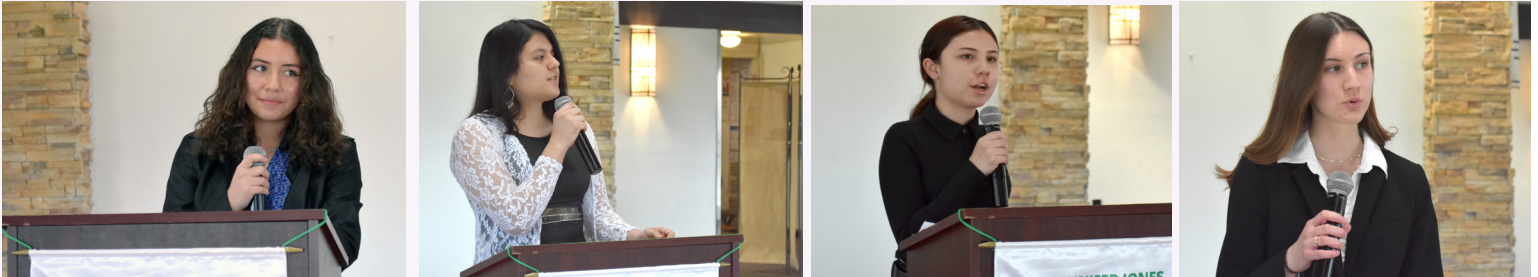


# The Joshua Tree

February 21, 2023

## HELPING OTHERS TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER



What does the 4-Way Test mean to students in the High Desert? The Club found out this week as it held its annual 4-Way Speech Competition. The event was emceed by **David North** and this year's judges consisted of **Philip Montague, Ray Robles** and **Nancy Keller**. Our Timekeepers were **Linda Hove** and **James Rightmire**.



Finishing 4th and receiving \$25 was **Eliana Provansal** who attends Cobalt Institute of Math & Science. Eliana gave an extremely passionate speech on the dire need for mental health services in schools and stricter gun laws, as

over 1600 students across the United States have been killed, injured and/or left traumatized due to school shootings in the last 1.5 years. She gave a convincing argument that gun control passes all aspects of the 4-Way Test.



Coming in 3rd and receiving \$50 was **Cristy Cortes** from University Prep. Cristy spoke about the lack of peace in the world today, and the need for kindness. She shared that Rotarians have done

a great many things for our planet to reduce conflict and brought kindness and compassion to the forefront by living the 4-Way Test. Peace brings relief to those who are searching. Cristy wants to major in Performing Arts when she graduates.



Taking second place with \$75 was **Amaris Esparza**, an 11th grade student from University Prep. Amaris asked the question, "How can Rotary change my life as a High School student?" Her

answer is the motivation that Rotary provides to her to go the extra mile for her school and the community. She accomplishes this by volunteering, donating, and staying active in the community. Amaris wants to living in a community that is encouraging and

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** James Rightmire
- 4-Way Test:** Mike Page
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron

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## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

*Thank you to all of the talented students who came out and shared their wonderful 4-way*

*speeches. Congratulations to Eliana Provansal, Cristy Cortes, Amaris Esparza and the winner Destiny*

*Morales! I wish you tremendous success at the regional*



*competition. In addition, thank you to all of our judges, timekeepers and David North for emceeding the event.*



*James Rightmire has provided another fundraising opportunity for the Club. On March 26, Majestic Cycles will host a huge bicycle race in Victorville and*

*our Club has been approached to pour beer that day. Our Club will sell & pour beer at the event and we will split the profits 50/50 with El Dorado Broadcasters. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 that day and we need volunteers from the Club to make that happen. Please see me or Steve Murray to sign up.*

*Finally, "Note to Self: All you have to do is show up. Be late, be scared, be a mess, be weird, be confused; just be there. You'll figure out the rest as you go."*

*Arsalee*

## 4-WAY SPEECH COMPETITION

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feels united. If people lived by the 4-Way Test, it could be a reality. Amaris hopes to attend UCLA and focus on criminal justice.



Finally, coming in first and receiving \$150 was **Destiny Morales**, also from University Prep. Destiny spoke on how the 4-Way Test positively promotes helping the homeless. Many people don't help the homeless because they don't believe an individual is truly in need, or will use the money they receive for something other than clothing or food. Destiny asked the Club to remember a time when

they struggled and how would they have felt in no one believed them? She also shared that it is fair to help the homeless because they could only be a few dollars away from being able to by a warm coat or water for themselves. Helping the homeless promotes positivity and is a benefit to both the giver and the receiver of the assistance. Destiny has a ambition to one day be a Prosecutor, but in the meantime, she will represent the Club at the regional competition level.

Thank you to all contestants, judges, timekeepers, and all who made this event happen, especially chair **Mike Johnson**.

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## Big Blue Dice



*Donna Wells had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian. The pot continues to grow next week with 9 Dice and \$325 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Raffle

Speech contestant **Cristy Cortes** went home with a stress reliever from Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, and **Donne Wells** left the meeting with a wireless phone charger from the District.

A Victor Valley Transit bean bag cell phone holder will be used by **Ryan McEachron**, courtesy of **Chris Ackerman**, while **Bill Scott** received a mystery raffle gift .

Finally **David North** brought a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by **Esther Mears** from Flagstar Bank.

## Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Nancy Keller** from the Victor Valley Animal Protective League, **Ray Robles** from Barstow Toastmasters and Area Director of Toastmasters **Philip Montague**. We are also joined by family members of our student contestants, **Julie Provansal**, **Annabelle Esparza**, **Chaz Esparza** and **Ariadna Cortes**.

## Fine Session



**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master this week and chose to make everyone who showed up fine free, and those who didn't attend this important meeting supporting our High Desert students, will eventually feel his wrath in their wallets.

Instead, **Craig Garrick** was asked to give an update on ComAV, while **Mike Page** gave an update on the future of the new Providence Hospital. Next, President **Arsalee Morales** was asked to share that she will be inducted this weekend at the Victor Valley College Foundation's Hall of Fame Gala.

The only one close to getting a fine was **Chris Ackerman**, for getting Victor Valley Transit in the Daily Press for a story on free public transportation for Excelsior Charter students, while somehow the accompanying photo features his daughter Aubrey!

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$39.00**

*Polio Pig: \$29 • Ryan McEachron: \$5*

*Dice (Donna Wells): \$5 = \$39.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,559.52**

**Total equals: 100,207 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

# Rotary

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- Vocational Service ..... Bill Edwards

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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 Bear Valley 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.,  
Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia  
San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,  
Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** Apple Valley, *No Longer Meeting*  
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

### Mar 13: Board of Directors Meeting

5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

### April 22: District Assembly

Sitting Bull Middle School  
Apple Valley, CA • 8am - 12 noon

### May 5-7: District Conference

Horseshoe Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV  
4-Way Speech Contest (Saturday Breakfast)  
Dan Stover Music Contest (Saturday Lunch)

## Upcoming Programs

**Feb 28:** Carl Coles, Superintendent, VVUHSD **Topic:** **“Update on VVUHSD”**  
**STAR Students - Adelanto Elementary School District**  
(Edwards)

**March 7:** Cindy Bostick **Topic: “12 Principles for Producing Results”** (Johnson)

**March 14:** **George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest** (Boyd)

**March 21: OPEN**

**March 28:** Mike Johnson **Topic: “Thunder, Lightning & Peace: High Schooler CEO Aiding Veterans with Trauma”**  
(Johnson)

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