



The Joshua Tree

March 21, 2023

TRAINING NOT FOR LICENSES, BUT FOR GREAT EMPLOYEES

There are many exciting and beneficial programs and classes that one can take at Victor Valley College through their Noncredit Program. Moreover, most of all it is free of charge! There are no fees or tuition, only licensing fees, depending on the course. **Richard Radcliffe**, VVC's Director of Noncredit Programs, Public Safety and Industrial Technology spoke to the Club about these different programs. He also talked about some coming down the road, and ones that are now in session.

A non-credit instruction course includes an array of no-cost courses that help students reach their personal, academic, and professional goals. Courses offer academic enrichment, where students can take part in extracurricular classes and receive advanced instruction or discover new hobbies, interests, and activities outside of the classroom setting. Courses also prepare students for employability with such courses as how to prepare for a job interview, how to write a resume and more. There is ESL language development, short-term vocational training among others.



Their Commercial Driving Training Program has proven to be highly successful. An 8-week course, with 24 students in each class, now has an interest list of over 1,000 individuals from across the globe. The course is made up of three distinct classes.

The first is in the classroom with a simulator that takes students through such training as proper shifting and driving in different weather conditions such as snow. The second is in a

dedicated parking lot for the College, training drivers for their DMV



test. This class also teaches students how to pre-trip their vehicles correctly. Pre-trip includes checking the cab, air brake checks, in-cab instrument

checks and more. This is likewise tested at the DMV before the driver tests behind the wheel. In the parking lot, the class, students are also taught how to properly stop, back up, parallel parking and 90-degree parking. The third class covers road driving. The College currently has four vehicles of different sizes and gear differentials.

Another course coming soon to Victor Valley College's noncredit program is a cosmetology course. The class requires 1,000 hours of training before State testing takes place and will include a hair salon and nail/manicure salon. Members of the public will be invited in for free hair and nail services as a way for students to

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** James Rightmire
- 4-Way Test:** Mike Johnson
- Fine Master:** Arsalee Morales

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practice their trade. Salon owners in the area will be looking to hire students right out of school.

Some courses take many weeks, while others, such as Forklift Certification, take only two days. Some classes will be offered on weekends too.

Other programs currently in session or coming soon to the campus include Emergency Telecommunications (911 Dispatch), Forklift Certification, Low Voltage Installation, Mobile Notary, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy, Home Economics and more.

There are classes for older adults in development. Some of the classes will include art, personal finance, political science, creative writing, genealogy, photography, fashion, health, construction, automotive and computers.



Finally, other courses under consideration for the distant future include beer & wine making, Class C Driver's License, cell phone repair, vehicle wrap installer, veterinary assistant, manufacturing, industrial medicine and technical theater.

To find out more information, to become an instructor, or to suggest other courses for consideration, please contact **Richard Radcliffe** at 760-245-4271, ext. 2358 or richard.radcliffe@vvc.edu.



IMAGINE ROTARY



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Richard Radcliffe for joining us this week to share the successful Commercial

Driving Training Program and other noncredit classes coming to Victor Valley College in the near future. We look forward to hearing more successes from the programs.



Our Easter Basket season is coming up fast! We are looking for donations to fill 18 - 20 baskets this year and are collecting funds to make this happen for our meeting on Tuesday April 4th.

We still need volunteers! On March 26, Majestic Cycles will host the Victorville Stage Bicycle Race in Victorville and our Club has been approached to pour beer that day as a 50/50 fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 that day and we need volunteers from the Club to make that happen. Funds raised will help programs, like the Easter Baskets mentioned above. Please see Steve Murray to sign up.

We are a sponsor of the State of the VVUHSD Event on April 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn. Please let me know if you'd like to attend.

Until next week, "What you do today can improve all your tomorrows. Never give up. Today is hard, tomorrow may be worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine."

Arsalee

IMAGINE ROTARY

Big Blue Dice



Jon Hove had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian. The pot continues to grow next week with 5 Dice and \$425 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Rotary Guests



Jon Hove brought two of his staff members, **Rosa Rivera** and **Kristyn Kirby** to the meeting this week. We were also introduced to Coldwell Banker Commercial Realtor **Kyle Vizzo**, who attended with **Bob Basen**.

Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



Help Needed



Rotarians! We have only had 4 Rotarians to sign up for the Beer Pouring Fundraiser at the Victorville Stage Bike Race on Sunday, May 26! This event is a fundraiser where 50% of the money collected goes directly to our Club.

If we don't get anymore volunteers in time for the event, then we will have to back out and will lose a lot of money that we need to provide much needed services to our community and beyond.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Chris Ackerman** brought some goodies to give away on behalf of **Kevin Kane**. Both an Angles baseball backpack and laptop bag were won by **Bryan Gillespie**. **Steve Murray** gave away a Bob's Tire Tumbler that will be used by President **Arsalee Morales**.

Fine Session

In absence of a regular Fine Master this week, President **Arsalee Morales** stepped in and proclaimed everyone in attendance was fine free.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$11.00

Polio Pig: \$6 • Dice (Jon Hove) \$5 = \$11.00

Collected to Date: \$19,652.52

Total equals: 100,293 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Jon Hove
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Dawn Quigg
Flowers and Gifts	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
4-Way Speech Competitions	Mike Johnson
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Need Volunteer
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, Jeff Armstrong and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

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:	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, <i>No Longer Meeting</i> 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 10: Board of Directors Meeting

5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

April 22: District Assembly

Sitting Bull Middle School
Apple Valley, CA • 8am - 2pm

May 5-7: District Conference

Horseshoe Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV
4-Way Speech Contest (Saturday Breakfast)
Dan Stover Music Contest (Saturday Lunch)

June 24: Demotion Party

5:00pm • Home of Dan & Krisi Dever

Upcoming Programs

March 28: Mike Johnson **Topic: "Thunder, Lightning & Peace: High Schooler CEO Aiding Veterans with Trauma"** (Johnson)
4-Way Speech Contest Regional Competition

April 4: **Dan Stover Regional Competition** (Edwards)
Easter Basket Assembly

April 11: **Adelanto Elementary School District** (Krause)

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