

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



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TESTING TO HARVESTING: SCLA'S LIFE-CYCLE

The Southern California Logistics Airport has a long history attached to it. As we heard from Airport Director **Eric Ray**, SCLA is a true "Life-Cycle" Airport, where planes go from the cradle to the grave.

The Airport's history began way back in WWII, when it was used as a pilot and bombardier training facility, and officially became George Air Force Base in 1950, named in honor of Brigadier General Harold H. George. The Air Base was instrumental in all wars and conflicts that followed and provided a great economy for Victorville.

Unfortunately, the base was closed in 1992, and with that, over 7,500 jobs were lost, and was eventually re-branded as the Southern California Logistics Airport for the sole purpose of restoring lost jobs. Their goal is to create 10,000 new jobs there and are working hard to reach that!

There are actually two parts to the

Airport, the "On-Airport" side and the "Off-Airport side. Eric runs the "On" North side and shared about some of the companies who call SCLA their home. Boeing is far the largest tenant, utilizing over 200,000 sq ft of space, using the area for both storage and aircraft finishing. SCLA will be welcoming Boeing's latest achievement, the 777 at their facility as well. With the widest wingspan, with fold up wing tips, plus the G.E. Engine was actually tested at SCLA.

ComAV is the Airport's largest employer, which tackles two sides of a plane's life-cycle, by harvesting planes at the end of their service for parts that can be re-sold or recycled, but also fixes planes and bring them back into service.

One of Eric's favorite parts of being SCLA's Director is when film companies come to shoot. From commercials to major motion pictures (like the upcoming Chris Nolan film, "Tenet"), he loves it when filming is done there.

The "Off-Airport" side is managed by Stirling Development and is home to such companies as Keurig/Dr Pepper, Plastipak, Mars, Red Bull, Sparklets and Arden are just as few. In fact, Newell Rubbermaid have just expanded their footprint at SCLA with a larger facility. Outside the corporate manufacturing hub, the High Desert Power Project and the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority also call SCLA home.

In total over 45 companies and entities are located there and they have a 97% tenant occupancy, so the goal of 10,000 jobs will continue. Currently they are close to halfway to that goal, with 884 employed on the North Side and over 2,200 on the manufacturing side. SCLA has also helped the economy outside of Air Expressway, with the growth of restaurants, hotels and more that benefits the whole High Desert. The best news of all though is that Eric reported that as of 2019, SCLA is in the "black" and is now financially self sustaining!



This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Oscar Garcia**
- 4-Way Test: **Chris Ackerman**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

ORR'S ROARS



This week we had a great presentation from Eric Ray, Airport Manager for SCLA, where we heard not only the past and the present, but the future of the airport and industrial hub.

Bill Edwards shared more information this week about then upcoming Valentine's Dinner. Along with a choice of beef or fish, there will be gifts for all ladies in attendance plus we will be playing Valentine's Bingo, with gift card prizes! Sign up today and we look forward to love in the air on February 13th.

Don't forget, we still have Luci Lights available. Solar powered and frosted, these lights are great for camping, travel,

gifts and more. Only \$19 each and we'd like to get these sold, so please buy one, or two, or even five.

Have a great week!



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Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week, and began by giving the man he replaced at the last minute today, Terry Caldwell, a \$20 fine! Also penalized \$20 was Keith Metzler, who lobbed such huge softball questions to speaker Speaker Eric Ray from SCLA that you could drive a semi truck through them!

Next it was time for some social media \$20 fines. The first one went to our President Steve Orr, who's wife Patty Orr is constantly posting photos of Steve with a beer and cigar in his hand on an almost daily basis! Marilyn Buttelwerth was also fined, not for posting, but for liking all of Ryan's posts! Keith Metzler protested this, so he was given her fine, but not before he received another one! Although Keith doesn't do social media, his wife does and she posted photos of him with their daughter. David North was also given a fine for posting photos of his son's Homecoming evening. The final fine went to Kirsten Acosta (after she gave back the Spoon of Exemption) for waiting so long to ask Ryan to be a sponsor of the College's Hall of Fame Gala, after weeks of seeing sponsors posted already on social media! For those keeping score, Keith Metzler left the meeting collecting \$60 in fines!

Raffle

Kevin Kane brought some Victor Valley Transit chocolates what will be enjoyed by Stew Anderson and Ryan McEachron, while Ryan's sweet tooth will continue as he also won a VVTA draw-string backpack from Kevin, filled with more candy! The final raffle prize was the \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card donated by Jason Montana, that will be used by Bill Edwards.

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Big Blue Dice



Kevin Kane won the opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but he drew white and saved the money for another.

We will continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Spoon of Exemption

Kirsten Acosta had her final time with the Spoon and shared that the 2020 Scholarship Drive is now active, and one way to help to provide great scholarships is to be a sponsor at their Hall of Fame Gala. Once again there will be the return of the Lip Sync Battle! To get your tickets and find more about marketing opportunities at www.vvcf.com/hof2020



After that it was time to auction the Spoon for February. Kevin Kane started off the bidding at \$50, but David North came in with a bid of \$75. He will share information about area non profits with his Spoon time next month.

February Birthdays

Kevin Kane
Caroll Yule

February 14
February 19

February Anniversaries

Jim Cox
Don Lager
Steve Orr

50 Years
20 Years
7 Years

Rotary Super Bowl Party
Sun. February 2, 2020
2:00pm



Home of Russ & Gaylynn Stringham
16432 Vino Ct., Apple Valley
Event Counts as Fireside
No Costs • Guests Welcome

Ambassador Scholarship

Ambassador Scholarships are now here! If you know a student who lives in the area of District 5300, and are not in relation to a Rotarian, they are eligible to apply. The scholarship is for overseas studies, and the recipient receives a \$26,000 scholarship! The process is very challenging and whomever is selected, is supported by that area's Rotary Club, and must do a Service project from where the District decides to place them. If you know someone who this would benefit, please speak with Margaret Cooker.



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$26.00

Polio Pig: \$21.00 + Dice (Kevin Kane): \$5.00 = \$36.00

Collected to Date: \$17,060.41

Total equals: 95,232 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2019-2020	Steve Orr
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Grants/Speech Contests	TBA
Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Don Lager
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Steve Orr
Joshua Tree Editor	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

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 Adelanto 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, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs 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 2

Super Bowl Party @ 2pm

Home of Russ & Gaylynn Stringham
16432 Vino Ct, Apple Valley

Feb 13

Valentine's Dinner

6pm • El Pescador Victorville

May 1-3

Assembly and District Conference

Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

June 6-10 International Convention

Honolulu, Hawaii
Register through DaCDB

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Feb 4:

Cassandra Searcy, Homelessness Solutions
Coordinator, City of Victorville, **Topic:**
**“Alleviating Homelessness
Through Innovation and
Collaboration”** (Benson)
STAR Students

Feb 11:

Public Service Awards (DeAtley)
Ethics Essay Winner (Boyd)

Feb 18:

Dan Stover Music Contest - Club Level

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