

# The Joshua Tree

March 5, 2024

## JUNIOR HIGH 4 WAY SPEECHES



Our young students in the High Desert are seeing the value of the 4-Way Test, as seen by the five students who gave compelling speeches to the Club this week.

Put together by **Mike Johnson** and **Nancy Noble**, with **Bill Edwards** overseeing hosting duties, the students gave speeches that were judged by **Morris Anderson IV** and **Ray Robles** on loan from Toastmasters. The timekeeper for the competition were done by **Bo Goulet**.



Finishing 5th and taking home \$25 was **Shardonae Mister**. She asked a very poignant question, "why do we act this way and treat each other wrong"? She shared that no one should be afraid to be

themselves, and not to allow the actions of others to affect who you are.

Coming in 4th with \$50 was **Adalyn Juarez**. Adalyn shared



three tips on how to create forever friendships. These ways are to be a good listener, have empathy, and accepting people for who they are.

You will be able to

handle the tough times by having someone who has a listening ear, a person who gets you, and accepts you no matter what.

Finishing in 3rd place and leaving the meeting with \$75 was **Luis Madrigal**.

He spoke about what is right vs. what is popular. Luis reminded the room that there are a lot of negative behaviors across social media



channels. The world would be a better place if people would do what is right instead of what's popular. Social media is

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Jim Murray**
- 4-Way Test: **Dr. Ron Boyd**
- Fine Master: **David North**

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## ARSALEE'S AVENUE



Thank you to all of our students, Shardonae Mister, Adalyn Juarez, Luis Madrigal, Maddox Sosa and Jathan Chery for your wonderful

speeches this week. You all encompass the spirit of the 4-Way Test in your hearts and it shows!



Congratulations for Jathan for taking top honors. I also want to take a moment to thank Nancy Noble for all of her hard work with the students for our annual 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.

Margaret Cooker is now out of the hospital and in a rehab home, getting better every day! She hopes to be back home and back at Rotary by the end of the month. Please continue your prayers.

Until next week, "Success is not how high you have to climb , but how you make a positive difference to the world."

Now go sell some raffle tickets...

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## Speech Competition

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manipulating people minds with new trends that are not good. Thanks for reminder Luis!



In 2nd place with \$100 was **Maddox Sosa**. Maddox told the room to stand up and stand out! The 4-Way Test is one way to treat people but it isn't the only way. Thinking bigger and including young and old, rich and poor, tall and short, physically-able and disabled, and even people living in freedom and people who are not free, a better motto is stand up and stand out. Look for what is right and when you see wrong stand up to make it right. People who did this are rare, but appreciated. Sometimes they don't even know people watch them, but their actions bring gratitude, courage, hope, and more.

Finally, with the honor of 1st Place in the competition and going home with \$150 was **Jathan Chery**. Jathan shared the value of a true and happy life. The Rotary Four Way test practices truth and honesty. According to the Bible, "Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God". Truth can be shown in many ways, like saying something or standing up for someone who is being bullied in some way. Truth is commonly confused with what is popular, and most times, what is popular is wrong. Truth is important because it has such a massive effect on our lives. If you don't have truth in your life, it can affect you and your peers. Telling the truth makes others respect and trust you.



## CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



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## Big Blue Poker Chip



*Bo Goulet 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 11 chips and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.*

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Mike Page** \$13.10 for recently running in a half marathon (13.1 mi). David kept the \$13.10 fine theme to **Chris Ackerman** for having such a talented painter for a wife, **Leeann Ackerman**, as seen at the recent Evening Affaire event, and the same went to **Angel Espino** for getting married



this September!

Finally, **Dr. Ron Boyd** was fined \$13.10 for boasting about Animal Care Hospital, even though David was asking him to share an update about the business.

## Raffle

**Angel Espino** donated a couple of goodie bags of Edward Jones coffee cup, coffee, and other items that went home with **Bo Goulet** and student **Luis Magrigal**. Another student speaker **Maddox Sosa** won a pack of girl scout cookies from **David North** and the mother of student **Adalyn Juarez** left the meeting with a bottle of wine from David.

## Rotary Guests



Joining the parents of speech students, we welcomed **Nancy Noble** from Hook Jr. High and **Kris Reilly** from the Victor Valley Union High School District. We were also joined by Judges **Morris Anderson IV** and **Ray Robles** from Toastmasters.

We once again welcomed Rotarian/Not Rotarian **Angel Espino** from Edward Jones, who attended as a guest of **Mike Page**.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Mike Johnson** had his first week with the Spoon, but since he was unable to attend, he gave the Spoon to **Bill Edwards** to speak on his behalf.

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## The Polio Pig

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**Collected to Date: \$20,331.33**

**Total equals: 101,641 Doses!**

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



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- President 2024-2025 .....Bryan Gillespie
- President 2025-2027 ..... Bill Edwards
- President 2027 - 2028 ..... **Please be Interviewed**
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and John Wickum
- Sergeant At Arms.....Steve Murray
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- S.T.A.R. Students .....Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

**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 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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