



Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



The Joshua Tree



December 12, 2017

Behind the Fence at SCLA

If you Google "Southern California Logistics Airport", you will see a lot of the same word used in conjunction with the old George Air Force Base; that word is "Bone Yard." After Rotarians heard from City of Victorville's **Sophie Smith** on what really happens behind the restrictive fence at SCLA, no one will think of that term again.

Sophie and her staff have a very specific role to market the airport in the region and attract new business for the aviation side. A partnership with Stirling Development, has opened the door for other type of industrial businesses in the area. Some of the great tenants they have are General Electric (GE) and Boeing. Both of these

companies use SCLA for flight testing operations. The reason why the airport is so attractive to them is because the location is restrictive air space for commercial airlines, so they can do unlimited testings in the air without concern of being in a plane's flight path. Known to our Club and in the community, ComAV use their facility for asset management. With over 240 acres to work with, they use their space to store and maintain aircraft until they are called out in the field. Another large company is Industrial Aerospace Coating (IAC), who use SCLA to paint aircrafts.

Businesses are not the only ones using the airport. The Federal Bureau of Prisons use the airport to transport prisoners to other facilities around the country, and our military use the area as a secondary landing strip for UAV's, which we all know as Drones.

Education is a big component at SCLA as well. Partnering with VVC, the Airframe and Power Plant School contains a lab and classroom, educating students for their FAA certification, for a career in aircraft maintenance. First responders such as Police, Fire and SWAT, use the old housing barracks for training drills.

Finally, the world of entertainment is a huge factor for the airport. Behind the scenes commercials, music videos and movies are shot with some of Hollywood's biggest stars, while the rest of the High Desert remains unaware. Southwest Airlines, Oceans 11, Fast and Furious, and Rhianna are just some of the productions filmed at SCLA.

To arrange your own tour behind the fence at SCLA for your company or organization, contact the City of Victorville Economic Development Department at (760) 955-5032.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Bill Edwards
4-Way Test:	Brad Letner
Song:	Al Castellucci
Finemaster:	Jim Barnes

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Dwight's Writes



You wouldn't know it by driving down Air Expressway, but thanks to **Sophie Smith**, we are now all aware of just what happens behind the restrictive area of SCLA. Thank

you Sophie and everyone at the City who works hard to make SCLA a viable part of the High Desert.



Jon Hove gave a membership moment this week and had some positive news to share. We have upped attendance lately and continue to



invite some great prospective members!

I was pleased to recognize **Rigo** from El Pescador this week for the continuing



selfless work of the restaurant. Two weeks ago, at our Teacher Mini-Grant Program, Rigo and his staff chose to feed all 55 instructors for free!

Finally, my thought of the week is "As long as we remember our first principles and believe in ourselves, the future will always be ours."

- President Ronald Regan

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Spoon of Exemption

Jim Cox piggybacked on our speaker this week with the spoon and encouraged Rotarians to take a tour of SCLA and experience all of the fun activities it has to offer for a company outing.



From there he shared a funny story when President Bush Sr.'s Limousines were in the SCLA garage while the President was at the Ft. Irwin Training Center. Garage workers left a little present in the trunk of one of the Limos... the seal of the City of Victorville!

Angel Tree Delivery



On Tuesday, President **Dwight Johnson**, along with **Brad Letner**, **Ben Tafoya** and **Stew Anderson** delivered the last of the Angel Tree gifts to Captain **Joe**

Alvarez from the Salvation Army. This year we not only adopted two families, and gave presents to children, but also bought presents for our local seniors who not only lack gifts on Christmas, but visits from family. Thank you Rotarians for making Christmas a day of hope for people all over the High Desert.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$40.17

Collected to Date: \$14,876.34

Total equals: 90,800 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Dr. Ron Williams had a chance for some extra holiday money, but left the Blue Dice in for another week! We'll end 2017 with 12 dice and \$250 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

S.T.A.R. Students



Our final S.T.A.R. Student awards were given out this week to three students from Helendale Elementary School by principal **Cindy Espinoza**. Cindy was joined by **Jim Barnes**, **President Dwight Johnson**, teachers **Allistar Lite**, **Diana Green**, **Bryce Carlson** and finally **Dillon Lesovsky**, who passed our certificates from elected officials.

Micabe Edwards has become a contributor in class rather than a distraction. He has also matured in his interactions with students in school.

Adrie Haliese Gutierrez has improved through active involvement, collaborative work and her positive attitude.

Finally, **Diego DeLa Torre** is a very hard worker and has been improving week after week due to his dedication to be the best student possible.

Raffle Prizes

Holiday themed raffle prizes were the order of the day and **Robin Cackler** was the big winner once again this week by taking home a holiday mug from **Stew Anderson**, and a holiday box from **Bill Edwards**. Robin also won a Bob's Tire 2018 calendar, hat and koozie from **Jim Murray**. One of our S.T.A.R. Students, **Adrie Gutierrez** was also a big winner who also won the Bob's Tire package and a Alaska USA golf towel and clip from **David North**.

A set of holiday coasters will be used by **Dr. Ron Williams**, and **Diane Anderson** gave some holiday Chex-Mix that will be enjoyed by **Jim Murray**. The final raffle of the day was a 2018 Regan Library calendar from **Dwight Johnson**, that left the meeting with **Bill Edwards**.

Fine Session

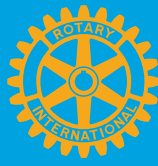
This week **Jim Barnes** served the role as Fine Master and must have been in the holiday spirit, because he gave passes to **David North**, still serving his penance for giving away 2017 calendars in the raffle and to **Jon Schuler** for being in violation of uniform policy by wearing two badges.

Speaking of badges, **Don Lager** was given a \$10 for not wearing his Rotary badge at the meeting and **Tony Cooker** was also given a \$10 penalty because Margaret called Jim "ma'am" when he arrived at the meeting!

Rotary Guests

Along with a room full of S.T.A.R. Student teachers and family members, our President **Dwight Johnson** invited **Dr. Samir Nayyar** and **Dr. Ranul Nayyar** from Victor Valley Global Medical Center, and **Steve Orr** had visiting Rotarian **Sam Pulice** from the Victor Valley East (Apple Valley) Club. With **Dr. Ron Williams**, we also welcomed **McKenzie Tarango** from the Victor Valley Unified School District.

Our Stand-in this week was **Robin Cackler**, in place of Pastor **Paul Earle**.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
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Vocational Service	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

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

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
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

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

Jan 8: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Future Rotary Programs

Dec 19: Lois Papner and Cindie Mandell, Mining Supplies and Rock Shop **TOPIC- "From Strip-O-Grams to Strio Mining - A High Desert Journey"** (Letner)

Dec 26: DARK

Jan 2: OPEN

Jan 9: Dr. Riad Abdelkarim, St. Joseph Health / St. Mary VP Medical Affairs / CMO
TOPIC- "The Evolution of Hospitals"
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