



# The Joshua Tree



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## The New Age of Identity Fraud

Technology continues to evolve year after year, but unfortunately with the advancements in the digital age, so does the criminal activity out in the world and on the Internet.

**Deputy Stephen Kessler** with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department visited the Club this week to alert members of the latest trends and frauds in identity theft.



Right now the biggest target are seniors and kids. Seniors are affected by this due to their lack of knowledge in some areas of digital technology, while our kids now have a much different idea of what is considered "private" due to the growth of the social media boom. They just don't understand what is and what isn't personal information anymore.

Email scams are still the number one way thieves get access into our computers, steal information and wreak havoc. One of the best ways to counteract this is by have three email's, one for work, one for personal family and close friends only, and one for junk. The junk email is the one to use for any online shopping you do, or for signing up for anything.

Solicitation scam emails come in many forms, such as alerts of an overseas lottery winning, an inheritance, or business investment. Any time you get these type of email's, look for the "Top Level Domain", such as emails ending in .jp (means it's actually coming from Japan), .au (Australia), .ru (Russia) and more. Of course NEVER open an attachment that doesn't look right, it can cause a massive virus, and allow criminals access to your computer to steal credit card information and much more. Sometimes these also come in the form of a text message or a phone call. If it doesn't seem right... it probably isn't.

Always do online searches for any unsolicited company contacting you. Look for reviews and keywords like "complaint" or "scam". Know that these scammers can sometime manipulate your Caller ID, so the name you see might not be real. If anyone asks you for personal information or money, hang up.

Nowadays everybody pays for something online, and most credit cards now have fraud protection built in, but some payment methods do not. Be wary of people asking you to use wire services like Western Union, MoneyGram, or reloadable cards like MoneyPak and others, as those are not protected and any legitimate company would never ask you to pay that way.

The Internet can be full of wonder and discovery, but can also be dangerous and treacherous, and as we were told as children, always be aware of your surroundings.

### This Week's Functionaries

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| <b>Invocation:</b>  | <b>Capt. Joe Alvarez</b> |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | <b>Mark Taylor</b>       |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | <b>Jim Doltar</b>        |
| <b>Song:</b>        | <b>Al Castellucci</b>    |
| <b>Finemaster:</b>  | <b>Jim Barnes</b>        |

## Dwight's Writes



Technology does a great many things in our world, but with the good, comes the bad. I want to thank **Deputy Stephen Kessler** for speaking to the Club this week on the latest warnings in Identity Fraud.

As a reminder, scholarship dollars are still being collected through the Club. This is a great outreach we do in our community, and I ask that you consider helping these students reach their goals to be our next future leaders. Please see **Margaret Cooker** for more information.



Birthday cards were given out at this week's meeting to **Captain Joe Alvarez, Jim Barnes** and **Arsalee Morales**. Best wishes from First Lady **Trish Johnson** and myself.

**Jon Hove** gave a Membership Moment this week, reminding all of us that we only have a few weeks left until the end of our Rotary Year, and we need a few more new members to reach our goal. Please remember to invite everyone you know.

Finally, the thought of the week is "It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

- Henry David Thoreau

# ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Raffle Prizes

At this week's raffle, **David North** took home a copy of "212 Degrees" from **Ryan McEachron**, and the Alaska USA bag and chip clip went away with **Jim Doltar**. Ryan himself won a Alaska USA tumbler, as did **Jon Hove**. **Robin Cackler** will enjoy some shopping with the \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card she received from **Don Lager**, and **Brad Poiriez** will relax with a new music CD, that he won from President **Dwight Johnson** at El Dorado Broadcasters.

## Rotary Guests

Along with all of the S.T.A.R. Student families, and



appearances from our elected officials, we were beyond honored to welcome **Dwight Johnson, Sr.**, author and 53 year Rotarian! Dwight Sr., presented

the Club with a \$100 check to the Foundation, shared how proud he was of his son and gave a piece of history, that Dwight's Great Grandfather started the Denver Rotary Club in 1914!

Our Stand-in this week was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$25.00**

Polio Pig: \$20 + Dice (Robin Cackler): \$5.00 = \$25.00

**Collected to Date: \$15,251.93**

**Total equals: 91,550 Doses!**

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

# Lucky Blue Dice



Lady Luck Robin Cackler received the chance to grab some big money, but drew another white dice.

We continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

# Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master but due to time, was only able to give out one fine, and that went to the back



table for being loud and talkative during the meeting. Those fined \$10 were Rosanne Weathers, Brad Poiriez, Arsalee Morales and David North. Steve Orr was the only one at the table not fined for trying to keep them all quiet. Uh huh.

# Spoon of Exemption

# MIDWAY HOME SOLUTIONS

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Don Lager shared this week that on Thursday, May 24th, Midway Home Solutions has a "Private Customer Sale". If you receive an invitation in the mail, you will be invited to this special sale with great deals and more. If you do not, there will be a public sale on Friday the 25th. In addition to that, all La-Z Boy recliners are on sale this month.

# S.T.A.R. Students

The Club honored the final S.T.A.R. Students for the Rotary Year by recognizing kids from Puesta del Sol, Riverside Prep and Victor Valley Christian School. Handing out certificates, we were joined by **Chris Nunez** from Jay Obernolte's office, **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** from Robert Lovingood's office and Victorville **Mayor Gloria Garcia**.

**Maureen Mills** from the VESD recognized students from Puesta del Sol. **Analyse Moreno** has improved 100% in and out of class. **Synia**



**Smith** has improved greatly and is a model student while **Tiffanie Williams** has shown great growth in Social Studies.

At Riverside Prep, **Heather Vennes** honored **Victoria**



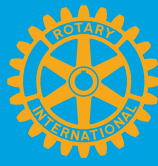
**Licea** for developing a strong desire and ability to excel in math. Meanwhile, **Florence Moreno** has made more of an effort this year and

has been more focused academically, while **Symphony Quinlan** has improved this semester in her schoolwork to a passing grade of a B.

Over at Victor Valley Christian, **Pastor Sarah Maes** recognized **David Borja** for his drive to grow both academically and socially, and also joined the Junior High Boys basketball team!



Thanks to **Jim Barnes, Maureen Mills, Robin Cackler** and our officiants, for recognizing our S.T.A.R. Students throughout this past school year.



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2016-2018 .....	Dwight Johnson
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Vocational Service/Speech Contests .....	Ryan McEachron

### Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove  
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Robin Cackler
Flowers and Gifts .....	Trish Johnson
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

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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, Quigley's, 2841 Lenwood Road, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- May 14:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- May 18-  
May 20** **District Conference**  
Queen Mary, Long Beach

## Future Rotary Programs

- May 15:** Ryan Orr, Community Relations and Education Supervisor, Mojave AQMD  
**TOPIC: "Hot Air: Past, Present and Future of Air Quality in the High Desert"** (Page)  
Dr. Dale Marsden Elementary 4-Way Test
- May 22:** Michael Stevens, Community Advocate  
**TOPIC: "Community Engagement: The Key to Safer Communities"** (Page)
- May 29:** **Special Evening Rotary Meeting** (TBA)
- June 5:** **OPEN**
- June 12:** Don Ferrarese, Former Major League Pitcher  
**TOPIC: "More Stories From My Time in the Big Leagues- Encore Presentation"** (Page)

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