



The Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville

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## Lifting Up America One Child at a Time



**Dale Henderson**, Executive Director for the Inland Empire Chapter of Lift Up America, brought a positive and enthusiastic message to today's meeting. The video Dale shared gave everyone a first-hand

look into how this organization is making such a difference for so many kids.

Lift Up America coordinates events for at-risk kids and focuses on making the event a memorable day that they will remember forever. It starts with a "red carpet" welcome and it just gets better. The event may be a movie premiere, a celebrity meet and greet, a professional football game, or something else just as fun. Lift Up America has partnered with companies such as Tyson Foods and Lenscrafters which has allowed these kids to take home food as well as provide eyeglasses or hearing aids that were needed.

At these events, the kids are encouraged to take part in the "Ambassador of Compassion" training program to learn how to go back to their communities and make a difference. The program's goal is "... to help break the cycle of poverty, hopelessness and defeat in the lives of

the less fortunate youth, and help them become productive, self-sufficient and compassionate citizens by serving the needs of their communities and taking complete responsibility for their own lives."

Lift Up America is excited about their upcoming world-wide live simulcast on February 18th. People anywhere from Canada to Australia will be able to tune in.

Dale is in the process of putting together an event right here in the High Desert. A few venues have been explored but he hasn't been able to lock down a location. He welcomes any help and/or suggestions and looks forward to working with Mark Sawyer and the Boys & Girls Club to make this event a life changing experience for about 400 at-risk kids.

You can learn more at [LiftUpAmerica.com](http://LiftUpAmerica.com).

The Rotary Club of Victorville donated a book to the local Victorville Library in Lift Up America's name.

## THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to our Program Speaker Dale Henderson from Lift Up America. We also welcome Pazely Hall from Victor Valley College, guest of Jon Edson;

Dennis O'Neill from Midway, guest of Don Lager; Ron Boyd from VCA Victor Valley Animal Hospital and Cynthia Naberman from the Adelanto School District, guests of Margaret Cooker and both prospective members; and, Paul Earle from Life Church, a prospective member and guest of Al Castellucci. Other guests were Cris McMann for Mary Teran; Danielle Guzman for Donna Wells; Jeff Salkin for Robert Lovingood; and, Teresa's guest Mike Morrissey from the Riverside Rotary Club.



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

**Invocation:** David North  
**Flag Salute:** Craig Garrett  
**4-Way Test:** Todd Sturges  
**Song:** Al Castellucci

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



Kimberly Ramirez and her husband moved to the High Desert about 10 years ago. She was previously in the aerospace industry and met her husband during her MBA program. She is now a Comptroller, Corporate Relations, for Budweiser at the Distribution Center in Adelanto.

We thank Kimberly for sharing this week!



Go to Facebook.com. In search bar type in: Rotary Club of Victorville.

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

Collected this week: \$12.97

Collected to Date: \$8,185.79

Total equals: 77,439 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



## YEAR-'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

President Charles will be collecting canned goods at each meeting through December, and continuing through 2012.

This is a District project which includes all of the high desert clubs. All types of canned goods apply, from Applesauce to Vegetable Oil. Boxed grains like cereals and pastas are also welcomed.

A flier with needed items listed will be in each Rotarian's "e-inbox" throughout the year.

## Reminder



**Doris Davies Bicycle Giveaway**

**December 14**

**San Bernardino County Fairgrounds**

## PROPOSED MEMBER

*Approved for publication at a special Board Meeting 12/6/11*

**Dr. Ron Boyd**

Company: VCA Victor Valley Animal Hospital

Position: Chief Medical Officer

Classification: Service - Veterinarian

Sponsor: Margaret Cooker

***Note:** If you protest the admission of this member, please notify President Charles Gehrke in writing by December 16, 2011.*

## Next Week's Program...



Come hear a wonderful presentation by the

*Apple Valley Sunsets*

## Are you wearing your Rotary Pin?



**All members are asked to wear their pins to each meeting; if you're "unpinned", it could cost you!**



## WHAT'S THE FREE GUEST PASS?

Simple...

- ✓ Bring in a prospective member and give them a membership packet ... get a card.
- ✓ When the guest brings a completed packet... get a card.
- ✓ Upon induction of the "qualified" guest... get a card.

At the end of each quarter, members holding cards for qualified new members will be playing poker.

At the end of the year, the member who brought in the most qualified new members will receive \$300, to be used toward dues, Paul Harris, etc.





## Notes from Charles

**President Charles Gehrke** called the Assembly to Order. **Steve Murray** was elected as the President-Elect-Elect (2014-15) and **Dwight Johnson** was elected as a Board of Directors Member.

**Charles** recognized the Birthday folks by having us sing "Happy Birthday" to **Gayle Walker**, **David North**, and **John Kroencke**. Happy Birthday also went out to **Al Castellucci's** wife, June, **Mark Taylor's** wife, Donna, and **Caroll Yule's** husband, Dennis. **Charles** had plates of cookies for them all.

**Mark Sawyer** let everyone know that the Boys & Girls Club will be at the Mall of Victorville until December 24 wrapping gifts and selling raffle tickets for some fantastic prizes. **Mark** brought some of the prizes to the meeting and offered 2-for-1 tickets for anyone who bought raffle tickets. What a great opportunity!

**Teresa DeAtley** thanked everyone who took a "Be an Angel" tag for a needy child and donated a gift through The Salvation Army. The gifts will be delivered this week.

**Dan Dever** reminded members to sign up for the Christmas Party next Thursday. Only \$45.00 per person for good food and a wonderful time of Rotary fellowship right here at the Grumpy Golfer! Contact **Dan Dever** for information at 760-963-2198.

**Charles** thanked the people who have contributed to the "Feed the Need" Food Drive and reminded us that this is a District project that will continue all through 2012. Contact **Charles** if you would like a list of specific needed items, but you can always bring food donations to the Tuesday meeting.



**Kimberly Ramirez**

R&S Beverage Corp.

Kimberly started her month out with a timely "Six Steps to a Safer Party."

Great tips to make sure the party you host (or attend!) is fun and safe.



## LUCKY BLUE MARBLE

**Todd Sturges** tried to find the Lucky Blue Marble but only found the \$5.00

Next week... 10 marbles and \$250!

## FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:

**Mark Taylor** cut right to the chase this week with a \$20 fine for **David North** for pouring tea at just the wrong time. **Claudine Butcher's** phone rang so she was fined \$20 too. **Mark Sawyer** only got fined \$10 for not having his Rotary pin (boy, did he get off easy!) and **Charles Gehrke**

was fined \$10 for something he said that couldn't be heard by all.

There were some nice *and* timely raffle prizes this week: **Kimberly Ramirez** won **Hough's** Christmas List Pad and **David North** took home the Holiday Loaf baked by **Caroll Yule**. **Marie Langley** won the Hallmark Keepsake Santa Ornament and since it was donated by **Kimberly Ramirez**, **Mark** had to make sure Santa wasn't inebriated before letting him go to **Marie**. **Todd Sturges** was pleased to win the Ice Scraper from **David North**. That'll come in handy with how cold it's been! Everyone had to chuckle when **Pazely Hall** won the "Chilly Willy" Holiday Wall Hanging that **Kimberly Ramirez** donated. And **Gary Adams** continued his winning streak by taking home the Midway Solutions Gift Card. Congratulations to all!



**Remember the five simple rules to be happy:**

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Gehrke  
 Treasurer ..... David North  
 Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker  
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### 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-Elect-Elect (2014-15) ..... Steve Murray

### Current Chair Persons:

New Generations..... Rob Kilpatrick / Bob Basen  
 Membership ..... Russ Stringham  
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 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  
 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Dennies, 14165 Main St.  
**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. - Los Domingo's Rest., 6:00 p.m. 17790- Hwy. #18, Apple Valley  
**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!

**Dec. 15: Rotary Christmas Party**  
 Grumpy Golfer - \$45/person  
 Contact Charles Gehrke



**Jan. 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**Jan. 14: Shot Clinic**  
 Yucca Loma School, Apple Valley

**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

**Dec. 13: Apple Valley Sunsations (Gehrke)**

**Dec. 20: Teresa DeAtley**, Citizen's Business Bank  
**David North**, DCB Bank  
 Topic: "Consumer Fraud" (Page)  
**AND** December STAR Awards

**Dec. 27: Beverly Guido-Deutsch**  
 Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator  
 San Bernardino Cnty Children's Network  
 Topic: "Lisa Project" (Gehrke)

**Jan. 3: Club Member Roast (Yule)**

**Jan. 10: O'Keeffe Memorial Public Safety Awards (DeAtley)**

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