



Rotary



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The Joshua Tree



May 7, 2019

PROTECTING US ON LAND, SEA AND AIR

Although we expected to hear from San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon this week, due to unforeseen circumstances, our local Captain and Rotarian **Rick Bessinger** came in at the 11th hour and gave a packed room some great information that showed how much more the Department does, other than arrest criminals.

Rick says that their Department has their own Air Force and Navy and he is not wrong! With 17 aircraft and a fleet of boats they have the air and water covered. In fact their pilots are trained in Fire & Rescue, and even have water dropping capabilities, so when the next brush fire happens, they are right on it.

The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department reach is expansive to say the least. From Chino Hills to the Colorado River, they patrol 20,000 square miles and protect over 2.1 million residents! To cover such a vast region they have 15 patrol stations and handle almost a million calls for service annually!

Now being an officer is more than catching the bad guy. The Department also has the H.O.P.E. (Homeless Outreach Program Enforcement) Program that assist our homeless with resources such as housing, mental health assistance

and more. Over the last year they have helped over a thousand homeless individuals, and got about 600 into necessary programs to help turn their situations around for the better.

An officer's duty also extends into the court of law, as some officers taken on the roles as Bailiffs to make sure trials and hearings run smoothly. Officers routinely work in our local detention centers keeping the guilty where they have been sentenced, behind bars. With an average daily inmate population of just over 6,000 they handle over 80,000 bookings a year. The bright light in this area is that they were able to get 18,000 of those inmates into rehabilitation programs over the past year.

Another success for the Department is the 21 field operations they have done in the prevention of human trafficking. In these operations they have arrested 50 human traffickers and rescued 42 victims, where 21 of them were female teenagers!

Thanks to Captain **Rick Bessinger** and his entire staff at the Sheriff's Department for all that you do putting your lives on the line daily.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Jonathan Belgarde**

Flag Salute: **Chris Ackerman**

4-Way Test: **Oscar Garcia**

Finemaster: **Mark Taylor**

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COOKER'S CORNER



After the wonderful time I had at this year's District Conference, it warmed my heart to have such a packed room for this week's meeting as we honored S.T.A.R. Students and heard from our own Captain **Rick Bessinger!**

While many things are going on in our Club right now, I want to take this time to wish a fond farewell to **Mark Taylor**, who has been a member of this Club for many years. This week was his last time with us as a member and Fine Master, as he and his wife Donna will be moving to the Lake Havasu area next week. Mark will continue his Board service until June 30th. Mark, you have been an asset to us, and you will be sorely missed.



Finally, the thought for the week is, "Studies show that Smiling increases life expectancy... so smile more!".

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$28.00

Polio Pig: \$23.00 + Dice (Ryan McEachron): \$5.00 = \$28.00

Collected to Date: \$16,314.22

Total equals: 93,899 Doses!

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



DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Congratulations to..well...us! Our Club was honored at District Conference this past weekend to be awarded the Silver Award Designation for the Rotary Foundation and the Gold Award for Club Service Vocational! Thank you Rotarians for your hard work and dedication that allowed us to earn these recognitions.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 20th to President Margaret Cooker.

Kirsten Acosta

Position: Director of Fund Development

Company: Victor Valley College Foundation

Classification: NGO: Foundation

Sponsor: Steve Orr

SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Jim Barnes won the Spoon for \$120 and spent his first week sharing that next Tuesday is the 47th Anniversary of B&B Cycles! B&B specializes in Honda, Yamaha, and Husqvarna motorcycles, plus Seadoos and much more!

Visit them online at BandBcycles.com or call their shop at 760-241-7387.



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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Ryan McEachron won the chance to get the Blue Dice, but came up short with another white die.

We continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 up for grabs for a lucky Rotarian who wins the chance.

FINE SESSION

Due to time constraints, Fine master **Mark Taylor** only had time for one fine, which he gave to **Arsalee Morales** in the amount of \$25, in celebration of her upcoming 25th Birthday!

RAFFLE

A ton of raffle prizes were given away this week, starting with a bag of Skittles that was won by **Margaret Cooker**, who gave it to STAR Student **Mikayla Havens**! **Sara Rojas** from Kindred Hospice went away with some great prizes including a copy of "Transparent Leader III" from **Dwight Johnson**, a flower pot from **Bill Edwards** and a SB County Sheriff's Cup from **Capt. Rick Bessinger**. Also winning assorted gifts from the Sheriff's Department consisting of pens, notepads, coasters, koozies, and even a Fidget Spinner included **Ryan McEachron** (who took home the "spinner"), **Matthew Farias**, and assorted guests. Two of our visiting teachers even took home a Starbucks Gift Card from **Steve Orr** and the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager**!

Jim Doltar will enjoy his new Orchid Flower he won courtesy of **Bill Edwards**, and **Jim Murray** will be making good use of the Kindred Hospice Travel Big he received from **Sarah Rojas**!

ROTARY GUESTS

Along with our teachers, S.T.A.R. Students and their families, we welcomed from the Victor Valley Sheriff's Department **Maria Rodriguez**, **John Wickum** and **George Herbert**. We also welcomed Apple Valley Rotarian **Sam Pulice** from Mojave Printing who was attending with his wife, Helendale Elementary teacher **Diana Pulice**. Also in attendance was **Harrison Hove** with father **Jon Hove**, **Suzi Bailey** who sat with **Dr. Ron Boyd** and **Garrett Bergthold** who was a guest of **Kevin Kane**.

Our Stand-in this week was **Sarah Rojas** for **Lauretta Tkaczyk**.

S.T.A.R. STUDENTS



This week we honored S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale Elementary, Riverside Preparatory and Victor Valley Christian School. **Jim Barnes** led the proceedings and certificates were handed out from **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** from Robert Lovingood's office and **Kimberly Mesen** from Paul Cook's office.

From Helendale Elementary we honored **Felipe Aguilar-Urbina** for his improvement in academics, behavior and attitude, **Melany Jaurequi** for her reading advancements and **Angel Ramirez** for his positive attitude and persistence to improve his studies.

Over at Riverside Prep recognized students included **Armani Jeffery** has gone from D's and F's to C's and B's in less than one school year, **Jocelyn Meza** who has been improving steadily in math and **Rose Race** who maintains a positive attitude while struggling in speech and reading, plus a member of the Cadet Corps!

Finally at Victor Valley Christian we honored **Mikayla Havens** has grown both academically and socially this school year. Congrats to all Students!

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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 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, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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

- May 11: Food Packaging Project**
9:00am
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds - Bldg 2
- May 18: Super Build**
- May 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- July 13: New Year Celebration**
At the Scott's Home in SVL • 4:00pm
Bring Friends, Family, + Potential Members

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- May 14:** Danny Garcia, San Bernardino County Sheriff
Department **TOPIC: "Cultural Diversity"**
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- May 21: OPEN**

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