



The Joshua Tree

April 2, 2024

ROMANCE & FINANCIAL LITERACY



This week we held our Rotary Area Speech and Music Competition between our Club and the Rotary Club of Apple Valley. Hosted by **Mike Johnson** and **Bill Edwards**, our judges included **Nancy Keller, Ray Robles, Morris Anderson IV, Lindsay Fahnestock** and **Joe Jackson**.

The speech competition was first and the runner up, taking home \$100 was **Lillian Madrid**, representing the Apple Valley Club. Lillian spoke about hope, and how it plays into the 4-Way Test. She spoke on how truth, fairness, good will and fairness all work together in acts of service to spark hope in others. Lillian is a Senior at Granite Hills High School.

Winning the speech competition, \$200, and moving ahead to the District Conference was **McKenzie White**, representing our Club. Makenzie focused her speech

on the importance of financial literacy for high school students. Young people would be able to start off with a lower credit score if this education was brought back into schools. No matter their home life or ethnic background, financial literacy has equal opportunities for all. The daughter of a banker, she learned at an early age how to spend money wisely. Makenzie has seen several classmates struggle with money and wish it was still taught in school so they would be better prepared after graduation. In her spare time, she loves to paint, play violin and baking. In fact, she plans to one day open a bakery of her own. McKenzie is a Junior at University Prep.

Onto the music competition, runner up representing our Club was **Julian Duque** on clarinet. Julian played "Canon in D", with added improvisation. Julian is in the 11th grade at University Prep.

The winner and representing the Apple Valley Club was **Annemarie Bell**. She beautifully performed "Romance Amour" on classical guitar. She won \$200 and will represent our area at the District Competition in Pomona on May 18th. Annemarie is a 10th grade student at Granite Hills High School.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Chris Ackerman
Flag Salute:	John Wickum
4-Way Test:	Steve Murray
Fine Master:	David North

MURRAY'S MINUTE



Happy 74th Anniversary to our Club! We received a wonderful letter from Suren Poruri, District

Chairman - Global Grants, RI District 3150, from India! Our Club was chartered on March 31, 1950 and I was honored to receive this congratulatory letter!



Speaking of congratulations, I want to recognize our wonderful students, Annemarie Bell, Lillian Madrid, McKenzie White and Julian Duque for working so hard on their speeches and musical compositions. Congratulations to McKenzie and Annemarie who will represent our area at the District Conference this coming May 18th in Pomona.

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute event on April 13th from 8am - 4pm in Azusa, CA followed by a dinner at the Angry Horse Brewing Company in Montebello. Part of your \$45 registration includes classes, plus a tour and tasting at the brewery. Please see me, Bryan Gillespie or call 626-664-5852 for more information.

Steve

Rotarian of the Month



Congratulations to **Arsalee Morales** who was recognized as the March Rotarian of the Month! During **Margaret Cooker's** hospitalization, Arsalee went above and beyond the call of duty, by not only assisting **Steve Murray** in taking care of Rotary business on Margaret's behalf, but also took care of her home, mail, pets and more!

Rotary Guests



Members of the Apple Valley Rotary Club who joined us were **Amber Tromble, Peter Allan, Bob Worsour, Joe Jackson, Lindsay Fahnestock, Nancy Keller** and **Pat Orr**.

Joining our student speakers this week were parents and school administrators including **Areli Galindez**, Granite Hills Interact Advisor **Zayra Hall**, Granite Hills Assistant Principal **Daniel Rincon, David Bell, Jeff Burak** and **Corey White**.

Judges in attendance were **Morris Anderson IV** and **Ray Robles**. Sheriff Captain **John Wickum** invited Sergeant **Randy German** to the meeting and **Kris Reilly** attended on behalf of the Victor Valley Union High School District.



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Arsalee Morales 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 7 chips and \$375 for the lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Giving Back



The Victorville Rotary Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Police and Fire Activities League. Deputy Sheriff **John Wickum** and Captain **Randy German** were on hand to accept the check from President **Steve Murray**.

Wickum shared some of the money will go towards their successful Boxing Program, as well as other programs which provide a positive outlook for High Desert Youth. Staff volunteer their time 2-3 days a week to keep the program running for these students.

Finally, John Wickum broke the news that he has been promoted to Deputy Sheriff at the Sheriff Headquarters in San Bernardino, and Randy German will become the new Captain at the Victorville Station.

Spoon of Exemption



Mike Johnson had the Spoon this week and shared that Flagstar Bank continues to have a 7-month CD at 5.5% APY and a 13-month CD at 5.15% APY. All one needs is \$500 minimum to open and new money

only. Please call 760-242-1123 for more information.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began announcing that both President **Steve Murray** and **Bryan Gillespie** share birthdays on March 28th, which resulted in \$74 fines each in honor of our Club's 74th Anniversary! Bryan was also given an extra \$20 penalty for presenting a scholarship for the Club at Victorville Morning Insight this week. Finally, **Jim Murray** was told to add \$20 to the fine collection for continuing to sell Rotary raffle tickets at the meeting.

Raffle

From the visiting Apple Valley Club, **Joe Jackson** left the meeting with a garden flag and calendar from **Bill Edwards** and a box cutter from **Mike Johnson**. **David North** donated a bottle of wine that was won by **Pat Orr**, while President **Steve Murray** and **Annemarie Bell** went home with Victor Valley Transit portable fans from **Chris Ackerman**. Chris received a Rotary raffle ticket from **Jim Murray**, while Jim got a Christmas bag of goodies from Bill. Student **Lillian Madrid** will enjoy her Bob's Tire tumbler and **Julian Duque** received a Red Rock RV backpack from **Russ Stringham**.

Arsalee Morales finished off the raffle with a 6-in-1 screwdriver from **Mike Johnson** and a sound spa from **Dana Hernandez**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Polio Pig: \$11 + Dice (Arsalee Morales) \$5 = \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$20,387.33

Total equals: 101,753 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Ryla & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Bryan Gillespie
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, 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:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, Noon. 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

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in
writing by 5 p.m. April 15 to President Steve Murray.

Richard P Walters

CalPortland Cement

Plant Manager

Classification: Production: Plant Manager

Sponsor: Jon Hove

Upcoming Programs

April 9: Victor Valley College Professor
Wilkerson **TOPIC "Abraham Lincoln
vs. Jefferson Davis"** (Acosta)

April 16: Rob Kilpatrick, **TOPIC "Hwy 18
Corridor Update"** (Page)

April 23: **Victor Valley Union High School
District**

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