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THE JOSHUA TREE

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Activating the Emergency Operations Center

This week **Dan Munsey** took us to the Emergency Operations Center, located in Hesperia, which covers the desert region of San Bernardino County. The location the Club met at for our off-site is their secondary location, with the main office in Rialto. The reason for two locations is quite simple, the Cajon Pass. An earthquake, fire, flood or even a major traffic accident could cut us off from county assistance, so having a separate center is imperative to handle emergencies here in our High Desert.

Cindy Serrano, the Assistant Manger is in charge of the day-to-day operations, along with her boss. The E.O.C.'s mission is to strengthen county-wide emergency management capabilities to ensure protection of life and property before, during and after disasters. Before a disaster hits, Cindy and her staff look at any incident, such as a fire, and look at the path, homes, weather, and other such circumstances to determine whether to label it a disaster and then go into action. The area they cover is vast; 24 cities, over 60 unincorporated communities and over 20,000 square miles of desert landscape. Not only do they have to deal with the Cajon Pass and desert, but also mountain terrains, wind factors, and the San Andreas Fault!

Once a disaster hits, it is up to **Marc Peren** to put the Response team into action! The Response Team gathers intelligence and planning through resource requests in the region and state, as well as set up shelters and ICP's, Incident Command Posts. They also take care of damage estimates, and re-population efforts after a disaster strikes.

There is also a huge outreach from the Center into our own community to take part in helping during a crisis. In the recent fires, both our local Home Depot and VVTA took a major role to help displaced residents have a place to go, and allow them to get the services they desperately needed.

Luckily, disasters are few and far between, but as we saw during the Blue Cut Fire, when it does happen the Emergency Operations Center is ready and prepared to handle the situation. Next time, your TV show or radio station is interrupted by those famous words, "This is a test of the Emergency Broadcast System..", You will know they are hard at work to help our community prepare.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Dan Munsey
4-Way Test:	Marie Langley
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

This week was a very informative off-site meeting at the Emergency Operations Center, although I do suspect this large gathering on

Thanksgiving week was there for another reason...

Speaking about this week's meeting, a huge thanks to Third Generation Taco for the delicious food that was served. Look for their first restaurant opening in December at the Apple Valley Airport.



Our Christmas Party is just around the corner and I'd love to have you there! Thursday, December 1st at 5:30pm at El Pescador. You have the choice or Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon, as well as Wine and Sees Candy! Please join us for this festive evening. \$45 per person.

The clock is winding down fast and we still need Rotarians to pick up their Angel Tree tags for needy children in the High Desert. I need every member to pick up at least one tag to match our goal from last year. Please remember all gifts are due back by the Christmas Party of December 1st. You may also drop them off at the Salvation Army in Victorville.

As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, we all have a lot to be thankful for, but some are also in need of our prayers. Van Young's son-in-law Nick was just diagnosed with a brain tumor. Rotarian Cherie Range is in the hospital with back issues and former member Janice Olsen is at St. Mary Hospital, where the word is that she is gravely ill. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Make the present good, and the past will take care of itself." - Knute Rockne

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was Fine Master once again and started off by trying to fine Gary Adams for his cell phone going off during the meeting, but alas it was the E.O.C. phone, so Gary was spared. Don Lager was congratulated for his great mixer, and in turn was not given a fine as well. Kevin Kane was not so lucky. During the question and answer portion of today's meeting, Kevin asked a question that focused on transportation, which prompted the staff to mention what a great help VVTA was during the Blue Cut Fire. That blatant push for a plug earned him a \$10 fine. The only other fine went to the now vacationing Margaret Cooker, who received a \$40 fine for her birthday next week!

BILLING OFFICER VOLUNTEER NEEDED

It has been announced that Jennifer Starbuck will be moving North soon, and will leave at the end of the year. We are now in need of a volunteer to help us in the billing chain for proper checks and balances. It does not require a lot of your time, but provides a valuable task. Please see Margaret for more info.

Lucky Blue Dice



WINNER! A lot of tickets were sold today, but in the end Mark Taylor had the winning ticket and now \$525 in his pocket!

Next week, we start anew with 13 white dice and \$200 if a lucky Rotarian can draw the one Blue Dice from the bag.



Raffle Prizes

The opening act to the Big Dice Draw this week, was a great selection of raffle prizes! Combo gifts of Salvation Army coffee mugs from **Van Young** and Desert Valley Medical flashlight extenders from **Rosanne Weathers** went to **Margaret Cooker** and **Donna Wells**. Donna also won a Salvation Army water bottle and some popcorn from **Marie Langley** at Desert Valley Hospital, as did **Kevin Kane**. Kevin also took home a cup of chocolates from **Mary Hennessy** from Gentiva Hospice.

Russ Stringham was a big winner this week, when he took home a DVMG water infuser & flashlight extender, a VVTA bicycle themed thumb drive & water bottle and finally a VVTA travel mug!

Don Lager was also a big winner as he won a digital download card for the new Rascal Flatts Christmas Album, *The Greatest Gift of All*, a water infuser and a VVTA USB hub device! Finally this week, **Chris Ackerman** took away the Midway Home Solutions \$25 gift card.



See's Candy Discount

Now is the time to start your gift giving with discounted boxes of candy for Rotarians from See's Candy. Pick up an order sheet from **Margaret Cooker**.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Nathalie Young**, wife of **Major Van Young**, **Jim Coomes**, husband of **Teressa Coomes** and **Sam Pulice** from the Rotary Club of Apple Valley.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$7.00

Collected to Date: \$13,681.40

Total equals: 88,410 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Spoon of Exemption

The Salvation Army is more than just money kettles at Christmas time, as we found out this week from **Major Van Young**, who had another week with the Spoon.

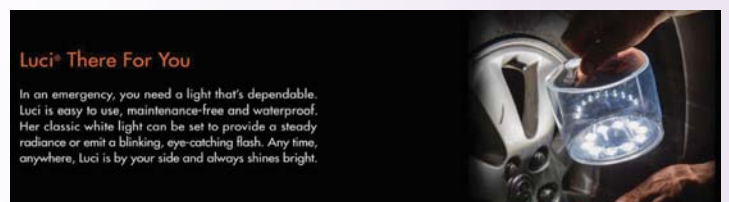


Some of these different programs consist of disaster relief, recovery facilities for addiction, social services, human trafficking and a huge database for the location of missing persons.

In other countries, there are still orphanages and hospitals that are run by the Salvation Army. In fact, the Salvation Army is located in 128 countries and covers 147 languages!



CLEAR \$16.20 each pick-up or + postage **Dec 2015 SALE \$14.00**



FROSTED \$22.14 each pick-up or plus postage **Dec 2015 SALE \$20.00**



COLORS \$27.54 pick-up or plus postage **Dec 2015 SALE \$25.00**



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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, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 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

Dec 1: 2016 Club Christmas Party
5:30pm • \$45 per person
Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse
Meal Choices: Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Prime Rib or Salmon

Future Rotary Programs

Nov. 29: Anthony Bonato, Victor Valley College
Construction Technology Faculty Member
**TOPIC: "Working Together to Build
a Home for Habitat for Humanity"**
(Wagner)

Dec 6: Teacher Mini Grants (A. Anderson)
TLC Students Talk about Experience

Dec 13: Christmas Music Program

Angle Tree 2016



Please help a local High Desert family have a Christmas this year, by picking up an Angel Tree tag for one person, or for a whole family, and spread some holiday cheer to those in need in the High Desert.

See Stew Anderson or Van Young for more information.

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