

THE HEALING COLORS OF SOUND





This Week's FunctionariesInvocation:Chris AckermanFlag Salute:Capt. Greg Benson4-Way Test:Marie LangleyFinemaster:Ryan McEachron

This week we held our annual Dan Stover Music Competition at the Club level and featured 4 wonderfully talented students from Cobalt and University Prep. Chair **Marie Langley**, with assistance from **Dr. Breada Leach**, hosted the competition this year. All the students did a phenomenal job and our judges, consisting of **W. Dan Tate**, President of the Don Ferrarese Children's Foundation, Adelanto Mayor **Gabriel Reyes**, Rotarian **Oscar Garcia**, president of Elementum Services and timekeeper **Ryan McEachron** had some very tough decisions to make.

The first performer, who also won the participation award was **Ashley Cano** from University Prep. She is a flautist who dreams of playing the flute on day in a large orchestra. For the completion this year she performed Dance of the Blessed Spirits" from Orteo and Eurydice.

Coming in third this year was **Lindsey Escobar**, from Cobalt who, accompanied by her brother on guitar performed "House of the Rising Sun" by The Animals. While music is her hobby, her aspirations are to work in the medical field as a cardio-vascular surgeon.

In second place this year was another Cobalt student, **Oscar Arias**, who performed an original piece on acoustic guitar entitled, "Something New". Oscar wants to follow in his dad's footsteps and understand the power of music, and hopes to one day become a musical therapist, helping others through the healing color of sound.

This year's winner, and who will represent us at the Regional Competition was **Francisco Rugama** from Cobalt.

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ORR'S ROARS



Well I guess it is my time at the podium! I will be your host this month and look forward to the experience when I officially become your President later this year.

What a great time at this week's meeting! Congratulations to all of the Dan Stover Music students who were

absolutely wonderful and made it very hard for our judges. we look forward to seeing **Francisco Rugama** win at the Regional Level here at El Pescador on April 8 at 5pm

Our district conference is coming up May 3-4 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Anaheim. On Friday there will be a full District Assembly from 9am - 2:30pm, with the conference beginning right after. On Saturday there will be the 4-Way Speech finals and Dan Stover Music Finals, followed by the Conference and annual dinner event. Please make your plans to attend this great event!

Jon Hove gave a quick update to remind everyone to bring a guest and potential member to the luncheon. We are currently at 58 members, let's make it 60 by June 1st!

Don't forget there are still 3 FREE seats available for the Rotary Gala in Las Vegas next weekend. Please see **Margaret Cooker** to grab yours! The District is also needing auction items and raffle prizes if you can help.

Finally, "Life is too short to be serious all the time. So, if you can't laugh at yourself, call me...l'll laugh at you".

SOUND...

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Francisco played an untitled original composition that was so incredibly moving, that it brought tears to the eyes of this writer, a self-proclaimed music snob. Francisco aspires to one day become a financial advisor and music teacher.



The Regional Competition for this and the 4-Way Test will be held on April 8th at 5:30pm at El Pescador. Please make plans to come and support **Francisco Rugama** as he competes to represent our region at the District Conference in Anaheim on May 4th.



THE POLIO PIG Collected this week: \$19.00 Polio Pig: \$14.00 + Dice (Chris Ackerman): \$5.00 = \$19.00 Collected to Date: \$16,172.73 Total equals: 93,416 Doses! One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

BE THE INSPIRATION

LUCKY BLUE DICE



Chreis Ackerman put his camera down to a minute as he got the chance this week for Blue, but came up White! We will continue next week with 10 Dice and \$300 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

FINE SESSION

Ryan McEachron was back as our Fine Master this week and began by giving the "Talking Table" consisting of **Jim Doltar**, **Jon Hove**, **Don Lager** and **Jim Mettler** a \$10 fine each for discussions during the Dan Stover Music Contest. Ryan asked **Esther Mears** how things were going at DCB, in which she answered in the positive with loans being available and being given out. She was hit with a \$20 penalty for the advert.

Finally, **Terry Caldwell** was fined \$20; \$10 for just being at the meeting and another \$10 so he wouldn't have to fine **Arsalee Morales**. Terry was overheard to say something about payback coming soon...

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. March 14th to President Brad Letner.

Matthew Farias Position: Corps Assistant Organization: The Salvation Army Classification: Service: Non Profit Sponsor: Bill Edwards

ROTARY GUESTS

Along with family members of our Dan Stover Music Competition students, and our judges mentioned in the cover story, we also welcomed **Ed Will**, President of the Barstow Rotary Club.



SPOON OF EXEMPTION

Kevin Kane had his first week with the Spoon, gave Rotarians a quick overview of the Victor Valley Transit Authority. Along with operating in all 5 desert cities as well as outlying county areas, they also have a Van Pool service that is the 19th largest in the whole United States!

RAFFLE

In this week's Raffle, **Margaret Cooker** was the big winner, taking home a bevy of gifts including a set of City of Victorville coasters from Capt. **Greg Benson**, which she says will be perfect with her martini's, a \$25 Visa gift card from **Steve Orr** at Heritage, a pack of Girl Scout cookies from **Esther Mears** at DCB, and finally a bottle of wine from **Ryan McEachron**!

Also enjoying Girl Scout cookies will be **Greg Benson** and **Terry Caldwell**, while Ryan also took home a \$25 VISA card from Steve and a City of Victorville gear bag from Fire Chief Benson. **Chris Ackerman** will have fun shopping over at Midway Home Solutions with the \$25 gift card he won from **Don Lager**, and finally, **Esther Mears** will enjoy an evening out at Ontario Reign Hockey with a VIP 4-pack of tickets and park she won from **Jim Mettler** at Cal Portland!



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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 Adelanto 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 Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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

Mar 11: Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm Meeting DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor Hesperia and Silica Roads

Mar 14: Multi-Club Fireside with District Governor John Chase

5:00 pm Apple Valley Chamber Rotary Garden Volunteers needed for Set Up & Tear Down

Apr 4: Past Presidents' Dinner

Mama Carpino's, Apple Valley, CA 5:00pm • \$30 (Food & Wine) Hard liquor/cocktails on your own Main course choices: Salmon, Lasagna or Chicken Marsala. Appetizers: Pizza, Brochetta & Mushrooms

Desert: Gelato

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

Mar 12: District Governor John Chase

- Mar 19: 4-way Speech Contest (Tarango)
- Mar 26: Kirt Mahlum, Retired San Bernardino County Court Commissioner TOPIC: "Part 2 What was I thinking, perspectives from almost 20 years on the Bench" (Page)





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