

# The Joshua Tree

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## VVC'S NEW EDUCATIONAL MASTER PLAN

Even though Victor Valley College has been closed for just under a year, the future looks extremely bright for the campus, according to VVC Superintendent and President, **Dr. Daniel Walden**.

The challenging year for the College began on Dr. Walden's birthday, March 15th 2020, when the decision was made to close VVC and take all 1,100 classes online. Within 2 weeks the teachers were ready and classes resumed and their IT Department received two awards for managing the transition so successfully.

In November the College developed a new Education Master Plan. The old plan was about a decade old and severely outdated. They developed a new vision which states, "Committed to equity and social justice, Victor Valley College will be the model of an innovative community college through exceptional student experiences that drive success, promote civic engagement, and meet community needs." As well, the new vision led to a new mission, "Victor Valley College, in partnership with the community, is dedicated to providing opportunities for student learning and success through academic advancement, workforce development, and personal growth".



As a student-centered learning organization, the master plan will uphold the following core values:

- **Excellence** – providing superior service and educational learning opportunities.
- **Integrity** – guiding the college's actions with an internally consistent framework of principles.
- **Accessibility** – facilitating access to the college's programs from other locations.
- **Diversity** – valuing inclusion and different points of view and contributions of all groups..
- **Collaboration** – encouraging recursive interaction of knowledge experience and mutual learning of people who are working together toward a common creative goal.

· **Innovation** – providing creative approaches to learning, problem solving, and growth.

Over the next 5 years, VVC will focus on guiding the pathways of students, not just have them attend, and then leave once they complete their studies. The focus will be on the goals the student wants to reach to be a success even after graduation. Along with this is a new campaign of campus caring, between all 833 staff and faculty that will flow to their most important asset, their students. The thinking behind this is that a caring campus starts with caring for each other, and in the end, VVC students will know that they truly matter.

The goals for this "Vision of Success" is three-fold. The first goal deals with Student Experience and Success. VVC will empower students and cultivate excellence in student learning

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### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Bill Edwards

**Flag Salute:** Russ Stringham

**4-Way Test:** Steve Orr

# ORR'S ROARS



Thank you to Dr. Daniel Walden for paying us a visit this week and give us all an update on where Victor Valley College is going over the next few years. It will be exciting to see your goals for the college and for our

community come to fruition.

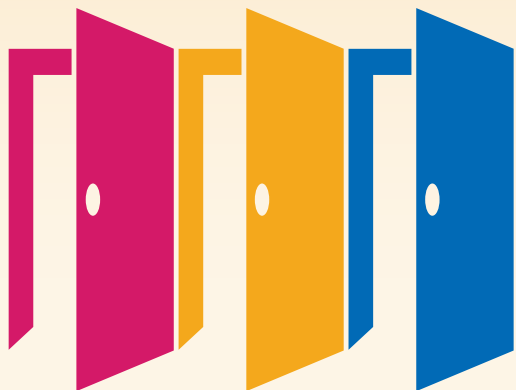
Bill Edwards shared with the Club this week that he is still going through our reserve of auction items and is looking into another online auction, and with any hope, a possible in-person fundraiser this September!



Join us next week as we will hear from Greta Seidman, the Director of Public Affairs with Brightline West on the exciting future of this great project.

Steve

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## THE MASTER PLAN

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and achievement, transfer-level course completion, engagement, retention, persistence, graduation, transfer, and job placement for its graduates. VVC will champion an equity-minded frame that fosters responsible attitudes toward cultural diversity, personal responsibility, community engagement, inclusivity, and cultural humility.

The next goal focuses on High Quality Practice/Excellence. VVC will continue to develop and implement high-impact, student-centered practices, showcasing VVC's dynamic, diverse, and highly trained workforce, to promote equitable, innovative, and evidence-based best practices across all campus operations. VVC will continuously demonstrate the quality of its programs by conducting ongoing and systematic improvements using



research, assessment, and the professional expertise of its workforce members.

The third and final goal is in the area of Institutional Learning. VVC will transform its environment through its investments in a culture of

inquiry that emphasizes engaged and collaborative learning through action research. Such powerful scholarship across campus will inspire meaningful contributions to the workforce and local community to create world class innovative teaching and student service practices. In turn, VVC will empower a new generation of lifelong learners with multi-cultural and global competencies.

With the success of his Educational Master Plan Dr. Walden envisions that Victor Valley College will be recognized as one, if not the best college in the Country over the next decade! But first, the reopening must take place, and in their 4-phase plan, they are still in the first phase, where the campus is closed and all classes are online. Phase 2 (hopefully by April or May) will have the College reopen to the public, with classes remaining online. Soon after they hope to bring in Phase 3, which will include hybrid classes such as in-person labs and classes varying from half the class in person one day, then online the next, while the other half switches. Of course Phase 4, which they hope comes to fruition by the Fall, is the full reopening of Victor Valley College. Time will tell.

# Rotary Opens Opportunities



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## Big Blue Dice



*Tina Escareño had a chance to grab the Blue Dice, but she drew a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian next week.*

*We will continue next week with 7 dice and \$375 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.*

## Rotary Guests

We welcomed **Chris Scott** on Zoom who is a field rep for Jay Obernolte and **Colleen Luque** who once again shot our marketing video and photos.



## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$13.00**  
**Collected to Date: \$17,732.23**  
**Total equals: 96,578 Doses!**

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

## March Birthdays

<b>Dwight Johnson</b>	<b>March 5</b>
<b>Oscar Garcia</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>Todd Sturges</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Jim Barnes</b>	<b>March 27</b>
<b>Steve Murray</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>Bryan Gillespie</b>	<b>March 28</b>

## March Anniversaries

<b>Terry Caldwell</b>	<b>50 Years</b>
<b>Russ Stringham</b>	<b>29 Years</b>
<b>Steve Murray</b>	<b>17 Years</b>
<b>Manjita Patel</b>	<b>11 Years</b>
<b>Matthew Farias</b>	<b>2 Years</b>

## Raffle



The booze flowed this week thanks to **Dwight Johnson!** Tina Escareño will enjoy a bottle of Southern Comfort and **Corey Beck** took home a bottle of Jim Bean Peach.

After that Tina will do some shopping at Midway Home Solutions, courtesy of the \$25 gift card she won from **Don Lager**.



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

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Vocational Service .....	Jessica Perez
Grants/Speech Contests .....	<b>PLEASE VOLUNTEER</b>
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Don Lager
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears

**Members-at-Large:** Dwight Johnson & Rob Kilpatrick

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Programs .....	Mike Page
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Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Dr. Bowtie Brian
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising.....	Bill Edwards
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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., 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>	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

**Mar 5 & 6: PETS for Jon Hove & Arsalee Morales**

**Mar 8: Board of Directors meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

**June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)**

## Upcoming Programs

**Mar 2:** Greta Seidman, Director Public Affairs, Brightline West **Topic: Tracking the Future with Brightline West** (Cooker)

**Mar 9:** Jan Gonzales, Superintendent & Maureen Mills, Excelsior Charter Schools **Topic: Educating Students in the Pandemic** (Cooker)

**Mar 16:** **4-Way Test Speech Contest (Club level)** (Perez)

**Mar 23: OPEN**

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