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Rotary

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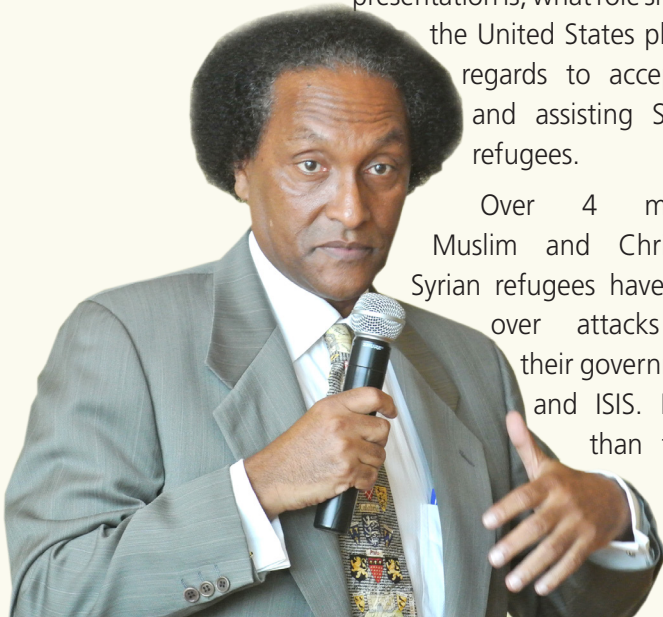
People Without a Home

You've seen it reported on the news, read about it in the Daily Press, and have listened about it on Talk radio, but this week, the issue of Syrian Refugees came front and center to our Rotary Club.

Professor Alemayehu (Al) G. Mariam teaches political science at California State University, San Bernardino. His teaching areas include American constitutional law, civil rights law, judicial process, American and California state governments, and African politics. His question for his

presentation is, what role should the United States play in regards to accepting and assisting Syrian refugees.

Over 4 million Muslim and Christian Syrian refugees have fled over attacks by their government and ISIS. More than three



million Iraqi's have fled the onslaught of ISIS. Millions of these refugees have found safety in Turkey (2 million), Lebanon (1.1million), Jordan (700,000), Egypt (150,000). European countries have struggled to resettle hundreds of thousands of these refugees: Greece, Germany, Sweden, Bulgaria, Netherlands, France, Denmark and Hungary. The U.S. has accepted 1,500 Syrian refugees and international pressure is building to get the United States to accept more Syrian refugees.

What role should we take? We already give the largest amount in aid financially. Dr. Mariam firmly believes that the United States has a moral obligation to help. He feels Ronald Regan's statement on United States Immigration and Refugee Policy from July 1981, will work today, not only for Syrian Refugees, but for Immigration as well. The United States is a country formed on immigration. Even though we should not encourage illegal immigration, we need to recognize that both the U.S. and Mexico have both historically benefited from Hispanics obtaining employment in the U.S. and those wishing to become productive members on our country should be recognized and accorded legal status.

Dr. Mariam states that the United States should lead the world on International acceptance of the Syrian Refugees. One country cannot do it all, but if the United States does not shoulder some of the responsibility, we cannot expect that other countries will either.

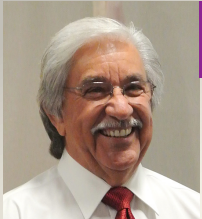
From Ronald Regan, "We recognize that immigration and refugee problems require international solutions. We will seek greater international cooperation in the resettlement of refugees and, international cooperation to assist accelerated economic development to reduce motivations for illegal immigration."

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Brad Letner |
| Flag Salute: | Bob Basen |
| 4-Way Test: | Ron Williams |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |



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Tafoya Talk...

We had another full house today! Thank you to all our members who are bringing guests!

Past president **Steve Murray** showed off our new Rotary Club Guests cards. Made of a nice thick plastic, they are perfect to write your name on, carry around in your wallet or purse, and pass them out to potential members to join us at our Tuesday meetings. Please see Steve to pick some up.

The latest Wine, Jazz and More news is that we need to have members purchase cases of wine for the event. The club has a incentive now for you to purchase 2 cases and donate one to the event. Cost per case is \$70 or for higher quality wine the cost is \$103 per case. Please purchase a set and help us out.

Calling all chili lovers! On October 10th, we will once again be participating in the Happy Trails Chili Cook-off with a booth of our Rotary chili, and need volunteers throughout the day to man the booth, hand out samples to patrons and invite them to our meeting. You will have fun while meeting your Blue Badge requirements. Please sign up with Dan Dever.

Finally on Saturday, October 17th there will be a off-road trip to Calico Hills! Some Rotarians will be leaving Thursday and camping for the weekend, or just show up on Saturday for a day of fun! Please sign up with Dan Dever and let him know if you need a ride or can give a ride.

As you can see it is going to be a busy October! Clear your calendars and get ready to have some fun and make a difference!



Lucky Blue Dice



After being gone for some time, Mehdi Mostaedi was selected to draw for the blue dice, but left it there for another...

9 Dice remain and \$325 up for grabs!

Fine Session

Our Fine Master today was **Jim Barnes** and he had his targets picked out from the start! **Steve Orr** was fined \$10 for naming himself at their table the Assignment Task Coordinator for Rotary, and **Kevin Kane** was also fined \$10 for re-routing buses throughout Hesperia this weekend for the Hesperia Days Parade. Once again **Ben Tafoya** paid for a name slip up! This time Ben was fined \$15 for calling **Steve Murray**, Steve "Smith"! **Mehdi Mostaedi** was fined \$10 for branching out and expanding his business and **Dwight Johnson** was fined \$9 for having 9 more tables left to sell for Wine, Jazz and More. In a final act of fining, Jim fined **Donna Wells**, **Marilyn Buttelwerth**, **Terry Caldwell** and **Kirk Riding** all \$5 for not wearing their badges!

The Polio Pig...

Collected this week: \$25.00

Collected to Date: \$12,674.08

Total equals: 87,413 Doses!

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



Rotary Club of Victorville, CA PRESENTS

15TH 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
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SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS

For more information contact Dan Munsey, Chair at (760) 774-2569

August Membership Winner!



Al Castellucci was our August winner with a whopping 10 points! He received a \$25 gift card to Costco for his efforts. Ron Williams was runner-up with 5 points and received a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

Keep bringing those guests, you never know who will become a Rotary member!

Raffle Prizes

Once again this week's raffle session was a cluster of confusion as last week's tickets were still in the bucket and mixed in with this week's purchased ones, so the raffle took quite a while to get through. Mugs from B&B Cycles went to **Jim Murray** and **Dwight Johnson** and bags from **Dr. Hough** went to **Margaret Cooker** and **Ron Williams**. **Dwight Johnson** donated a pair of tickets to the Apple Valley Air Show, and after 6 tickets being drawn with no winner, they finally went to **Chris Ackerman**, because he was the first to shout, "I want them"!

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

Rotary Guests

Another full room for Rotary, as we had a few of our members brings guests today to join us.

Kevin Kane had three guests in attendance. Through his efforts heading up our Public Relations, we had **Matthew Cabe** and **James Quigg**, both of the Daily Press in attendance, as well as **Ron Zirges**, the Maintenance and Facilities Director for VVTA. **Mehdi Mostaedi** invited colleague **Graeme Carr** from NAI Capital, and **Ron Williams** had three guests today, **Carol Cronkle**, Director of Mathematics, **Lauren Francoisc** from VVUSD and **Melda Casker**, Principal of the Cobalt Institute of Math and Science.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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| International | Dan Dever |

Members-at-Large:

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Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

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| 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

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| 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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St. |
| WEDNESDAY: | 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. |
| 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, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m. |
| FRIDAY: | San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m. |

CALENDAR DATES

- Oct. 3 Wine Jazz & More**
5:00 Wine Tasting
6:00 Dinner
SVL Community Center
12975 Rolling Ridge, Victorville
- Oct. 10: Happy Trails Chili Cookoff**
10:00am - 3:00pm
Lenny Brewster Sports Park, Apple Valley
- Oct. 17: Off-Road Trip: Calico Hills**
Sign Up with Dan Dever
- Jan. 2: Foundation Dinner**
Double Tree Hotel, Ontario, CA
Rotary Intl. President in Attendance
Club will pay 50% of ticket cost.

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Sept. 22:** Leticia White, Innovative Federal Strategies **TOPIC: "Update on what's going on in Washington D.C."**
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- Sept. 29:** Dr. Adam Gerstein, VMD & Annie Moyer, Territory Manager, Hills's Pet Nutrition, Inc. **TOPIC: "Common Pet Food Myths"** (Boyd)

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