

# The Joshua Tree

January 16, 2024

## HELPING FAMILIES DEAL WITH DIGNITY



The Club was honored this week to hear from **Allen Williams** who serves as the General Manager of Sunset Hills and part of the Dignity Memorial family which also includes Desert View Memorial Park, Victor Valley Mortuary/Funeraria del Angel Victor Valley, and Kern Hesperia Mortuary.

Allen shared details involving s the purchase of the locations that **Chet Hitt**, former owner of Sunset Hills

Mortuary and Memorial Park, Victor Valley Mortuary and Memorial Park, Affordable Cremations in Apple Valley, and Kern Mortuary in Hesperia.

Photos were shown and he discussed the news that Sunset Hills Memorial Park is adding 100 tandem above ground mausoleum spaces and about 2000 in ground double depth spaces. In addition, there will be improvements made to the Funeral Home at Sunset Hills and other upgrades.

Victor Valley Memorial Park and Mortuary will be undergoing a major remodel of the Funeral Home and an expansion of the Cemetery

Finally, Allen shared the vast resources Dignity Memorial brings to the High Desert and it gives his teams the opportunity to grow and better serve High Desert families.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards  
**Flag Salute:** Robert Lovingood  
**4-Way Test:** Arsalee Morales  
**Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron



## MURRAY'S MINUTE

Thank you to Allen Williams from Sunset Hills speaking to the Club this week

and sharing all that Dignity is doing with the expansion of Sunset Hills and Victor Valley Memorial Park.



We hope to have you back with us soon.

We will have a 5th Tuesday meeting on January 30th but have decided to make it a regular meeting at the Bear Valley Country Club and not an evening meeting.

Arsalee Morales and Bryan Gillespie have been working hard on setting up two big events next month. First will be a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 11th that will be hosted by David North. Just three days later we will have a Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14th at the Bear Valley Country Club. Fellowship will begin at 5:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm.

I am pleased to announce that Bryan Gillespie and I will be attending the Rotary Presidents' Advance meeting in Pasadena.

RYLA will be happening from March 22 - 24. Ryan McEachron and Dr. Ron Boyd are looking for volunteers for the weekend.

Steve

## Big Blue Poker Chip



*Linda Hove had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will continue to grow with 4 chips and \$450 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Poker Chip.*

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Angel Espino** from Edward Jones who attended as a guest of **Mike Page** and we were pleased to have **Melanie Lovingood** attend with **Robert Lovingood**.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Julie Dunn** for **Donna Wells**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$13.00**

*Polio Pig: \$8 + Dice (Linda Hove) \$5 = \$13.00*

**Collected to Date: \$20,228.33**

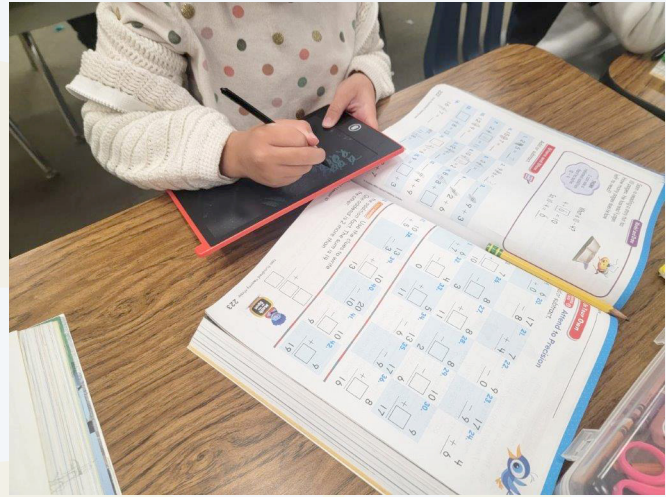
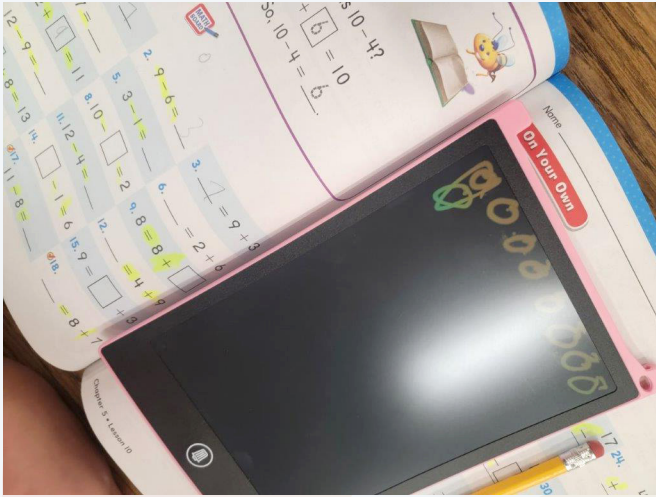
**Total equals: 101,435 Doses!**

***One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!  
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!***



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in the WORLD**

## A Teacher Mini-Grant in Action



One of our Mini-Grant teachers, **Maribel Duenas** recently shared with us the wonderful impact her grant, entitled, "Little Things Matter" made on teaching her students.

With the purchase of 8.5 Inch LCD Writing Tablets with attached Pen and String helps her students with reading and writing. They can also practice spelling, sight words, sentences, and penmanship. Incorporating writing tools help improve student grips for better penmanship. The writing tablets are used by students as a whole class during spelling and writing time, plus during center time. Usually, classrooms have white boards to use, but these writing tablets are colorful which are more engaging and self erasing which decreases the need for dry erase markers.

Also with her Mini-Grant she was able to purchase a document camera and a filing cabinet. The document camera is used to teach her LED lessons to model the activities of the students. The cabinet will be used for student data organization



She was also able to purchase Sensory Tents. These tents are used for students that have a need for a safe space to calm down or work. With the tents, they are able to take ownership of their bodies and feelings and even academics. Not many classrooms have these sensory tents. They are not usually used in general education classrooms. Students will learn that they have other ways to self-regulate instead of running out of the classroom.

To all who contribute funds and more for our Teacher Mini-Grants, this is the success you bring to area students and their teachers.

## Join Us at Rotary Every Tuesday!





## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2023-2024 .....	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025 .....	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027 .....	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028 .....	<b>Please be Interviewed</b>
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships .....	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership .....	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests .....	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service .....	Bill Edwards

**Members-at-Large:** Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Pam Murray
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts .....	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Joshua Tree Editor .....	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Bryan Gillespie
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

**The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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>	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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

**Jan 22: Past Presidents' Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30 pm Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

**Feb 11: Super Bowl Party**  
Home of David and Carrie North  
13484 Capella Rd, AV 92308  
Fellowship 2:00pm  
*Counts as a Fireside*

**Feb 12: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

**Feb 14: Valentine's Dinner**  
Bear Valley Country Club  
13229 Spring Valley Pkwy, Victorville, CA  
5:30pm Fellowship  
7:00 pm Dinner

## Upcoming Programs

**Jan 23: High School 4-Way Speech Contest**  
(Johnson)

**Jan 30: OPEN**

**Feb 6:** Kevork Kazanijian, Victor Valley College  
Professor **TOPIC: TBD** (Page)  
**HSD S.T.A.R. students**

**Feb 13: OPEN**

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