

The Joshua Tree

March 1, 2022

EMPATHY, SERVING OTHERS & LIBRARIES

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experiences within the Club shaped her in line with the 4-Way Test, working her way from a member to President of her Club. Her experiences helped her try

new experiences, and deeper involvement. The key takeaway from her speech is that through involvement communities will prosper. Anna has applied for over 20 Universities, but her first choice is UCLA, where she hopes to obtain a medical degree, as well as teach English and produce music.

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Coming in third and winning \$50 was Senior **Anna Komorita**. Anna spoke on the topic of serving others and how much we learn about ourselves when we do so. As an active member of the Kiwanis Key Club, she shared how her

Runner up and winning \$100 was Junior **Madeline Herdlein**. Madeline shared the importance of changing another's life. Many people work to serve only themselves, to only care



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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Bryan Gillespie
- 4-Way Test:** Jeff Armstrong
- Fine Master:** David North

4-Way Speech Contest

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us. They actively sacrifice their own lives in service to others, to really change lives. Madeline hopes to one day become a Public Defender, Crime Scene Investigator or an Author.

Winning this year's Club level competition, taking home \$150 and representing our Club in



the Area Competition was Senior **Olivia Brown**. Olivia used a great examples of how our Libraries are great analogies for the 4-Way Test. People can find truth of a variety of subjects in a library, much better than scanning social media. There is also a trustworthiness involved, as libraries are in essence an honor system

and teach responsibility to young people on borrowing books and returning them. Another strong point is that libraries are free to everyone no matter your social class or skin color, plus some also teach English speaking classes for individuals and some offer tutoring. Libraries are also important because they allow people to connect on equal ground and similar interests. Finally, they are beneficial to all, with free internet for those who can't afford it, plus free classes and books. Libraries foster both literacy and learning. Anna has been accepted to three universities and wants to become a speech & language specialist.

Congratulations on these great young minds, we know you will all make this world a better place and becomes inspirations to others.



It was wonderful to have our high school speakers come out this week to share what the 4-Way Test means to them! Congratulations to Olivia Brown for

winning the event, and thanks to Ryan McEachron for facilitating the meeting, along with our judges and timekeepers.



Arsalee Morales shared that we have found a home for our Comedy Night Fundraiser on April 16, which will be at the Elks Lodge in Victorville. We are in need of raffle prizes for the event and I encourage you to buy a set of the 60 tickets available tickets and bring out your friends and staff! Please see more information on page 4, along with info on our Rotary Fireside event with other area Clubs to welcome District Governor Betsy McDonough Barry!

We are down to only 2 dice, so next week is a 50/50 chance to walk away with \$500! See you all next week!

Jon Hove



March Birthdays

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

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Bryan Gillespie had the chance this week to pick the Blue Dice, but drew White and saved the money for another next week.

We continue next week with 2 dice and \$500 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice from the bag.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed one of our student speaker's parents **Fran and Joan Herdlein**, along with **Penny Edmiston** from the VVUHS. **Taylor Valdes** from Apple Valley Communications attended with **Arsalee Morales** as a judge and **Chris Ackerman** brought Keolis General Manager **Christine Ortega** as his guest.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Simon Herrera** for **Kevin Kane** and **Mike Johnson** for **Esther Mears**.

Spoon of Exemption

Ryan McEachron had his first week with the Spoon and shared that ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency specializes in many lines of insurance including Auto, Home, Boat, Motorcycle, Life, Business and much more. They can also take care of health benefits for both personal or business.

ISU Armac has been your dedicated insurance agency, serving the whole High Desert. As your local source for insurance services and solutions, their entire staff prides itself on offering personalized and responsive customer support to customers. Find out more at www.isu-armac.com

Raffle

Wine was once again flowing during this week's raffle! Bottles donated by **Dwight Johnson** found homes with **Chris Ackerman** and **Margaret Cooker**, while a couple of bottles from **Ryan McEachron** will be enjoyed by Dwight and **Penny Edmiston** from the VVUHS.

Chris donated a couple of VVTA mobile phone chargers that will be used by **Dr. Ron Williams** and **Bryan Gillespie** who also left with a VVTA USB Electric Bus.

A Regan Ranch calendar found a home with **Stefanie Montoya** and a DCB picnic blanket from **Mike Johnson** will be used by Ryan.

Fine Session

David North was the Fine Master this week and noticed while **Margaret Cooker** spoke to our student speakers about Rotary scholarship opportunities, she only said one was available for those who wanted peace in foreign countries, so David fined her \$5 for those who don't want peace!



Dwight Johnson was given a fine of \$20 for still having the microphone feedback and **Stefanie Montoya** got the same for not knowing what "Fat Tuesday" was.

Esther Mears was penalized \$20 for not personally inviting David to the DCB/Flagstar grand opening event and although **Chris Ackerman** did not get a fine, his sports announcer persona "Crazy Chris" got one for \$20 for sending him to his Church Youth Winter Camp.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$9.00

Polio Pig: \$4 + Bryan Gillespie (Dice): \$5.00 = \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$18,664.67

Total equals: 98,443 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2021-2022	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Steve Orr
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Michael Krause
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
High School Speech Contest.....	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large: David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Need Replacement
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Stephen Quintero
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Chris Ackerman
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
VVUHSD Jr. HS Four Way Speech	Nancy Noble
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 Spring Valley Lake 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., Denny's, 13165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	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
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

- Mar 14: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
ARMAC Insurance Board Room
Rear Building on Yuma
- April 16: Comedy Night Fundraiser**
6:00pm Doors • 7:00pm Show
Victorville Elks Lodge, 14041 Hesperia Road
Tickets: \$15.00
- April 21: Fireside with District Governor Elizabeth "Betsy" McDonough Barry**
5:00pm, Apple Valley Chamber Office
16010 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley

Upcoming Programs

- Mar 8:** Rob Kilpatrick, Senior Project Manager, David Evans & Associates **Topic: "Apple Valley Village Project Update"** (Page)
- Mar 15:** Ami Popineau, Options for Youth Career Pathways Coordinator **Topic: "How Options for Youth WIOA Partnership Brings Success to our Students"** (Page)
- Mar 22:** Mike Johnson, Desert Community Bank **Topic: "Bank Fraud"** (Page)

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