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THE JOSHUA TREE

MARCH 14, 2017

A Celebration of Music and S.T.A.R.'s

Rotarians were entertained and encouraged this week with great music and heartwarming stories from our young people in the Victor Valley. The day began with our annual Dan Stover Music Contest (Club Level), hosted by **Brad Letner**.

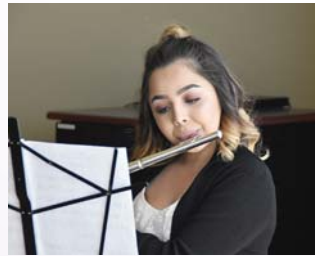


The first student was **Ryan Nordbeck** from Excelsior High School, who wowed the room with some smooth jazz



on his saxophone. Next up was **Owen Hill** from University Prep. As he plugged in his electric guitar, no one knew what was going to come out, but that did, was beautiful, a soft, lounge type of melody. From the guitar we moved onto the flute with **Naomi Ramirez** from Victor Valley High

School, a wonderful flautist. The flute is such a soothing instrument, if done correctly, and Naomi played with such grace



and elegance. Finally, we welcomed **Richardo Cavarroz**, from Silverado High School and took

over the grand piano in the back of the room with some brilliant playing on the ivory keys.

Once they were completed, our judges which consisted of our own **Kevin Kane**, **Paul Stark** from Parade of Pianos and local musician **Martial Haprov**, left the room to tally their decisions.

While the judges were away, we moved onto S.T.A.R. students from Brentwood, Puesta del Sol and 6th Street Prep, hosted by VESD Business Office Manager **Jackie Jauregui**.

From Brentwood we honored **Mariana Hernandez**, who started her year off with only being able to read, write and speak in Spanish. Through hard work and determination she is making steady improvements using English in all three



areas. **Fredy Lira** struggled with behavior issues in and out of the classroom, but has been learning to be respectful not only to his teachers, but to his peers as well. **Eduardo Ochoa-Bernal** is handicapped and in a wheelchair but that has not stopped him from being a star student and an example to others as well. In his studies he has kept up with his fellow students and his own peers look up to him. No matter what the challenge, he has a smile on his face and great attitude.



Finally at Brentwood, **Donna Marie Reyes** is a hard working student. She completes all of her assignments and is not afraid to ask questions. Her hard work has paid off with improved grades in every subject.

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This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Jim Mettler
4-Way Test:	Victor Rocha
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes



This week we celebrated our youth at the Dan Stover Music Contest, with four very talented students followed by S.T.A.R. students from three of our local schools. It was standing room only and thanks to the fast work from the staff at El Pescador, everyone was eventually seated.



First Lady **Trish Johnson** has been busy in the kitchen making Irish themed birthday cookies for some lucky



Rotarians who are celebrating birthdays! Birthday treats were made for **Diane Anderson** and DCB's **Louise Bevilacqua** who will celebrate her birthday this Sunday.

RYLA is almost here! **Teressa Coomes** is getting everything

set for this year's camp and will be conducting interviews for RYLA applicants. If you are interested in helping, please contact Teressa at tecoomes@cbbank.com.

Thanks to everyone who continued to bring canned goods to the meetings. **Don Lager** was able to take another bag of goods back to Midway to store for a later announcement.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I will understand." - Benjamin Franklin



Lucky Blue Dice



Robert Lovingood was the lucky winner of the chance to get some big money, but once again came up with a white dice and left another chance for a Rotarian next week.

Next week, we continue with 7 dice and \$375 for another lucky Rotarian to win the big money!!

Raffle Prizes

Pastor Paul Earle was the big winner this week, by first winning a bottle of wine donated by our President **Dwight Johnson**. From there Pastor Paul also took home a pair of ear buds from **Kevin Kane** at VVTA, as did **Gary Adams**. Gary also won a pair of the Pirate Renaissance Fair from Dwight, but Pastor Paul was not done yet. **Jim Mettler** donated a 4-pack of tickets to an Ontario Reign game, which was once again won by Pastor Paul! Paul decided it was enough prizes, and gave the tickets to one of our guests today.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$24.00

Polio Pig: \$19.00 + Dice (Robert Lovingood): \$5.00 = \$24.00

Collected to Date: \$14,048.45

Total equals: 89,143 Doses!

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



Music and S.T.A.R.'s

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Over at Puesta del Sol, **Della Carter** has gone from a reserved, cautious student into a child that reads at a high school level and is even taking an independent study course in Shakespearean Studies! **Emely Jurado** is a positive and adventurous student, who is not afraid to try anything in class. It has helped her growth in reading comprehension and math. **Evelyn Solares** has become a role model for all students and has developed a strong understanding of different technologies.

The final student was **Ximena Arias Palma** from Sixth Street



Prep. Not only have her grades in math improved, but her reading level has increased dramatically as well. Once all of the students received certificates and gifts from Supervisor **Robert**

Lovingood, Victorville Mayor **Gloria Garcia**, **Rebecca Tennyson** from Senator Scott Wilk's office, **Isis Fuentes** from Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's office, **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office and our President **Dwight Johnson**, it was time to find out the winners of the Dan Stover Music Contest.

Brad Letner began by announcing the runners up, who were **Ryan Nordbeck** and **Owen Hill**.

Both students received a check for \$25. Second place was awarded to pianist **Ricardo Cavarroz**, who was given a check for \$100, which made our winner at the Club Level none other than flautist **Naomi Ramirez!** Naomi received a



check for

\$150 and will represent our Club at the Regional Competition on March 22nd at 4:30pm at the Victor Valley Museum. That event will also feature the regionals for the speech contest. Make sure you make plans to come out and support our students this year!



Rotary Guests

This week **Al Castellucci** brought **Nathan Bradway** from the Bug Police and **Eric Avina** from Winco. **Pastor Paul Earle** invited **Robert Duhaine**, and **Dr. Ron Williams** hosted Silverado High School Counselor **Vicki Archer** in attendance.

Passing out certificates to our S.T.A.R. students included **Isis Fuentes** from Assemblyman Obernolte's office, **Rebecca Tennyson** from Senator Wilk's office, **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office and Mayor for the City of Victorville, **Gloria Garcia**.

We also welcomed music judges **Martial Haprov**, **Paul Stark** from Parade of Piano's and our S.T.A.R. Awards presenter **Jackie Jauregui**.

Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was our Fine Master once again this week, but due to time restraints only had time for one fine. For that one fine, Terry called out **Dr. Ron Williams**. Terry gave Ron the opportunity to work off his fine (as it was going to be pretty large) due to the fact that this week's meeting was celebrating students and Ron, the Superintendent for the VVUSD, was on his phone working! The job Ron had to do was stand up and share the news that would impact the District greatly. The first piece of news was that Ron won "Superintendent of the Year" for San Bernardino County and 1 of 16 people to receive the National Superintendent Certification for the United States! That got his fine down from \$50 to \$10!



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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 Maverick 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 Domingo's 1520 Main St, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 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

March 22: Dan Stover Music & Speech Regional Contest

Victor Valley Museum - 4:30pm
11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308

April 22: District Assembly

8:30am - Check In
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley

May 6: Super Build

1-day Home Building in Tecate, Mexico
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

May 19: District Conference thru 21

Hilton Hotel, Palm Springs
Register at www.DaCDB.com

Future Rotary Programs

March 21: Heather Forsythe, San Bernardino County
Sheriff Detective **TOPIC: "Terrorism
Early Warning Group"** (Schuler)

March 28: George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest
(Boyd)

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in
writing by 5 p.m. March 20 to President Dwight Johnson.

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