

The Joshua Tree

March 15, 2022

WHAT ARE YOU WANNA DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

Do you remember being asked what you wanted to do after you graduated from high school and did not know the answer? **Ami Popineau**, Career Pathways Coordinator for Options for Youth Charter School, asks students that question all the time. To help point students in the right path to success, being a WIOA School certainly helps.

As shared with **Bryan Gillespie** a couple weeks ago, Options for Youth is a free public charter school; with 5 locations in the High Desert, serving both junior high and high school students. Options for Youth students can either achieve a high school diploma or get credit recovery to go back to a traditional school.

WIOA stands for the Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act. It is a Federal Act that was signed into law in 2015 to offer adults and youth workforce education and support to strengthen and grow the US labor force. It offers federal funds to all states and those states filter those funds into each of their counties to invest in WIOA organizations and programs.

Being a WIOA School allows Options for Youth to bring success directly to their students. The school offers the 14 elements of WIOA and umbrella services. These elements include tutoring, dropout



prevention, support services, financial literacy education, guidance counseling, leadership development, entrepreneurial skills, occupational training, paid work experience and other career pathway education.

A career pathway education gives a student insight on what possible career they'd like to explore and educational opportunities that match their interests. The best thing is that it is not set in stone and students can

change their career choices if they choose.

The career pathways education includes a Creative Path which focuses on information technology, art, A/V technology, and communication. There is a Health Path for those interested in health services and a Nature Path for the agriculture market. Also available is a Helping Path which includes law enforcement, public safety, government, and public administration, plus hospitality and tourism. A Building/Fixing Path is great for those interested in architecture, construction, manufacturing, and transportation. Finally, a Business Path is geared for business management, marketing, and finance.

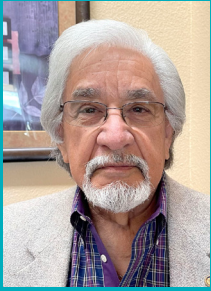
Student leadership also plays a big role on student success at Options for Youth. The Student Council raises money for charities, collect items to donate to local homeless shelters and promote food drives around the holidays. They also volunteer to help with a variety of school events. This year the Student Leadership Council competed in the Mojave Water Agency Problem Solvers Competition. They were challenged to find a solution to the problem with unregulated wells in the County and the issues it creates for unsafe drinking water.

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** John Kroencke
- 4-Way Test:** Brad Poiriez
- Fine Master:** David North

TAFOYA TALKS



I was so pleased to fill in this week for our President and hear Ami Popineau speak on the successful WIOA program going on at Options for Youth Charter Schools.

It will help students get on the correct career path early.



We will hold our 5th Tuesday Evening meeting this month on March 29th at Las Brisas in the Apple Valley Village. Along with great food and fellowship, we will also be stuffing our annual Easter Baskets! We are still in need of funds to purchase all the items, so please think about giving.

Our Comedy Night on April 16. We are still looking for raffle prizes for the event and hope everyone will donate something. There are only 60 tickets available and we want this to be a sell out.

See you next week!

Ben Tafoya



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Ami Popineau

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Another highlight is the Entrepreneurial Skills WIOA Path. Within this class students are assigned to create a business idea and write a business plan. All the students who take part in the program compete with other Options for Youth students throughout California in their own "Shark Tank" Competition.

Another avenue for students is paid internships and work experience with WIOA partners. Students chosen must have a good standing with the program, turn in their work on time, and have an expressed interest in a certain career path. One such partner is Goodwill. The Goodwill stores help the community but also WIOA students vocational training and job placement.

Options for Youth students find success in WIOA by getting trained and educated for their career interests while still in high school. This goes a long way to help a student decide what they would like to study in college. It beats spending all that money at an expensive school and then deciding it's not the right career path.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 "Egg On Your Face" Easter Comedy Night

Doors Open 6PM
Showtime 7PM

PG-13 Material

Tickets / Info:
(760) 985-9581

Tickets: \$15.00



Mike Cano



Julio Gonzalez



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Ace Guillen



Sam Ridley

Victorville Elks Lodge - 14041 Hesperia Rd, Victorville, CA 92392

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Bill Edwards had the winning ticket and took home a whopping \$525 for getting the final blue dice!

We begin again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Rotary Guests

This week we met **Bo Goulet** who attended as a guest of **Mike Page**, and **Bill Edwards** came to the meeting with his mother-in-law **Trudy Shoemaker**. We also met the Victorville Sheriff's PIO **Tricia Blake** who was invited by Captain **John Wickum** and fresh out of Marine Boot Camp, we met **Hailee Harris**, who is the daughter of **Arsalee Morales**.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Raffle

In this week's raffle session **Arsalee Morales** will enjoy one heck of an evening with a \$25 Chili's gift card and a bottle of Kentucky Bourbon, both donated by **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight also donated a bottle of wine that was received by **Chris Ackerman**. Chris donated a pair of Victor Valley Transit campfire mugs and USB Buses that will be used by guest **Bo Goulet** and Dwight. **Jim Mettler** also donated a bottle of wine that will be consumed by **Ben Tafoya**. **Bill Edwards** gave away a pair of \$10 Walmart gift cards that will be used by Dwight and **Rob Kilpatrick**. Finally, **John Kroencke** is ready for BBQ season with the Victor Valley Rescue Mission Apron he won, courtesy of Bill.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master again this week and it was "if you give, you get" type of fine session. David only gave out one fine to **Mike Page**, due to the MWA



Competition done by the Options for Youth Student Leadership Council (see story page 1). David fined Mike \$20 for making high school students solve the water problems with unregulated wells instead of himself!

Then, for reasons known only to himself, David then decided to address guests and newer Rotarians in the room and share a lot of the programs that the Rotary Club is involved in such as Scholarships, Teacher Mini-Grants, RYLA, TLC, Speech & Music competitions, International Service, Read B4K, Community Service Awards, and Easter Baskets.

After David was done, **Ben Tafoya**, in his Past President role, fined David \$20 for taking the extra time!

Marilyn Buttelwerth Memorial Service

Thursday, April 7, 2022 • 10:00am
First Assembly of God Church
15260 Nisqualli Rd
Victorville, CA 92395

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$10.00
Collected to Date: \$18,692.67
Total equals: 98,499 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	Need Volunteer
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.....	Need Volunteer
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

- April 11: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00 pm Meeting at Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia
2nd Building on the Right Side of Driveway
- 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
- April 23: District Assembly**
Granite Hills High School
- April 25: Past Presidents' Meeting**
5:30pm • Location TBA
- April 28: Past Presidents' Dinner**
Mama Carpino's • Apple Valley, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Mar 22:** Mike Johnson, Desert Community Bank
Topic: "Bank Fraud" (Page)
- Mar 29: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting
at Las Brisas & Assemble Easter
Baskets** (Krause/Mears)

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