



The Joshua Tree

March 19, 2024

THE RISE OF ETHICS THROUGH DILEMMAS



Rotary International District 5300 George R. Hensel Ethics Essay Contest is designed to challenge high school students to analyze ethical issues and concerns confronting them in today's complex world. Because our fellow Rotarian, businessman, and philanthropist, George R. Hensel, Ph.D., privately funded this contest before his death in 2012. Students submit essays to their local Rotary Clubs and present their essays at a club meeting. Winners at the club level advance to the District Level and four winners at that level are awarded monetary prizes. The overall winning essay is presented at the District Conference.

Out of hundreds of submissions and led by **Dr. Ron Boyd**, the top three essays were presented this week at the Club Level.



First to read her essay and taking home \$75 was runner up **Daisy Torres**. In her speech, Daisy shared that everyone sometime in their

life will give in to peer pressure, whether they realize it or not. Everyone has a set of morals that they apply to their daily lives. Hers are loyalty, to always be kind to others, to not judge others and to not let others peer pressure her. She believes our life experiences help us gain morals to live by. Daisy attends Victor Valley High School and plans to study to be an ultrasound technician after graduation.

Next to the podium and also receiving \$75 was runner up **Skyla Marie Harrell Truehill**. She shared that out of the 8.1 billion people in the world, most experience ethical dilemma's. These dilemmas may not even be recognized until we look back upon these circumstances

There are various forms of ethical decision-making which can expand to telling the truth, having an "us

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This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Ben Tafoya

4-Way Test: Bill Edwards

Fine Master: David North

MURRAY'S MINUTE



Thank you to Daisy Torres, Skyla Marie Harrell Truehill and Bryan Williams for your excellent speeches



in the George R. Hensel Essay Contest! Congratulations to Bryan on the win and hope you earn the \$3,000 at District!

Bill Edwards shared that he and Arsalee Morales are looking for 3 Rotarians who are not on the Board to help with a Fundraising Committee. We are looking for some fresh and unique ideas to raise money for the Club's many programs we support. Please see Bill if you can serve.

The Rotary Raffle Basket continues to grow with over \$2,000 worth of prizes! Please buy and sell tickets throughout the community. All the money raised will go into our treasury so our 24/25 President Bryan Gillespie will have a great start!

Finally, the best news of all...Margaret Cooker is home! She is resting and healing comfortably and will be back soon. Thank you all for your heartfelt prayers and well wishes.

Steve

Ethic Essays

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vs. them" mindset, which creates turmoil. She also spoke about the consequences now and in the future based on ethical dilemmas. We need to work on them, based on ethical standards. Skyla has been accepted to UCLA and plans to pursue a career in criminal justice.



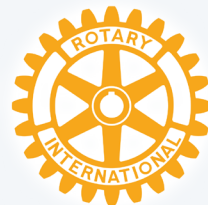
Having the winning essay, taking home \$150 and advancing to the next level of competition was **Bryan Williams**.

Bryan shared a story of a fender bender in the parking lot of Home Depot, which caused him to question his ethics and morals. Bryan's mind



was racing and he thought of possible scenarios to get out of the situation, but chose to handling this issue with his ethics in charge. In the end, none of the results he thought would possibly happen came to pass and glad he chose the ethical route. Bryan plans to look into a career in electrical engineering after graduation from University Prep.

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Big Blue Poker Chip



Ben Tafoya 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 9 chips and \$325 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Raffle



Ben Tafoya was the big winner this week, winning a sound spa from **Dana Hernandez** from Rockin Our Disabilities Foundation, a copy of the

Trivial Pursuit Family Edition game from Dana, a bottle of wine from **Bo Goulet**, a Red rock RV backpack from **Russ Stringham** and some Girl Scout Cookies from **David North**.

Bill Edwards donated a couple of Christmas goodie bags and calendars that were taken home by **Arsalee Morales** and **Steve Murray**, and Bill went home with a cocktail smoker kit from **Dana Hernandez**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$15.00

Polio Pig: \$10 + Dice (Ben Tafoya) \$5 = \$15.00

Collected to Date: \$20,356.33

Total equals: 101,691 Doses!

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

Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Kris Reilly** and **Carl Coles** \$25 each since they were technically Rotarians, but not officially.

Mike Page earned a fine of \$26.60 for running in the L.A. Marathon last week and finishing the 26.2 mile run. In addition, other penalties levied in the amount of \$26.60 included **Arsalee Morales**, for her daughter Haley being deployed in the Marines to Australia, **Jon Hove** for finally making an appearance and **Bo Goulet** for talking about mortgages.

Rotary Guests

Our guests this week included **Stephanie Boyd**, who attended with her husband, **Dr. Ron Boyd**, **Carl Coles**, the Superintendent from the VVUHSD, and **Kris Reilly**. **Jon Hove** invited the new Plant Manager for Cal Portland **Rich Walters**, plus family members and teachers for our student speakers were also in attendance.

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



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and John Wickum
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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 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

- April 8:** **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 26:** Keith Metzler, City Manager, City of Victorville **TOPIC: City Update** (Page)
- April 2:** **Rotary Area Combined Music and Speech Contests** (Johnson/Edwards)
- April 9:** **Victor Valley College - Professor Wilkerson**

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