



The Joshua Tree



February 20, 2018

Making a Difference in the World...or Ourselves



The week we welcomed two students from Victor Valley High School to take part in our annual 4-Way Speech Competition at our weekly meeting. Due to a date snafu with Excelsior, we only had two students who went head to head to see who would represent us at the District Competition. The parameters for their speeches were to use this year's theme of "Making a Difference", and put it together with the principles of the 4-Way Test.

Ryan McEachron was the emcee for the event, and brought some friends from the Toastmasters Club to be our judges. Those judges were **Morris Anderson**, **Chieko Keagy** and **Christina Rudsell**, who is from the Town of Apple Valley. Two Rotarians, **Marilyn Buttelwerth** and **Dr. Ron Boyd** served as timekeepers.

First up was **Felice Gomez-Alcosiba** who spoke about how we all grow up mimicking people and situations around us,

but brought it to focus on common core teaching in schools. Felice shared that in the school system, students are taught in the same way, and get the same equal knowledge passed to them, but to truly make a difference, students should learn in ways that work best for them, whether by hearing, doing or seeing. She feels our schools will graduate much better people in teaching in different ways.

Next to the podium was **Jessie Gallo**. She began by stating as children, we thought we could be whatever we wanted to "when we grew up" and anything was possible. As we grow up we all learn we are different, but one thing is common, is that somewhere in our lives, we will make a difference to somebody. Whether it be one person, a community, the world or even to ourselves, we will make that difference. Every person has a voice and the ability to make great decisions that can be life changing on a small or gigantic scale to someone. She concluded with a quote from actor Denzel Washington, "Don't aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference".

After the speeches, the judges left and made their determination. The runner-up was Felice, winning \$100, and the winner, who will represent our Club at the District Level is **Jessie Gallo**. Jessie took home \$200 for winning and will be working hard at the next competition.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Jon Hove
4-Way Test:	Ron Boyd
Song:	Al Castellucci
Finemaster:	Ryan McEachron

Dwight's Writes



Every week we as Rotarians recite the 4-Way test and take it to heart, but our creed is taken to another level when spoken through the words of high school students in our annual speech competition. Congratulations to **Jessie Gallo**, who will represent us on the District Level.

Spring is right around the corner and it is time for Rotarians to donate to this year's Easter Food Baskets, where we make baskets of food for Easter and deliver them to needy families around the High Desert. The more funds we receive, the more families are served, so please sign up to donate now.

Jon Hove shared another Membership Moment and had some great news! At our February 6th meeting we set a new record by having 32 Rotarians in attendance! Let's keep it up!

You may be a little late for the meetings, but the birthday cards will always be waiting! **Kevin Kane**, was able



to receive his birthday lotto tickets from First Lady **Trish Johnson** at the end of this week's meeting!

Finally, my thought of the week is "Don't be discouraged by setbacks, they are great teachers."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Guests

Joining our student speakers this meeting were Victor Valley High School Advisors **Doug and Heidi Shane**. We also welcomed from Excelsior **Derek King, Jennifer Van Norman** and **Christian Hamilton**.

Others in attendance included potential members **Irving Lopez** from Integrity Homes, **Azuree Morris**, HR Director for Victor Valley Global Medical Center and **Valene Vetack** from Choice Medical Group. Our only Stand-In this week was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

Rotarian of the Month



This month we honored **Donna Wells** as our Rotarian of the Month for January. Not only has Donna agreed to continue her service to the Club as Treasurer under President-Elect **Brad Letner**, but will be our Foundation Honoree at this weekend's Foundation Gala in Long Beach!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$7.00

Polio Pig: \$2.00 + Dice (Bill Edwards): \$5.00 = \$7.00

Collected to Date: \$15,031.25

Total equals: 91,109 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Bill Edwards won the chance to draw for the Blue Dice this week, but took another white die out of the bag and saved the elusive blue one for another Rotarian.

We continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was once again our Fine Master and chose to give out \$10 to deserving members. Ryan began by fining **Jon Hove** for his phone going off during the meeting. From there **Al Castellucci** was punished for continuing to bother Ryan by asking him to run for office again, as was **Alicia Anderson**, because none of the Excelsior students showed up for the speech competition. Speaking of the speech contest, our timekeepers **Marilyn Buttelwerth** and **Dr. Ron Boyd**, were also penalized for volunteering for the job.

Finally, in the "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished" file, **Bill Edwards** received the final \$10, for not getting Ryan sick when the ailing Bill shook his hand.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 26 to President Dwight Johnson.

Valene Vetack

Director of Member & Provider Services

Choice Medical Group

**Classification: Medical: Member
& Provider Services**

Sponsor: Dwight Johnson

Spoon of Exemption

Marie Langley was absent this week so our President Dwight Johnson filled in for Marie by promoting Desert Valley's 2018 Heart Chase at the Victor Valley Mall this Saturday, February 24th. The event is free and will run from Noon - 3pm and teams of 3-5 people will compete in puzzles, trivia and physical activities to promote heart health and awareness. There will also be complimentary glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure screens to the public and much more. The top three teams will win prizes for each member, and the top participating school will win a \$5,000 CPR in School Training Kit! Please call 951-384-7740 for more information.

Raffle Prizes

Gifts from B & B Cycles were the order of the day, thanks to **Jim Barnes**, who gave away a long sleeved shirt that was won by **Robin Cackler** and a Seadoo hat that will be worn by **Bill Edwards**. **Ryan McEachron** donated another copy of the book "212 Degrees" (Note: the title refers to that extra degree from when water goes from hot to boiling) that will be read by **Gary Adams**, and **Alicia Anderson** will enjoy some shopping with her \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card, donated by **Don Lager**.

FIRESIDE: MARCH 22, 2018

Make your plans to join us for our next
Fireside on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at

ARMAC Insurance

17177 Yuma Street, Victorville, CA

5:30pm - 8:00pm

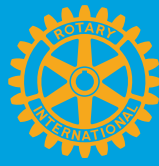
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Blue Badge Requirement

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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
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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, 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

- Feb 24: Foundation Gala**
Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA
Black tie optional - club will reimburse you the \$119 cost. Register on DaCDB
- Mar 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Mar 22: Fireside at ARMAC Insurance**
5:30pm - 8:00pm
17177 Yuma St., Victorville
FREE Event

Future Rotary Programs

- Feb 27:** Mark Clair, Director of Dual Enrollment, Victor Valley College **Topic: "Dual Enrollment - one option to reduce the overall cost of a four year degree"** (Wagner)
- March 6:** Joe Manners **Topic: "History of Oro Grande"** (Lager)
- March 13:** Ryan McEachron, Special Projects Coordinator High Desert Corridor **Topic: "High Desert Corridor - Moving Forward"**
S.T.A.R. Students
- March 20: Offsite: Midway Home Solutions**

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