

Be a gift to the world



THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



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Teaching Rotarians How to Be a Gift to the World



This week we had four students compete in the Club Level 4-Way Speech Competition. Our four students were (left to right above), **Taylor Corral** from Riverside Prep, **Nadine Crosby** from University Prep, **Leslie DeJesus** from Silverado High School and **Javier Prieto** from Victor Valley High School. The students were required to give a speech that represents our Rotary theme of "Be a Gift to the World" using the 4-Way test as a guideline.

This competition is a passion of **Jim Barnes** and he served as emcee for this event. Taylor spoke of looking for different opportunities how you can make a difference to someone else. Not everyone has an outgoing personality, but there are

opportunities for anyone to be a gift to someone else. Nadine shared about the importance of kindness. To be a gift in this world, it starts with true kindness in your heart, not doing an act to be recognized or awarded. Leslie shared stories from her own life about honesty. The lesson from her talk was that before you can be a gift in the world, be an honest person, or no one will take you seriously. Finally, Javier encouraged all Rotarians to be a gift; you must work hard to be the best you can be in your personal life.

After all of the presentations, the judges panel left the room to discuss all of the speeches and select a winner to represent our Club this year. The judges consisted of **Dwight Johnson, Steve Orr, Brad Letner** and timekeeper **Dr. Ron Boyd**.

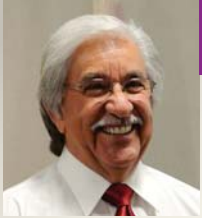
The judges soon returned and awarded the winner to the competition, Nadine Crosby. Her speech was thoroughly thought out and very clear in its message. We are so proud to have her represent us this year at the District Competition.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David Cain
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Song:	Al Castellucci



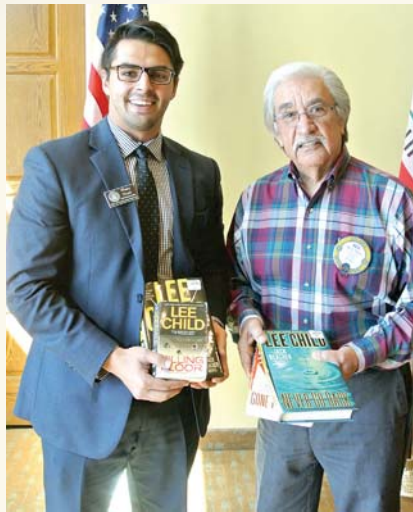
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Tafoya Talk...

As Rotarians, we all give so much of our time and effort within our Club, but it is such a blessing to see someone

from outside of our membership to think of us and provide needed resources. **Wasey Norri**, from Congressmen Paul Cook's office, gave us a large selection of books for us to donate to our Library Program. Thank you Wasey for your generosity!



This past Sunday, we had a wonderful time at the Annual Super Bowl Party! I cannot thank **Russ and Gaylynn Stringham** enough for their generosity of not only opening their home to us but for also providing wonderful food and drinks! About 45 Rotarians were in attendance and the house was split from those who wanted to watch the Big Game and those who hung out on the Stringham patio and enjoyed the wonderful weather. Please enjoy some photos in the next column.



Finally, as you can see from the photo, the hands have it! This week **Steve Murray** led our Club Assembly and by a unanimous decision, **Brad Letner** was selected to be our 2018-2019 Club President. Congratulations to Brad for all you do for Rotary, and we look forward to your leadership!

Spoon of Exemption: Carol Yule

This week **Carol Yule** did what the membership was waiting for, a song! This week we all sang her version of "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall", which promoted her desire for every Rotarian to provide one bottle of liquor so she can make a huge Rotary Booze Gift Basket for the upcoming Victor Valley College Alumni Dinner. Please bring a bottle of booze to our next meeting to drop off at any Shear Realty location.

Fine Session

Due to time restraints, our Fine Master this week **Mark Taylor**, only handed out a couple of fines. First one was to **Rosanne Weathers** who received a \$10 fine to celebrate her 2 year anniversary as a Rotarian and **Steve Orr** was given a \$15 fine to honor his 3 year anniversary as a Rotarian.

Super Bowl Party



Lucky Blue Dice



Ralph Fernandez gets a chance for the blue dice, for Don Lager, but takes another white dice!

3 dice remain and an even \$500 is ready for one lucky Rotarian at next week's meeting.

Raffle Prizes

Thanks to everyone for all of the great raffle prizes this week! **Dwight Johnson** brought a lot of raffle gifts this week to give away to our lucky members. A copy of Transparent Leader went to **Dan Munsey**, gift certificates from Red Baron Pizza in Hesperia went to **Robin Cackler** and **Brad Letner**, who also went away with a Fox 106.5 shirt, and finally a shirt from Y102 went to **Al Castellucci**. Karma was then in full effect as Dwight took home a calendar from Life Church, and a bottle of wine from **Al Castellucci**. **Rosanne Weathers** gave away a couple more Go Lunch kits that went to **Donna Wells** and **Russ Stringham**, who also won the Midway \$25 gift card and a pack of Love Debit Cards from **Dr. Hough**. There were also a nice selection of Valentines candy and decorations from Dr, Hough that went to **Donna Wells**, **Margaret Cooker** and **Mark Taylor**.

Rotary Guests

We had a couple of potential members in attendance this week. **Tiffani Calvert** from OGGIS visited again with sponsor **Dwight Johnson** and **Paul Stich** from Taylion Charter School, who is sponsored by **Brad Letner**.

We also welcomed **Javier Angelo** from Rite Aid, who came with **Al Castellucci**, **Penny Edminston**, who was a guest of **Ron Williams** and **Robin Cackler** and **Jeff Leach**, who attended with **Pastor Paul Earle**.

Our Stand-in's this week were **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessy**, **Lisa Crosby** for **Ron Williams**, **David Cain** for **Van Young**, **Regina Bell** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Ralph Fernandez** for **Don Lager**.

S.T.A.R. Students



This week we once again awarded S.T.A.R. Students from Lomitas Institute of Technology and Mojave Vista School of Cultural Arts. Assistant Superintendent

Maureen Mills hosted the program and first awarded Lomitas student **Cristopher Garcia**. After starting at a below grade level, Cris has excelled greatly. **Angel Sarkis** came from Syria 8 months ago and since that time has learned English and excelled in class. **Asia'nae Marjay Wilson** has moved up to a faster placed class due to academic improvements.

From Mojave Vista, **David Avalos** has improved in his grammar and penmanship. **Korina Lopez** is a



student dedicated and passionate in her learning. **Stanley Munoz** has improved greatly in his writing during this school year and finally **Kylen Nay** has been consistent in turning in his homework and has become a well behaved, model student.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$10.00

Collected to Date: \$12,914.16

Total equals: 87,896 Doses!

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

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, 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 High Desert, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES

- April 9: District Assembly**
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Rd., Apple Valley
- April 15: RYLA 2016**
Thousand Pines Camp, Crestline
- April 21: Past Presidents' Dinner**
Mama Carpino's, The Village in Apple Valley
\$20.00
- June 25: Demotion Party**
4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home, Apple Valley

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Feb 16:** Matt Howard, Water Resources Supervisor, Mojave Water Agency
Topic: "If El Niño Slams the Desert, will our Dams Hold?"
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- Feb 23:** San Bernardino County District Attorney, Mike Ramos
- Mar 1:** Mary Hennesy, executive Director, Gentiva Hospice **Topic: "Death and Dignify"** (Tafoya)
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- April 5: Congressman Paul Cook**
\$19 members, \$22 others if paid in advance; \$25 at the door

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