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Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA 

THE **JOSHUA TREE**

JANUARY 3, 2017

A Journey Through the Mojave Desert

At the first Rotary meeting of 2017, we were introduced to **Col. Scott Taylor**, the Commander, or as he puts it, the "Mayor and City Manager" of Ft. Irwin Training Center.

Col. Taylor is in charge of the whole area that has a land mass the size of Rhode Island with 5,000 soldiers in training, staff, military families and civilian employees make up this self sustaining city.

The Ft. Irwin Training Center has the most sophisticated technology available today to our troops. Col. Taylor compares it to the largest game of Laser Tag. Every maneuver is recorded, so they can play them back and compare.

At the Training Center, military personnel receive the toughest training available.

Col. Scott Taylor says that if deployment is the "Super Bowl", then Ft. Irwin is the final playoff game before it.

They try and create

the most accurate training environment, so there is less of a shock when a soldier is deployed to a region. Even though the Center is located in the desert, there are realistic set ups for mountains and hillsides, as a lot of current training is being adapted for an country like North Korea.



They know that they may have to fight in cities someday, not open terrain, so a city has been created to handle this type of urban warfare training.

Ft. Irwin is also a town within itself, for the military and their families. The area includes housing, four schools, The Exchange, a full shopping center, complete with their own WalMart and Game Stop, parks, gyms and restaurants including fast food and much more. Col. Taylor referred to the living area of Ft. Irwin as an extremely large gated community.

Recognizing Veterans is very important to Col. Scott Taylor and on Saturday, February 11 they will be holding a Vietnam Veterans Recognition event complete with a parade, big gala dinner and a concert. They are in discussions at the moment to get the classic rock band Blue Oyster Cult to perform, which will be a huge draw. To stay up to date on this event and more about the Ft. Irwin Training Center, including group tours, please visit www.irwin.army.mil.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Dan Munsey
Flag Salute:	Jim Cox
4-Way Test:	Steve Orr
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

The call was put out last weekend to invite Veterans to this week's meeting and you did not disappoint! It was such a pleasure to see a full room for our first Rotary meeting of the new year as Rotarians and Vets alike came to hear Col. Scott Taylor, Commander of Ft. Irwin. As I enter the second half of my Presidency, there are a lot of great things in store so stay tuned to these pages and make sure you mark your calendars each and every Tuesday to join us at our Luncheons.

This week, we were honored to have a visit from our friends at the Rotary Club of Barstow. President **Jose Soto** presented us with a



Barstow Banner to add to our collection. I will be making a visit to the Barstow Club in the very near future and reciprocate with our Victorville Banner.

The football playoffs are here and that means the **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** Super Bowl Party is just around the corner! Please make your plans to join us on Sunday, February 5th at their home in Apple Valley. Sign up sheets will be available next week.

Finally, my thought of the week is *"The energy of the mind is the essence of life."* - Aristotle

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$21.65

Collected to Date: \$13,892.65

Total equals: 88,832 Doses!

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

Spoon of Exemption

This week **Don Lager** had his first turn with the spoon and shared that over the last few years there have been great leaps and bounds have been made in electronics, mainly phones and tablets. There has not been much in the way of television changes over the last couple of years, but that is all about to change with new Nano Cell Technology in televisions.



Don will see LG unveil its new Super UHD range of 4K TVs at the Las Vegas Consumer Electronics Show this week that feature Nano Cell Technology. The Nano Cells claim to deliver more accurate and realistic colors than previous LCD screens as well as providing wider viewing angles. Colors on the Nano Cell screens are said to be as the content creator intended as they can blend with neighboring colors, such as green mixing with blue and yellow, creating more of a cyan color on screen.

They will be available in March of this year, and I am sure they will be on sale at Midway Home Solutions in Victorville.

Lucky Blue Dice



We began the first dice draw of 2017 with none other than Gary Adams! Unfortunately, Gary drew a white dice.

Next week, we will continue with 12 dice and \$250 for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.



Raffle Prizes

Elana Rivera, one of our visiting Rotarians from the Barstow Club took home two prizes this week as she went away with a Regan Ranch Calendar from **Dwight Johnson** and a Water Infuser from **Marie Langley**.

Dwight also gave away a wildlife calendar that was won by **Jim Murray** and Marie also donated a DVMG lunch bag that will be used by **Tim Hille**, from the High Desert Marine Corps, who attended with **Don Lager**.

The final raffle prize of the day was the Midway Home Solutions \$25 gift card, that went to our President, **Dwight Johnson**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was back as our Fine Master this week and started by fining **Mike Page** \$10 for asking him at the last minute to be the Fine Master!

Steve Orr was up next with a whopping \$25 fine for getting **Gary Stater's** name wrong during introductions and **Jim Murray** was given a \$10 fine for not currently traveling. Jim then asked for it to be doubled, since his son, **Steve Murray** pays his fines. It was accepted.

Finally, Ryan gave **Jim Cox** a fine-free pass, claiming that he "felt sorry for him"....

Rotary Around Town



Rotary Club members Chris Ackerman and Doug Robertson run into each other on the Concourse at Citizens Business Bank Arena during a night of Ontario Reign Hockey on December 26!

Rotary Guests

Our veterans came out in force this week starting with **Garner Morris** and **David Ebel** from the VVTA. Local veterans also in attendance



were **Kelly Maxwell**, **Rory Agular**, **William Ponder** and **Robert Hart**. **Wally Linn** from Congressman Cook's office joined us as a guest of **Mike Page** and **Tim Hille**

from the High Desert Marine Corps joined us, as a guest of **Don Lager**.

We were also visited today by a group of Rotarians from the Barstow Club, led



by President **Jose Soto**, **Laurel Jordan** and **Bob McGinnis**. Other Barstow area Rotarians were **Elena Rivera** from the Greater

Hope Foundation and **Bill Hensley**, who was invited by **Sam Grandlienard**.

Still there were more guests! Local Realtor & Apple Valley Rotarian **Gary Stater** and **Bill Thomas** from the NAACP were in attendance as well as proposed member **MaryJean Miller** was with us once again with **Al Castellucci**. **Stefan Redar** from Hi Grade Materials was with us as guest of **Jon Hove**, **Steve Aquayo** was a guest of **Corey Beck**, and **Aaron Moore** from VVTA and former Hesperia Mayor **Mike Leonard** attended, both as guests of **Kevin Kane**.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Linda Hove** for **Jon Hove** and veteran **Curtis Green** for **Robert Lovingood**.



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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

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
WEDNESDAY:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 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
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

Feb 5: Super Bowl Party
Home of Russ and Gaylynn Stringham
Time TBA

Future Rotary Programs

Jan 10: Carrol Yule, Owner / Broker - Shear Real Estate
TOPIC: "Residential Real Estate Update: 2016/2017" (Page)
S.T.A.R. Students from Discover, Del Rey and Green Tree East

Jan 17: Tony Winkel, Senior Hydrogeologist, Mojave Water Agency
TOPIC: "The Hide and Seek River" (Page)

Jan 24: Public Safety Awards (Coomes)



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