



The Joshua Tree



October 17, 2017

Giving of Your Time and Talents to the Army

Coming to the rescue after a zero hour cancellation, **Thomas Hallin**, President of ITM Mobile and Board Member of the Association of the US Army (AUSA) High Desert Chapter, came to speak to the Club.

You do not need to be a member of the Army to be part of the Association, as the Swedish born Thomas is a perfect example. They began in the 1950's as a private association, to be a voice for the U.S. Army, focusing on development and engagement in the local community. Currently there are over 200 Chapters of the AUSA all over the world and the newest Chapter opened on February 14th this year in Houston, Texas.



The High Desert Chapter serves all of San Bernardino County, but over the

past few years, most of their focus has been in Barstow, at the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin. This year, they are now reaching out to all communities in the High Desert.

The Association is made up of soldiers and spouses, Army Veterans, as well as Army National Guard, Reserves and even ROTC students. Joining them are private citizens, community partners, and young professionals.

Some of the issues they deal with and provide support for is making sure that when a Reserve Soldier leaves on duty, that his or her job will be safe and waiting for them when they return, and help those Army personnel and their families, who actually live on welfare and struggle to make ends meet. Recently they held a fundraiser golf tournament at Ashwood Golf Course, and out of the 144 golfers, 55 of them were from the Army, and their golfing was paid for by sponsors! In December, they will be holding a Baby Expo for Army families, with diapers, car seats, formula and more provided by donors and vendors.

They also help with the hiring process after a career in the Army is completed. They help educate potential employers and HR Departments on warning signs of PTSD and how to handle it and assist these new civilians in finding a place to live if they need it. Just this week, there was a deployment from Ft. Irwin and the Association will be taking their families on outings, like Universal Studios Theme Park, while they are away.

In June of 2018 they will be celebrating the U.S. Army's 243rd Birthday by holding a huge outdoor concert for 1,000 invited guests featuring a major country music superstar! Find out how you can be involved at www.ousa.org/ntc.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Mike Johnson
- Flag Salute:** Jon Schuler
- 4-Way Test:** Brad Poiriez
- Song:** Al Castellucci
- Finemaster:** Dwight Johnson

Dwight's Writes



Huge thank yous go out this week to our guest speaker **Thomas Hallin** from the AUSA High Desert Chapter, who came in a pinch to speak to our group after the scheduled speaker canceled at 11am and to **Rosanne Weathers**, who worked so hard to get Thomas at the zero hour!

This week I was able to give birthday cards to **Jim Cox** and **Gary Adams**, courtesy of First Lady **Trish Johnson**.



Russ Stringham let the Club know about a multi-Rotary Club Fireside with District Governor **Raghada Khoury** that will take place on Wednesday, October 25 in the Rotary Garden at the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce office. All food and drink has been paid for, but Russ needs an exact head count on who will be attending, so contact him if you'll be there.

Please do not forget the importance of donating to our Teacher Mini Grants this November. Please sponsor at least one teacher with a \$300 mini grant, or more if you are led.

Finally, my thought of the week is "It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little...do whatever you can!"

- Sydney Smith

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Christmas Party



Dr. Roger Wagner made the official announcement this week that we will be gathering once again at 5:30pm on Tuesday, December 5th for our Annual Rotary Christmas Party, that will be held at El Pescador. The food choices this year will be Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Prime Rib, and it will be casual attire. In addition to music, we will also be playing a game of Christmas Bingo where there will be a chance to win an Acer Travel Mate Laptop, an Amazon Fire Tablet or a Vera Bradley Mini Purse!

The cost for the Party has yet to be determined, so please check back for that and additional information next week.

Membership Moment

Jon Hove unveiled this week a new yearly chart to drive attendance and encourage new memberships in a visual format. He will chart 60 potential members brought as guests, member applications filled out and the ultimate goal, 30 new Rotarians this year.



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$14,500.17

Total equals: 90,047 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



We have another Winner! We restarted the "Lucky Blue Dice" this week and the first one up was Donna Wells, and lo and behold she grabbed the Blue Dice and went home with an extra \$200 in her purse!

We start again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Dwight Johnson had to fill in as the Fine Master this week, as scheduled F.M. Mark Taylor was unable to attend. Using his Presidential power, Dwight gave every Rotarian a Full Pardon and no fines were given.

Raffle Prizes

This week, Jon Hove was the big raffle prize winner as he took home the Midway Home Solutions \$25 gift card and a 2018 Ronald Regan Calendar from Dwight Johnson. Dwight also donated a bottle of Fulton's Harvest Pumpkin Spice Cream Liqueur that will be enjoyed by Donna Wells.



Finally, Jim Mettler donated a \$50 gift card to Lucille's BBQ in Ontario that was meant to go to the Wine, Jazz and More event, but got misplaced, so it was raffled off this week and the winner of a BBQ dinner was Jim Murray!

Spoon of Exemption

Bill Edwards was down to only 25 free premiere movie tickets to "Same Kind of Different as Me" this week, and gave them away by the end of the meeting. Rotarians, community leaders and friends had a wonderful time at the premiere at Cinemark Jess Ranch. The movie was as inspirational as Bill promised.



Rotary Guests

This week, we welcomed Captain Joe Alvarez, the new head of the Victorville Salvation Army, who attended as a guest of Dwight Johnson. Steve Orr brought co-worker Susannah Meehan from Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group and Dr. Ron Williams had Chelsea Smith at his table. Our speaker Thomas Hallin from ITM Mobile brought his partner Ita Grossmann, who had just arrived from their corporate office in Sweden! Our Stand-Ins this week were Jason Montana, in the place of Don Lager, Chad Harrington for Robert Barton and Jimmy Smith for Mark McKay.

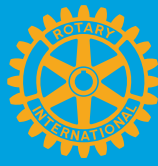
Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. October 23 to President Dwight Johnson.

James "Jim" Doltar
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Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Billing Officer	Rosanne Weathers
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Teresa Coomes
R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Ryan McEachron
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Four Way Speech Contest	TBD
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
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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 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, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 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

- Oct. 23: Past Presidents Meeting**
5:30pm, El Pescador Restaurant Bar
- Oct. 25: Fireside with District Governor Raghada Khoury**
5:00pm, Apple Valley Chamber Of Commerce
16010 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley
- Nov. 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Dec. 5: Rotary Christmas Party**
5:30pm, El Pescador Restaurant

Future Rotary Programs

- October 24:** Raghada Khoury, Rotary District Governor,
TOPIC: "Report on Peace Conference & Avenues of Service"
- October 31:** David Wilkerson, Victor Valley College
Professor, **TOPIC: "Right to Vote: from the Colonial Period to the Present"**
(Wagner)
- Nov 7:** Robert Lovingood, San Bernardino 1st District
Supervisor, **TOPIC: "Veterans Day Recognition"** (Wagner)
- Nov 14:** **Dan Stover Music Contest**
S.T.A.R. Students

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