



The Joshua Tree



August 6, 2019

THE PAST AND PRESENT OF AIR MEDICAL

When you are awoken in the middle of the night with a helicopter flying over your house, there is a good chance it may be Mercy Air, doing their job! This week we heard from **Mark Driscoll**, the head of Business Development for the Southern California branch of the company; joined by associate **Jaime Villar**.

They began by sharing that the first recorded Air Medical transport occurred as far back as 1917 during WWI! During the second World War, R4 helicopters were used; in the Korean War

in 1947, Bell Helicopters were the preferred air medical transport and during the Vietnam War in 1966, the Huey copter was used. During the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, the now infamous Black Hawk helicopters were deployed, as they were finally able to airlift multiple injured people at once.

In the Air Medical industry, over 1,100 flights are used per day in the United States,

taking people with traumatic injuries, stroke, heart attack victims and much more through the air to get the life saving treatment they need. The company also goes through rigorous training with hospitals and first responders, to make sure it's a seamless operation once it is needed.

Mercy Air is literally a flying ICU and ER, but it doesn't end with helicopters. For longer flights, they are also equipped with a fixed wing aircraft to take injured people across states to specialists.

The company does two main types of work. Once is over the scene of accidents, they will pick up the injured to transport them to the hospital or trauma center, and also as an inter-facility transfer, taking a patient from a hospital to a different or specialized medical facility.

Mercy Air clinical teams operate under the direction of a team of medical directors, ensuring the best possible outcome for patients. The flight team consists of an EMS pilot, a critical care registered nurse with experience in emergency and ICU nursing, and a flight paramedic with at least 5 years experience. The team goes into operation if the ground transport time will exceed 30 minutes, a prolonged extrication, remote location, or if the patient requires an advanced level of care.

The great news is about 70% of patients that need air medical services through Mercy Air, never have to pay a dime out of pocket! Right now there are 5 helicopters in the High Desert, ready to help when called.

On top of all of this Mark ended his talk with a great gift! Because he believes so passionately in what Rotary does, for our Casino Royale Fundraiser, he has offered an auction item of a helicopter ride for 2, taking off in Vegas with a trip over Hoover Dam, Lake Mead with a Champagne lunch at the bottom of the canyon and a sunset flight back to Las Vegas!



This Week's Functionaries

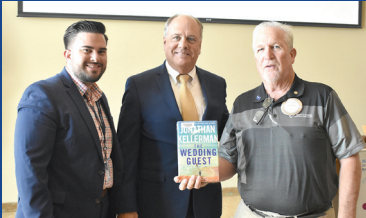
Invocation:	Matthew Farias
Flag Salute:	Oscar Garcia
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Finemaster:	Ryan McEachron

ORR'S ROARS



After the fantastic 5th Tuesday Rotary meeting at BJ's, it was great to see a full house to hear Mercy Air share all that they do, but also I cannot say thank you enough to Mark

Driscoll for his generous auction item for our Fall Fundraiser!



Speaking of our fundraiser, we still need volunteers, as well as live & silent auction items for the Casino Royale! This is the theme for our Annual Fundraiser, which will be held on September 21st at the Spring Valley Lake Community Center. We are looking for Rotarians who would like to be a part of the committee and assist in its success! This is our largest fundraiser of the year so we need all hands-on deck! Please see committee chair Bill Edwards for more information.

Steve Murray and Dan Dever are holding a Fun Rotarian River Trip on September 13-15. See either Steve or Dan for more information.

Until next week, be kind to others and show them what being a Rotarian is all about!

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Raffle

Ryan McEachron will be doing some shopping this week with the \$25 Midway gift card he won from **Jason Montana** and **Terry Caldwell** will enjoy reading his copy of 'The Transparent Leader III' he received from **Dwight Johnson**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and began by giving a pass to **Keith Metzler, Steve Orr** and **Dr. Ron Williams** for showing up at his wife's grand opening of the RB21 Learning Center in Victorville, but that did not extend to **Mike Page** who was given a \$20 fine due to the news that the St. Mary Victorville Campus was "On Hold".



Brad Poiriez celebrated his 3rd Rotary Anniversary with a \$30 fine, and finally, **David North** paid \$25 in honor of his silver wedding anniversary.

In the end, Ryan ended his Fine Session by reminding members to pick up some LUCI Lights, a great item as well as fundraiser for our Club. Only \$18!

Blue Badge

Congratulations to **Matthew Farias** from the Salvation Army who took the next step in his Rotary journey, as he removed his red badge and accepted his Blue Badge of advancement. Congratulations Matthew!



ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Big Blue Dice



The pot continues to grow as Russ Stringham had a chance for the big money, but drew a white dice instead!

We will continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Spoon of Exemption

Dwight Johnson handed over the Spoon this week, and Ryan McEachron led the auction for someone to take over the Spoon for the month of August. It was slow going, starting the Spoon off at \$50, which was eventually taken by Oscar Garcia. Steve Orr challenged him for it, but in the end, Oscar took it for this month in the amount of \$100.



Oscar reminded Rotarians that Elementum Services handles all fire, water, and wind damage restoration services. They also have free estimates, so if you are in need of their services call 800-319-9022.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$10.00

Collected to Date: \$16,558.79

Total equals: 94,288 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Lezli Roberts** from the St Mary Medical Center Foundation who attended as a guest of **Mike Page** and **Bowtie Brian** had **Shawn Smith** from Western University at his table. Finally, we were blessed once again to have visiting Rotarian **Clement Arito** in attendance.

Our Stand-in this week was **Jason Montana** who attended for **Don Lager**.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORVILLE PRESENTS

CASINO ROYALE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 SVL COMMUNITY CENTER
5PM WINE TASTING | 6PM DINNER 12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE

Wine Tasting | Casino Games | Live Music
Dinner | Live Auction | Silent Auction

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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, 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

Aug 19: Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Sept 21: Casino Royale Club Fundraiser

6:00 pm
Spring Valley Lake Community Center

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Aug 13: Sharon Page, The HR Edge **TOPIC: "Top 10 HR Decisions (that you put off) that could destroy your business"** (Page)

Aug 20: District Governor Luanne Arredondo (Orr)

Aug 27: San Bernardino County Public Defender Christopher Gardner **TOPIC: "Community Engagement with San Bernardino County's Public Defender"** (Page)

Sept 3: Tom McCarthy, General Manager Mojave Water Agency **TOPIC: "Update on the California Water Fix and what it means to the High Desert"** (Page)
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