

The Joshua Tree

February 27, 2024

A CLARINET & GUITAR IN THE KEY OF D

The Rotary's Dan Stover Music Competition stands as a testament to Rotary International's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting cultural enrichment. This annual competition provides a platform for young musicians to showcase their virtuosity and passion for music. Named in honor of Dan Stover, a revered Rotarian renowned for his love of music, the event encompasses a wide array of musical genres, from classical to contemporary. Participants compete not only for recognition but also for the invaluable opportunity to refine their skills under the guidance of seasoned musicians and mentors.

This year, at the Club level competition, we had two students from University Prep compete, **Julian Duque** on clarinet and **Deagan Caseboom** on guitar. Both students played "Canon in D", with added improvisation from Julian.

Hosted by **Bill Edwards**, judges for the event were **Brad Brand** and **Barry Brand**, former owner of Tom's Music. They judged on timing, expression and proficiency.

In the end, Deagan went home with \$100 and Julian received top honors and along with \$200, will represent the Club next at the Area Competition. Proving successful there, he will then go to the District Competition on May 18th.

Through the Dan Stover Music Competition, Rotary continues to foster artistic excellence and foster a deeper appreciation for the transformative power of music within communities worldwide.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Darron Poulsen

4-Way Test: Russ Stringham

Fine Master: David North

MURRAY'S MINUTE



Thank you to Julian Duque and Deagan Caseboom for competing in this year's Dan Stover



Music Competition. You both did a great job! Congratulations to Julian, we are rooting for you to win Regionals and then take the District Competition!

All Board Members are highly encouraged to attend our board meeting on March 11th. This is very important to attend, as we have a lot to discuss as a result of the absence of Margaret Cooker.

Speaking of Margaret, she still at UC Irvine in Orange, CA. Pam & I visited her last weekend and she is getting better, but has a long way to go. After she is released, she will be in a recovery home for a bit before returning to her home. She would love to have visitors, so please make the time if you can.

See you next week...

Steve

The Gift Basket Grows



Thanks to **Jim Murray**, we have added another goodie to the prize gift basket. The latest addition is a \$75 tool kit. The tools will be given away along with gift cards, liquor, alarm system, cold hard cash and much more! Please continue to add to the gift basket and lets make it even bigger. Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will be announced at the Demotion Party this June at the home of **Dan & Kris Dever**.

Rotary Award



Kirsten Acosta from the Victor Valley College Foundation announced this week that the Network of California Community College Foundations has announced that the Rotary Foundation and the California Rotary Districts have been awarded the 2023 Bernard Osher Philanthropist of the Year Award!

The Network announced that Rotary Clubs throughout the State have made contributions exceeding \$3.3 million, including our Club, that has made \$44,000 worth on contributions since 2011.

Rotary will be joining previous winners such as Southern California Edison, Dr. Prem Reddy, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and many more.



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Jim Murray had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will continue next week with 12 chips and \$250 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Spoon of Exemption

Dan Dever had his final week with the Spoon and brought some valuable information on Energy and Vehicle Credits, plus information on understanding how the IRS contacts taxpayers.



If you make qualified energy efficient improvements to your home, you may qualify for a tax credit up to \$3,200. The credit equals 30% of qualified expenses.

If the IRS needs to contact you, they won't do it through text messages or email, those are frequent scams. Most contact will be first by mail and then phone calls.

It was then time to auction the Spoon for March, and there was only one taker. **Mike Johnson** took the Spoon for \$100 and will share information on Flagstar Bank over the next four weeks.

Rotary Guests

This week, we once again welcomed **Angel Espino** from Edward Jones, who attended as a guest of **Mike Page**.

Watching **Deagan Caseboom** perform, we met his father **Nick Caseboom** as well as **Tiffany & Bryan Barnhard**.

Finally, we welcomed **Craig Crawford**, who attended as a guest of **Jon Hove**.

Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Russ Stringham** \$10 for heading back to Utah to go skiing. **Arsalee Morales** was late and was charged \$20, but **Steve Murray**

offered to pay her fine since she left another event to attend to gather items for **Margaret Cooker**. **Kirsten Acosta** also paid \$20 for still having her Red Badge, although she should have her Blue Badge.

Angel Espino is not technically a Rotarian, but is a Rotarian in the eyes President Murray, so to avoid any confusion, David penalized Angel \$20.

Bo Goulet shared that rates are excellent at 5.9%, so he left with \$20 less in his wallet. Finally, since **Bryan Gillespie** suggested the Dan Stover students do a duet without any practice, he was also fined \$20.

Raffle

Russ Stringham donated a Red Rock RV backpack that will be used by **Jim Murray**, who will also enjoy a bottle of sparkling wine from **Bo Goulet**. Dan Stover judge **Brad Brand** will enjoy reading "1600 Things to Do in Retirement", donated by **Angel Espino**, while his brother **Barry Brand** left with a Flagstar combo pack of a key chain, pen and car coaster from **Mike Johnson**. **Arsalee Morales** also won a combo pack, as well as a Bob's Tire tumbler from **Steve Murray**. Finally, Steve will enjoy the bottle of wine he received from **David North**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Polio Pig: \$11 + Dice (Jim Murray) \$5 = \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$20,310.33

Total equals: 101,599 Doses!

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

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President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
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Positions & Committee Chairs

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Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
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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:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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 11: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

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Upcoming Programs

Mar 5: Junior High 4-Way Speech Contest
(Johnson)

Mar 12: Jennifer Contreras, Community
Engagement Specialist, Ontario Airport
Authority **TOPIC: Update & History of
Ontario Airport** (Page)

Mar 19: Club Level Ethics Essay Contest
(Boyd)
S.T.A.R. Students

Mar 26: Keith Metzler, City Manager, City of
Victorville **TOPIC: City Update** (Page)

**April 2: Rotary Area Combined Music and
Speech Contests** (Johnson)

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