There’s a New Sheriff in Town!!

Special Points of Interest:

- Ventura County’s new Sheriff-Geoff Dean
- A new year, new awardees and new officers
- Las Posas Country Club was the new venue for annual dinner—highest attendance to date—100!!
- Will you be Irish for the day on St. Patrick’s Day?

Keynote Speaker:
Geoff Dean
Sheriff, Ventura County

At the 2010 VCSDA Annual Awards banquet, we were fortunate to have Sheriff Geoff Dean as our keynote speaker!

Sheriff Dean presented an interesting and informative view of the challenges that he will address in his office. The challenges seem to be magnified in the face of budget restraints.

We wish our best to the Sheriff and appreciate what he brings to all residents in Ventura County. VCSDA is proud that so many of the Board Chairs were in attendance at the dinner and had the chance to meet and say hello to our Sheriff.
Mike Solomon, the 2010 year General Manager award recipient is known for taking the lead on tough issues by creating good relationships and looking for ways to create a “win-win” scenario. From facing challenges of protecting endangered species, acquiring property for local ground water recharge, and forward progress on their long-term goals to provide adequate water supply.

Mike Solomon has been the General Manager of United Water Conservation District since 2008, having served as United’s Chief Financial Officer for 11 years previous to being named GM. Mike’s approach has been to create good relationships with people, even where stances on issues might seem very far apart. We’ll look forward to recycled water soon to be delivered from Oxnard’s GREAT Project.

Bill Seaver was awarded the 2010 Trustee of the Year. As a board member of the Calleguas Municipal Water District, Bill has been instrumental in setting policy for the United Water District that provides service to a population of more than 630,000.

Bill Seaver, was appointed to the Calleguas Municipal Water District Board of Directors in September 1993 and currently as Vice-President. Bill is an active member of both the Camarillo and Oxnard Chamber of Commerce and serves as chair of the Water Issues Committee for the Oxnard Chamber. He is also a member of the Ventura County Association of Water Agencies (AWA), Water Issues and Recycled Water committees.
Jack Curtis exemplifies so many of the traits expected of the Shirley Turner Award recipient. Shirley Turner founded the Ventura County Special Districts Association in 1974.

In 1962, Jack Curtis participated in the grassroots effort to build a public sewer system in the Meiners Oaks area, resulting in the formation of the Meiners Oaks Sanitary District. In one capacity or another, Jack has served that community for nearly 40 years!

He also served concurrently on the Ventura River County Water District, having first been elected in 1977. During that 34 years of service, Jack was instrumental in founding the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA). Jack also serves on the board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association, Secretary of the CSDA Finance Corporation, represents VCSDA on LAFCo, and has acted as our Treasurer for the past several years.

**Congratulations! 2011-2013 Officers**

- President-Susan Craig, Camarillo Health Care District
- Vice-President-Elaine Freeman, Rancho Simi Parks and Recreation Board
- Treasurer-Jack Curtis, Ventura River County Water District Board
- Past President-Judy Cofer, Oxnard Harbor District

Outgoing Secretary, Robin Campos (left) - Thank you for your outstanding efforts!

Welcome 2011-2013 Secretary, Renee Sulser

Happy Valentine’s Day
February 14, 2011
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Be a mentor—bring someone who has never attended a meeting!

Bi-Monthly Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Dinner 5:30
Meeting 6:00

Location:
Camarillo Health Care District
3639 Las Posas Road
Camarillo, CA 93010

WEARIN’ OF THE GREEN

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated by the Irish and Irish at heart in big cities and small towns with parades, “wearing of the green”, music and songs and Irish food and drink. The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. The St. Patrick’s Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick’s Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

Irish Saying

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.
May all life’s passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

Author Unknown

May the luck of the Irish be with you!
Happy St. Patrick’s Day

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