



Rotary 

 BE THE INSPIRATION

# The Joshua Tree



March 19, 2019

## BE AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS...

The need to make an effort to connect with others. Inspiration can come from a variety of perspectives. Money cannot restore time lost. Will you choose to inspire others? This is what Rotarians learned at our annual Club level 4-Way Speech Contest this week in Victorville.



**McKenzie Tarango** led the proceedings in her first year as Chair and did a wonderful job. Assisted by **Dr. Breada Leach**, joined by Timekeeper **Kevin Kane** and judges **Dan Tate** (Don Ferrarese Foundation), **Paul Russ** (Former Mayor of Hesperia) and Rotarian **Keith Metzler** (City of Victorville), a room of Rotarians, parents and school Administrators heard inspirational speeches by four local students.

In 4th Place we met **Lindley Escobar**, a senior who would like to first be an EMT and then become an Cardiovascular

Surgeon. Lindley shared that in two months when she graduates, life will become very different as she will be moving into adulthood, but still feel like a teenager, and encourages others to show honest effort out in the real world. Don't say you can do something without showing the action and make the effort to

connect with others. She encourages other youth do go out and help those in need as well.

In 3rd place was **Joanna Lee**, who would love to have a career in the artificial intelligence field, shared a tale about her own family. First hand she saw how her mother worked and worked, all for living paycheck to paycheck, and drowning in debt. Even as a young child she soon realized that although her mom was trying to do her best, all she was doing was drowning in a cycle of debt, and missing out on life, which left Joanna cold. So many people sacrifice happiness for money and money cannot restore time lost with family and loved ones. The truth is too many people think of the 4 Way Test on what their bank account looks like, but in truth, people should stop being obsessed with financial gain and obsessed with creating memories.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Brad Poiriez**
- 4-Way Test: **Mike Page**
- Finemaster: **Mark Taylor**

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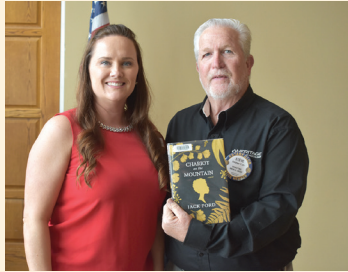
## ORR'S ROARS



Another fantastic meeting this week, which wonderful local students, who truly grasp the ideals of the 4-Way Test!

Thanks to **McKenzie Tarango** for all of her hard

work in her first year with this program! Take a bow!



Don't forget Easter is just around the corner and we are needing Rotarians to donate for this year's Easter Baskets, which will be given to worthwhile needy families, as selected by our local Sheriff's Department. See **Dwight Johnson** for more information

For those who cannot donate financially, you can still help as a reader for RYLA Essays and Scholarships, so please see **David North** to lend a hand.

Finally, "We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know." - W.H. Auden

## THE POLIO PIG

**Collected this week: \$15.00**

*Polio Pig: \$10.00 + Dice (Matt Farias): \$5.00 = \$15.00*

**Collected to Date: \$16,214.73**

**Total equals: 93,500 Doses!**

*One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!*

*\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*



## INSPIRATION

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In 2nd place this year was **Nour Rajha**, a junior from University Prep, who dreams of one day having a career in Neuroscience. Nour spoke about how inspiration doesn't have to be from a person necessarily, but can also come from an animal, a story, a song, or even an image. These things can also make people think about their lives, and set the course for them to make changes and better of themselves. A single image or story can have a vastly different meaning to those who view them and one single image can inspire in a million different ways. When you get inspired, you will know it.

Finally, in 1st Place and the student who will represent our Club at the Regional Competition on April 8th at El Pescador is **Katrina Gilbert**. Katrina spoke about how we are all influenced by



another person or situation that inspires us and changes us profoundly. Youth need to explore life to find their inspiration and she shared a wonderful story to illustrate this point. A man and woman are walking on the beach where there are a thousand starfish, and they see a girl picking up the starfish (representing youth) and throwing them back out into the ocean (representing life). When they ask her why she is doing that, she says to give them a chance to experience life. She rounded out her speech by illustrating even further, and sharing the true story of herself, as a young, shy, reserved girl, who was asked by a youth pastor in her church to join the Youth Choir. That experience brought her out of her shell and through that inspiration, she is now in the California Cadet Corps, Youth leader and speaker, all because of the inspiration of others. Katrina left us all with the powerful message to return the favor and inspire someone in our lives.

After graduation Katrina will join the Air Force and is striving for a career in Psychology. But first we will see her compete in the Regional 4-Way Competition and then off to the District Finals in Anaheim in May! Good Luck..we are rooting for you!

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## LUCKY BLUE DICE



*Matt Farias, the newest Rotarian in the world, got the chance to get some big money, but took another white dice out of the bag and gave his \$5 back to the Polio Pig. We will continue next week with 8 Dice and \$350 for a Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!*

## BLUE BADGE



**Mark Taylor** was on hand to present **Dr. Breda Leach** with her Blue Badge this week! Congratulations for your hard work and dedication to the Club!

## SPOON OF EXEMPTION



**Kevin Kane** used the Spoon this week to share even more interesting facts about the VTA. Did you know that the Victor Valley Transit Authority has a 116 vehicle fleet, with 2.3 million passengers per year? With an operating budget of a whopping 20 Million, they are still considered a small agency, but are big for the High Desert!

## ROTARY GUESTS

Joining our students, parents, teachers and judges this week we also welcomed **Dulcee Canseco** from Kindred Hospice, who attended with **Sarah Rojas**.

## RAFFLE

In this week's Raffle, **Sarah Rojas** from Kindred Hospice was a double winner as she went home with the \$25 Midway card from **Don Lager** and a \$25 VISA gift card from **Steve Orr**! Speech contestant **Joanna Lee** also won a \$25 gift card from Heritage as well.

Mr Kane...you have some very unique ideas when it comes to raffle prizes. His first donated item was a empty box won to **Steve Orr** and then a Bottle Opener of Barak Obama in a swimsuit and surfboard which was won by **Don Lager**.



## NEW ROTARIAN



**Matthew Farias** is now the newest Rotarian in the world! Sponsored by **Bill Edwards**, with proceedings led by **Stew Anderson**, the Club

continues our relationship with the Salvation Army in part with the induction of Matt into the Club! Matthew and his wife are the new Administrators for the Victorville Branch, and are honored to serve God, the Salvation Army, and our local community. Welcome to Rotary Matthew!



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2018-2019 .....	Brad Letner
President 2019-2020 .....	Steve Orr
Immediate Past President .....	Dwight Johnson
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International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Rob Kilpatrick
Vocational Service/Speech Contests .....	Dr. Breda Leach
Scholarships .....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Jon Hove

### Members-at-Large:

Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham • Don Lager

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts .....	Teresa Letner
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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 Green Tree Golf  
Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

### Make-up Days and Locations

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

- Apr 4:** **Past Presidents' Dinner**  
Mama Carpino's, Apple Valley, CA  
5:00pm • \$30 (Food & Wine)
- Apr 8:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Apr 8:** **Regional Competition for Dan Stover and the 4 Way Test Speech Contests**  
5:30 pm • El Pescador
- April 30:** **5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting**  
5:30 pm  
Château Chang, Victorville

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- 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"**  
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- April 2:** **Easter Basket Community Project**  
(Johnson)
- April 9:** **STAR Students Program** (Mills)
- April 16:** **Sue Moore, Moore Digital Marketing**  
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