

The Joshua Tree

January 18, 2022

THE STATE OF ADELANTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adelanto Elementary School District (AESD) is a 15 campus TK-8th grade school district was established in 1941 and headquartered in Adelanto, CA. AESD serves students in the City of Adelanto (eight schools), in Northwest and South neighborhoods of the City of Victorville (five schools), and in the unincorporated community of El Mirage (County Service Area 70 - one school). Superintendent **Dr. Kennon Mitchell, Ph.D** spoke to the Club this week on the current challenges facing the students and staff alike.

Their mission is to prepare every student to be successful in high school, college, as well as in their career and in the 21st century global community.

Currently they need to navigate the challenges of Covid. Dr. Kennon has become the expert on all things Covid at the district, but not by choice. He has had to be in charge of protecting the health and wellness of both students and staff. On top of that they have had to spend millions on protective equipment from masks to barriers and



much more. The District has created and is constantly updating safety protocols and are currently dealing with horrible staffing challenges. Currently, substitute teachers are being offered \$300 a day to work and they are still finding a hard time finding people to take the job!

In addition to feeling like the head of Covid protection, Kennon also feels like a referee due to the deep political beliefs between parents over vaccines and safety protocols. As a school district, they have to navigate through these disagreements, and do what is best for the children. Kennon shared that the AESD is dealing with a perfect storm of hate and

meanness with parents and those who are most affected are the students.

Another short term goal is to address the social-emotional needs and academic deficits of students caused by not being in class for 18 months. They are having to re-teach basics of reading, writing and even how to correctly hold a pencil! Finally, their teachers and staff are becoming Covid-weary and the District needs to address those needs as well.

For the long term, the district is looking to foster a collaborative, team-oriented work culture that is characterized by staff members working interdependently to improve practice. It is imperative that the district creates an environment for teachers to get better at instructing our students by learning new skills. The district plans to

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Russ Stringham
- 4-Way Test:** Corey Beck
- Fine Master:** David North

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HOVE'S HELLO'S



Thank you to everyone who came out this week to hear Dr. Kennon Mitchell, Superintendent with the Adelanto Elementary School District who shared some

real truths of the challenges facing their schools and students in the short and long term. We hope for great success for your plans for both students, parents and teachers.



Please make sure you visit the list of our upcoming events on page 4 of the newsletter to see all of the fun we have planned for this first part of 2022!

Our District Conference will take place from June 23-26 at the Westin in Rancho Mirage. We are planning some fun things for the Club that weekend so please join us!

Finally, RYLA will take place March 25-27 in Running Springs and we are needed volunteers. Please see Ryan McEachron for more info,

Jon Hove



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Dr. Kennon Mitchell

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implement multi-year learning initiatives to strengthen the skill, knowledge and capacity of teachers to provide high quality instruction. This can also come about by nurturing a culture of continuous improvement among staff by implement comprehensive coaching, development, support and feedback systems.

Another long term goal is to engage parents and guardians with the success of students in mind. The district desires to create a warm, welcoming and safe school environment by implementing strategies to encourage family engagement to support the success of all students. With the learning gaps, staff and parents alike can work together to provide intervention and enrichment programs to help close the student learning gaps they are currently facing.

Dr. Mitchell concluded his talk by sharing that their schools need to work for their kids, but currently they are not talking about how to make their schools better, but how to manage Covid better for the students.

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Teresa DeAtley had the chance this week to pick the Blue Dice, but picked White and saved the money for another next week.

We continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice from the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Tashia Dazan** from the Adelanto Elementary School District who attended with **Stephen Quintero** and **Linda Hove**, who attended with **Jon Hove**.

Spoon of Exemption

Dr. Ron Williams, Superintendent for Victorville Union High School District shared that last week, due to the teacher shortage, he taught Middle School! It gave Ron a new appreciation for his instructors because by 4th period he was exhausted!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$9.00

Polio Pig: \$4 + Teresa DeAtley (Dice): \$5.00= \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$18,546.67

Total equals: 98,207 Doses!

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

Fine Session

David North was the Fine Master and began by fining both **Jon Hove** and **Stephen Quintero** \$20 each for still having their Christmas lights up!

Dwight Johnson was fined \$20 for making a comment about phone calls, and speaking of phone calls, **Russ Stringham** was given a \$40 penalty for having his cell go off three times during the meeting! The final fine of \$10 was given to **Teresa DeAtley** for making a rare Rotary appearance.

Raffle



Stephen Quintero was Mr. Lucky this week as he took home most of the prizes! Stephen left the meeting with a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson**, a cigar from **Oscar Garcia** at Elementum Services and he wasn't done there! Oscar brought two cans of Jim Bean Highball and both were won by Stephen!

Dwight went away with both Victor Valley Transit water bottles that were donated by **Chris Ackerman** and **Teresa DeAtley** will enjoy reading "25 Men of Integrity" that was brought by Dwight.

Proposed Returning Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. Jan 24th to President Jon Hove.

Michael Johnson
Senior Branch Manager
Desert Community Bank

Classification: Services Banking

Sponsor: Esther Mears

Former Member of Our Club and the Barstow Club



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2021-2022	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Steve Orr
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Stephen Quintero
Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Michael Krause
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large: David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Need Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Chris Ackerman
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
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 Spring Valley Lake Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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, 13165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, ZOOM Meetings, 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

- Jan 24: Past Presidents Meeting**
5:30 pm • Fina's Giuseppe's Restaurant
14308 Bear Valley Road, #3, Victorville
- Feb 7: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
ARMAC Insurance Board Room
Rear Building on Yuma
- Feb 13: Super Bowl Party & Fireside**
2:00 pm • Home of Russ and Gaylynn
Stringham, 16437 Viho Ct., Apple Valley
- Feb 17: Rotary Valentine's Dinner**
6:00 pm at Chateau Chang
15425 Anacapa Road, Victorville
\$50 single or \$95 per couple

Upcoming Programs

- Jan 25:** David Cerna, COO High Desert Creditors Services **Topic: "How Regulation Impacts Small Business"** (Page)
- Feb 1:** Kris Reilly, Pubic Engagement Information Manager, WUJHSD **Topic: "The Media: Then and Now"** (Page)
- Feb 8:** Bahaa Moukadam, Business Consultant **Topic: "Why is it so Hard to get Everyone on the Same Page"** (Page)

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