



The Joshua Tree

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AI: GETTING INFORMATION OR SOMETHING NEFARIOUS

Artificial intelligence began in the 1950's at NASA collecting data and over the years began collecting more and more that would fill every library in the world and beyond. By 2010, AI would collect as much data daily and today through texts, email and more, artificial intelligence collects that same volume of information hourly! The programmers and engineers have walked away and now AI is learning on its own! **James Rightmire** shared the good, bad, and the ugly of this technology that is taking over the whole world, faster than we can even imagine.



Chat GPT from Microsoft is currently the leader in AI technology. Similar to a Google search, but instead of looking for information via websites, it obtains its information from data it has collected. James predicts by the end of this year, Chat GPT will overtake Google as the preferred method of getting information.

Artificial intelligence is a rapidly advancing field with the potential to revolutionize various aspects of human life in the next 5 years. Here are some potential benefits:

Improved Healthcare: AI has the potential to significantly improve healthcare by enabling more accurate diagnoses, personalized treatment plans, and faster drug discovery to assist doctors in making better decisions and improving patient outcomes. AI is something akin to a super doctor.

Enhanced Transportation: AI can revolutionize transportation by enabling autonomous vehicles, which have the potential to reduce accidents, traffic congestion, and emissions.

Enhanced Personal Assistance: AI-powered virtual assistants, like chatbots and voice assistants, can provide personalized and convenient assistance for tasks such as scheduling appointments, managing finances, and providing recommendations.

Increased Efficiency in Manufacturing and Automation: AI can optimize manufacturing processes through predictive maintenance, quality control, and automated workflows. AI-powered robots and automation systems can improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance productivity in industries such as manufacturing, logistics, and supply chain management.

Improved Agriculture and Food Production: AI can optimize agricultural processes by analyzing data on weather patterns, soil conditions, and crop health to improve planting strategies, irrigation, and pest control.

Personalized Education: AI can provide personalized learning experiences by adapting educational content to individual needs, preferences, and learning styles. You can get a University education on any subject for free!

However, it's important to note that AI also raises ethical, social, and regulatory concerns that need to be carefully addressed to ensure responsible and ethical development and deployment of AI technologies. These concerns need to be carefully addressed to ensure responsible and ethical development and deployment of AI technologies such as:

Bias and Fairness: AI systems can perpetuate or even amplify existing biases and inequalities. This can result in discriminatory outcomes in areas such as hiring, lending, and criminal justice.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman
Flag Salute: Bryan Gillespie
4-Way Test: Mike Johnson
Fine Master: Ryan McEachron

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ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to James Rightmire for such an engage presentation of Artificial Intelligence

and how it is affecting all of our lives, both good and bad. I am sure we will have you back very soon to give us more information on the future of AI.



We have been contacted by Air Force Services, as they are looking looking for people to give feedback on the proposals for further clean up of George Air Force Base. Please see myself or Steve Murray for more information.

I am excited to announce on Saturday, August 19th, as we will have another "Movie Night at the Hove's". More information is coming soon, but if you have never attended on of these events at the home of Jon & Linda Hove, please make plans to join us.

Margaret Cooker shared there is a new Rotary Pin available! If you donate \$100 a year towards Polio, you will receive a Paul Harris Society Pin.

Mike Page reminded Past Presidents there will be a meeting on Monday, May 1st at 5:30pm at Robar Enterprises. Please make plans to be there.

Super Build 2023 is coming up the weekend of June 10th. Please see Steve Murray if you'd like to take part.

Finally, "Act as if what you do makes a difference...it does".

Arsalee

Artificial Intelligence

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Ethical Decision-making: AI systems can make autonomous decisions that impact individuals and society, raising questions about the ethical implications of these decisions. For example, AI in autonomous vehicles may have to make life-or-death decisions in certain situations, which raises ethical dilemmas about who should be held responsible for the outcomes of such decisions.

Social Impact on Human Interaction: As AI technologies become more prevalent in our daily lives, there may be concerns about the impact on human interaction, relationships, and social dynamics. The next generation is being raised on screens and human interaction will become less and less prevalent.

Employment and Workforce Displacement: AI has the potential to automate tasks and jobs across various industries, which could lead to workforce displacement and job losses in certain sectors. If all 10 million truck drivers are replaced with autonomous vehicles, our economy would collapse.

As a result, jobs in jeopardy are routine repetitive jobs such as data entry, coding, manufacturing, customer support positions, delivery drivers, stock brokers plus retail and warehouse jobs, just to name a few. Of course there is also the potential misuse of personal information.

The future is here and now, but it is still unwritten. The question is, will the human race complete the story or will it be done by artificial intelligence?

Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Rob Kilpatrick** was the big winner leaving the meeting with a bottle of wine from **David North**, a Rotary sewing kit from **Stew Anderson** and a VTA bean bag phone holder from **Chris Ackerman**. Chris also gave away a Micro-Link collapsible water bottle which will be used by **Arsalee Morales**.

Stew donated a Rotary mug that will be enjoyed by **Steve Murray**, and Stew left the meeting with a bottle of wine from Mr. Murray! Give something, get something. Finally, **David North** went home with a Bob's Tire tumbler.



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Big Blue Dice



Bryan Gillespie had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

The pot continues to grow next week with 12 Dice and \$250 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Spoon of Exception

Steve Murray had the Spoon this week and reminded Rotarians that this is the season many get ready to travel in their RV's and the worst feeling for travelers is being stuck on the side of the road with blown bearings. Make sure you get them packed before heading out!

Rotary Guests

This week we met **Rod Goldman**, the new Director of Operations at VTA who attended with **Chris Ackerman**. **Kris Reilly** joined us as a guest of **Arsalee Morales**, and **Bo Goulet** invited fellow Realtor **Sako Nerrsessionian**. **Mike Page** brought his wife **Sharon Page** and **Andrea Tober** to the meeting and **Jon Hove** was joined by **Linda Hove**. Finally, James Rightmire brought **Steve Prichard** from El Dorado Broadcasters to the luncheon.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 1 to President Arsalee Morales.

Kyle Vizzo

Coldwell Banker Commercial - Real Estate Solutions: Industrial Realtor

Classification: Real Estate: Industrial

Sponsor: Bob Basen

May Birthdays

Arsalee Morales	May 13
Capt John Wickum	May 20
Pat Mark	May 29

May Anniversaries

Margaret Cooker	35 Years
Stew Anderson	33 Years
Kirsten Acosta	4 Years
Mike Johnson	1 Year

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and fined **Mike Johnson**, **Corey Beck** and **Jon Hove** each \$5 for explaining why or why not artificial intelligence would hurt their businesses. **Rob Kilpatrick** though, got hit with a \$20 penalty for being thrilled that AI would be able to draw perfect roads and he'd be free to fire employees for making mistakes!

Proposed Active Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 8 to President Arsalee Morales.

Chris Ackerman
Victor Valley Transit Authority
Senior Marketing Manager/PIO
Classification: Marketing: Public Transportation

Sponsors: Steve Murray

Change from Honorary to Active Status

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$9.00

Polio Pig: \$4 • Dice (Bryan Gillespie) \$5 = \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$19,712.52

Total equals: 100,413 Doses!

*One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
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President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
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Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
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Members-at-Large: David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Dawn Quigg
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Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, Jeff Armstrong and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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

May 5-6: District Conference
Horseshoe Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
4-Way Speech Contest (Saturday
Breakfast)
Dan Stover Music Contest (Saturday
Lunch)

May 8: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

June 24: Demotion Party
4:00pm • Home of Dan & Kris Dever

Upcoming Programs

May 2: Tony Winkel, Director of Water Resources, Mojave Water Agency
TOPIC "Mojave River Recent Storm Flows: Does This Solve Our Drought?" (Page)

May 9: Rob Kilpatrick, Dave Evans and Associates **TOPIC "TBA"** (Page)

May 16: Coldwell Banker Commercial Elementary School 4 Way Test Speech Competition (Basen)

May 23: OPEN

May 30: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting BJ's
Brewhouse • 5:30pm

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