more involved with the governmental process, beginning with getting the 18-year olds registered to vote. He feels that if people are allowed to make as much money as they possibly can, business would thrive, which would impact our schools, unemployment, and all else that keeps our state moving forward. Steve answered several questions, and we appreciate his time to speak to our Rotary Club.



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



Dan Dever of H&R Block was chosen this week to share about what he does in the business world. Dan owns 11 H&R Block offices, all but one (Indio) are in the high desert. Dan opened his first office in Victorville in 1979.

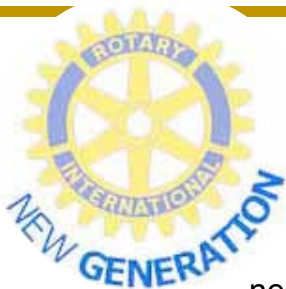
He states he loves what he does, and just returned from the H&R Block Regional meeting in Texas. Of 20 awards given for Client Services, Dan received five of them! Big congratulations, Dan! It's also his birthday, this Rotary day, so Happy Birthday, Dan!



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James Lowry spent Midway's minutes talking about their joint program with Victorville Motors, "It's a gas to go to class". It is a perfect attendance contest whereby high school students with perfect attendance in 2011-2012 are eligible to be put into a drawing for a Jeep Patriot from Victorville Motors. Midway is always proud to help support the youth in our community!



### New Generation of Rotary

One of the most rewarding opportunities available to Rotarians is that of working closely with the youth of their community. As civic and business leaders, Rotarians serve as role models, living out the Rotary slogan, "Every Rotarian an example to youth." Helping young people develop those qualities of leadership and civic responsibility is a primary objective of Rotary's work with youth.

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to Pastor Paul Earle and David Placencia of Life Church and Don Rucker, Dean of High Desert Regional Center for Azusa Pacific College, both guests of Al Castellucci. We welcomed Garner Morris from the 1st District Supervisor's Office, James Lowrey of Midway Appliance (for Don Lager), Manny Manahan (for Rick Hampton), and Pazely Hall, guest of Jon Edson. Assemblyman Steve Knight was the speaker, assisted by Rebecca Tennison.

### *Thank you to today's Functionaries*



**Invocation:** Sam Gibbs  
**Flag Salute:** Caroll Yule  
**4-Way Test:** Stew Anderson  
**Song:** Al Castellucci

## ★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ★

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

**Saturday, October 22nd**



Volunteers needed...  
Arrive at 8:15 a.m.

Yucca Loma School  
Community Center

Contact Margaret Cooker  
for info at 760-243-5928.

[www.victorvillerotary.org](http://www.victorvillerotary.org)

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

**Collected this week: \$9.03**

**Collected to Date: \$7,931.02**

**Total equals: 77,118 Doses!**

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

**Let's keep the can moving each week!**



## Notes from Charles

**President Charles** announced this week's birthdays: **Teressa De Atley**, **Gene Gibbs**, **Mike Hayhurst**, and **Dana Utgard**. **Dan Dever** received cookies from Charles, and a Happy Birthday song from the members.

**Russ Stringham** is counting the days until the *11th Annual Wine, Jazz & More* event, one of our biggest fund raisers. He is actually ahead of schedule, and thanks all members who are sponsoring the event. It's not too late to get involved, though... contact **Russ** with your sponsorship and/or prize donations! Go to [www.victorvillerotary.org](http://www.victorvillerotary.org) for an application.

**Dan Dever** has a few more tickets for sale for the big 50/50 Drawing which will take place at the *Wine, Jazz & More Auction*. Take some on consignment and sell to your business associates and friends! **Dan** also touts the advertising opportunities in the beautiful Wine, Jazz & More Program which PrintMart donates for our Club. Remember... you can write off your ad, or use the space for a message of any kind!

**Steve Flannery** asks members to begin thinking about this year's "Angel Tree" to provide gifts for needy children at Christmastime. Our Rotary Club partners with the local Salvation Army for this wonderful program.

**Garner Morris** announced the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors has begun holding their meetings over a *videoconferencing* system. To participate, go to the County Transitional Assistance Department building, 15010 Palmdale Road, Conference Room A/B, in Victorville. Use the outer door west of the main lobby entrance. This room has the video-conferencing equipment.



## LUCKY WHITE MARBLE

Next week...  
9 marbles and \$350!

**Ron Kabalin** took \$5 from the Pot leaving more for a lucky member next week!

## RAFFLE AND FINE SESSION:

**Matt Drake** was back in charge this week with a few fines and some nice raffle prizes. First he thanked Steve Knight for the job he's doing in Sacramento, which is not an easy job!



**Gary Adams** took home his share of the raffle prizes this week, first a set



of Two Wireless Motion Sensors from **Paula Porter** and also A Set of 2 Chinese Musical Exercise Balls and a "Love" Sign from **Peggy Pope**... "Don't know what it is, but you're going to love it", said Matt. **President Charles's** Case of Nature Valley Granola Bars went to **Terry Caldwell**; **Hough's** Little Book Bag went to **David Leicht**. **Matt** took the opportunity to thank **David** for the great job he's doing as a new Rotary member, and then reminded him, "We're watching you"!

A \$10 fine was levied on **Al Castellucci** for "general purposes", and **Margaret Cooker's** hairdo brought a \$5 fine.



## ATTENTION ROTARY MEMBERS...

**Get your chance to win BIG in the 50/50 at the Wine, Jazz & More Auction. See Dan Dever to purchase your ticket.**



## Wine, Jazz & More Auction

**Russ Stringham** is seeking sponsors for this great event. He has e-mailed sponsorship letters to each member, and is looking for more sponsors from his fellow Rotarians. It's not too late!

## Rotary Club of Victorville Mission Statement



The Rotary Club of Victorville

is committed to the identification of

unmet community needs; and to the meeting of those needs, where appropriate,

by the mobilization and allocation of member and community donations of time and money.

## 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 .....  
 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. 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!**

**Oct. 22 Immunization Clinic**

**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

**Sept. 20 Recently Retired Victorville City Mgr.  
 Jim Cox - Topic:** City of Victorville  
 "Behind the Scenes, What I can now talk  
 about" (Page)

**Sept. 27 DG Doug Fowler official visit**

**Oct. 4 Panel Discussion - Topic: "How High  
 Desert Leaders are Re-engineering its  
 Workforce--STEAM 2020" (Dr. Mars-  
 den)**

**Oct. 11 San Bernardino County First District  
 Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt - Topic:  
 "The New First District, Redistricting"  
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