

The Joshua Tree

March 16, 2021

RETURN OF THE 4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST

This week the Rotary Club of Victorville heard two inspiring speeches by a couple of great students. In the return of the 4-Way Speech Contests, the two students competing were **Daniella Becerra**, a junior from University Prep and **Joshua Martinez**, a sophomore from Options for Youth. The event was emceed by **Jessica Perez**, and Timekeepers for this year were **Bill Edwards** and **Tina Escareño**, while the official judges were Captain **John Wickum**, **Brad Poiriez**, and **Coleen Luque**.

reached. People pass their times on their phones, and instead of honing their skills to making their goals reality, they would rather watch the latest video or scroll endless through social media for hours on end. It's true, technology can actually hold people back. Joshua's final message is to stay strong and resilient, and face all the hardships without fear to make your dreams come true.



The first speaker for the competition was Joshua who began by asking how many students any one school would we expect to be part of the 4-Way Speech Competition, maybe 100? Sadly, the answer is more around 5, as most students wouldn't do it unless it was mandatory, some dropped out after reading the guidelines, and the rest from either stage fright or fear of public speaking.

Dreams can be destroyed due to one's fear. Fear makes us stuck in the same place, where dreams and goals cannot be

Daniella was the next speaker and also asked a question, this one finding out if anyone has ever said to themselves, "Maybe I shouldn't have said that." We are taught at a young age to think before we speak, but so many of us get incredibly busy in our own lives, that our words and actions can affect others negatively. Humans are better than that, but sometimes we don't think just how important it is to be kind and courteous to others.

In the area of the 4-Way test, Daniella pointed out that we are only hurting ourselves when we are not truthful; to ourselves as well as others. Secondly, it is true, life isn't fair, but that should not be an excuse to treat others badly. In regards to the third rule, we build connections with others by enhancing goodwill, as friendship is vitally important to everyone. Finally, when we are ourselves, we are being fair and truthful to others.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Bill Edwards**

Flag Salute: **John Wickum**

4-Way Test: **Steve Orr**

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ORR'S ROARS



I love Rotary meetings like this! Nothing gives me more hope for the future than hearing our future leaders speak so eloquently about the importance of the 4-Way Test. Both Daniella and Joshua gave wonderful

speeches and congrats to the winner Daniella, who will go on to represent our Club next at the Regional Level!

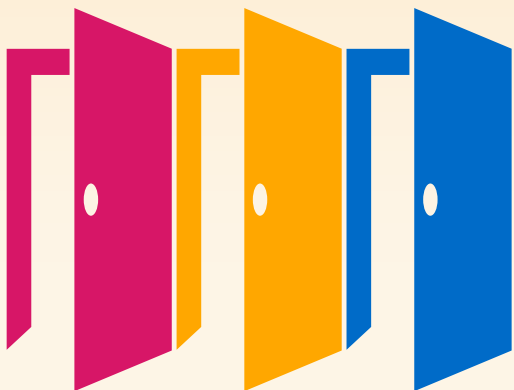


Jessica Perez shared that the Club is currently looking for sponsors for this year's Teacher Mini-Grants. Now that students are finally returning to school they need it now more than ever! Please contact Jessica to sponsor a Mini-Grant!

Bill Edwards gave the news that we are returning to our 5th Tuesday Rotary meeting on June 29th at 5:00pm. We will re-start where we last left off, at Korean BBQ in Victorville! Please sign up for this special Rotary Meeting.

Until next week,

Steve



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4-Way Speech Competition

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After the judges made their decisions, the winner of the 4-Way Speech Competition was **Daniella Becerra**, who received \$200 and will now move on to the next level of the competition, while runner-up **Joshua Martinez**, went home with \$100 and will serve as back-up. Thanks to both Daniella and Joshua for the inspiring speeches, you are true leaders in many ways.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Bill Edwards had a chance to grab the Blue Dice, and just like that, he did it! Bill picked Blue and took home \$225!

We will start over next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

Along with family members and school officials for our 4-Way Speech students, we met **Jason Olmstad** and **Rachel Challacomb** from Options for Youth who were guests of **Bryan Gillespie**, plus Jay Obernolte aide **Christopher Scott** and **Coleen Luque** once again as a guests of **Steve Orr**.

Raffle

Only one gift in this week's raffle that was taken home by **Tina Escareño** will get a small break at the pump with the \$25 ARCO Pump Pass she received courtesy of Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$25.00

Collected to Date: \$17,785.23

Total equals: 96,684 Doses!

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

Spoon of Exception

Kevin Kane had the Spoon for Victor Valley Transit this week and shared the great news that as of Monday, the County has finally



recognized Transit Operators and staff as essential and can now obtain vaccine's to better help them continue to serve the public in the safest manner possible.

But the good news did not end there! Kevin also shared that along with their seven Battery Electric Buses, five more are now in production for the new Barstow facility, and by the year 2029, the whole Victor Valley Transit fleet will be 100% clean burning electric buses!



Celebration
OF
Glee Heikes

She shared her world with us and now we want to share her legacy with you.

Please join us for a virtual tribute in honor of Glee & Hanley Heikes

Saturday, April 24, 2021 - 10:00 am-11:00 am

Please RSVP by Monday, 4/19/21 to
supportstmaryfoundation@providence.org

For more information or questions,
please contact
supportstmaryfoundation.org/CelebrateGlee

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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 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 12: Board of Directors meeting
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)

Upcoming Programs

- Mar 23:** Stew Anderson, **Topic: History of Spring Valley Lake** (Page)
- Mar 30:** Terry Caldwell, **Topic: History of Southern California Logistics Airport - Part 1** (Page)
- April 6:** Tom Schibusch, **Topic: March of Dimes** (Orr)
- April 13:** **OPEN**
- April 20:** Luke Vorstermans, Founder of Roll a Hippo Foundation, **Topic: Take a Hippo to Work** (Cooker)
- April 27:** **Ethics Essay Contest** (Boyd)

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