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THE JOSHUA TREE

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What the 4-Way Test Means to a 13 Year Old

This week we were honored to have the **Dr. Pat Mark** Junior High 4-Way Speech Contest that featured five students from Hook Jr. High in Victorville. Our Club is the only Club in the District that does the contest for middle schoolers and we were blessed with the hard work and support of **Teresa Coomes** and **Nancy Noble** to make this speech contest happen. The program was also assisted by **Steve Orr**, who served as the timekeeper and **Captain Jon Schuler**, **Louise Bevilacqua** and **Dr. Roger Wagner**, who volunteered as judges.



Selecting these five students was a long process. Students have been working on their speeches since late January, and on February 15, ninety-seven 7th graders competed for the chance to be one of eight students representing Hook at the Optimist Oratorical Contest on March 14th.

Those eight students, which went down to the five we saw this week, worked over spring break to prepare themselves. Despite how nervous they were to speak before a room of adults, when it was over, they were very excited about a job well-done. The principal and faculty at Hook were so proud

of their hard work and excellence.

The two students who placed in the event and took home \$25 were **Marioues Talley**, who spoke about serving humanity and if we all start in small ways, soon, the whole City of Victorville would be covered in kindness. **Sabrina Perez** shared that being optimistic serves humanity and gives people the courage to never

give up and overcome boundaries in their lives.

Finishing in 3rd was **Lyanna Campos**, who was awarded \$50. Lyanna told the room that life is full of choices, and people can choose whether to be kind, helpful and caring or to be negative, angry and grumpy. It's all up to us. Coming in 2nd place and taking home \$100 was **Devan Alan Huerta**. Devan shared stories on how people have taught and lived the concept of the 4-Way Test and serve others before themselves.

The winner of the contest and \$150 was **Aileen Guardado** who spoke elegantly about how the concept of hope allows people's passion and strength for each other to make the world a better place.



The Rotary Club wants to thank all of these young students for their hard work and dedication to making not only the Victor Valley the world a better place to live.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Jon Schuler
4-Way Test:	Corey Beck
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

I felt so blessed to hear our local junior high school students, even at their young age, understanding the ideals of the 4-Way Test this week. Great speeches from all of them. Special thanks to

Teresa Coomes, Margaret Cooker and Nancy Noble for their hard work in making this program a huge success.

I want to take a moment to thank all of you who donated to our scholarship fund this year. At this week's luncheon, we presented **Michele Spears**, CEO of the Victor Valley Chamber a check for \$500



for them to award a scholarship to local Victorville student **Abigail Cook**, a senior at Victor Valley High School.



I also want to say thanks to all who donated towards this year's Easter Baskets. **Major Van Young** and **Brad Letner** are currently collecting food for the baskets and are looking for volunteers to help deliver them. Please see Van to sign up.

First Lady **Trish Johnson** was once again busy in the kitchen making cookies for birthday boys **Corey Beck** and **Van Young**. Enjoy them guys!

If you have been sitting on the fence about whether to attend the Rotary International Convention in June, it has been announced that **Bill Gates**...yes, THAT Bill Gates will be a general session speaker at the Convention.

Please make plans to join us for our meeting next week, as we will have Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte** as our speaker. Please arrive early as we are sure to have a full room.

Finally, my thought of the week is *"Only a life lived in the service of others is worth living."* - Albert Einstein

Lucky Blue Dice



Dr. Roger Wagner won the opportunity to win some big money, but drew a white dice, so the pot grows bigger next week for another lucky Rotarian!

Next week, we continue with 4 dice and \$450 for another lucky Rotarian to win the big money!!

Raffle Prizes

This week, everyone seemed to get a turn to win a raffle prize. **Ryan McEachron** donated two bottles of wine that went home with **Brad Poiriez** and **Van Young**. **David North** from Alaska USA donated a tumbler that was won by **Gary Adams** and **Robin Cackler** went away with a \$25 Midway gift card. Robin herself donated two gifts, a stuffed lion that was awarded to **Stew Anderson** and a bath set that was won by **Corey Beck**. **Kevin Kane** gave out a VVTA tote bag that will be used at the store by **David North**.

Dr. Roger Wagner will gladly use the \$25 El Pescador certificate he won from **Victor Rocha**. Roger may take **Jim Cox** with him to dinner as he also received a certificate from El Pescador.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.41

Polio Pig: \$12.41 + \$5 Dwight Johnson = \$17.41

Collected to Date: \$14,072.45

Total equals: 89,191 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption



Rob Cackler from Life Church had her first week with the Spoon and let everyone know some great news! After years of holding Life Church at hotels and schools, they now have a permanent home located at 12199 Industrial Blvd. in Victorville.

Sunday Easter services this year will consist of a sunrise service at 6:30am and indoor services at 9:00am and 11:00am.

Fine Session

This week our President got hit big time from our Fine Master **Ryan McEachron**. First, **Dwight Johnson** introduced **Teressa Coomes** by her maiden name, which earned him a \$25 fine and then had his cell phone go off, which earned him another \$25 penalty!

Steve Orr was also given a \$25 fine for pronouncing Ryan's last name as "Mee-geek-tran". Ryan let him do it while he was a politician, but now that he is out of that arena, Steve has to pay.

Al Castellucci almost earned himself a fine for taking Ryan's seat, but since Al brought a guest this week, he was spared. Finally, since **Kevin Kane** has been out on sick leave due to knee replacement surgery, he has kind of let himself go and is in need of a haircut and shave. Ryan gave him a \$10 fine to encourage him to head over to Super Cuts.

Rotary Guests

This week we had a visit from **Michele Spears**, CEO of the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce for our scholarship presentation. Accompanying our student speakers we welcomed **Nancy Noble** and Hook Junior High Principal **Carlos Cerna**. **Don Lager** had his daughter **Chandra Jones** at his table, and **Al Castellucci** brought a potential member, Realtor **Lee Taylor**.

Finally, our stand-ins this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Nancy Noble** for **Dr. Ron Williams**.

April Anniversaries

Ryan McEachron	17 Years
John Wilkins	17 Years
Bill Scott	16 Years
Rob Kilpatrick	10 Years
Mary Teran	10 Years
Medi Mostaedi	8 Years
David North	7 Years
Paula Porter	7 Years
Todd Sturges	6 Years
Todd Turoci	4 Years
Sam Grandlienard	1 Year



RYLA Facilitator Orientation Meeting

All Rotarians wanting to know more about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) this year need to attend a orientation meeting to be held on April 8 at 10am:

Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce

16010 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92307



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
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Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Alicia Anderson

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Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Marie Langley • Dan Munsey

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer	TBD
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Brad Letner
R.Y.L.A./TLC/Public Safety Awards	Teressa Coomes
Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
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

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 Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick 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 Domingo's 1520 Main St, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	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
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

April 8: RYLA Facilitator Orientation
10:00am • Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce
16010 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA

April 22: District Assembly
8:30am - Check In
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley

May 6: Super Build
1-day Home Building in Tecate, Mexico
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**May 19: District Conference
thru 21**
Hilton Hotel, Palm Springs
Register at www.DaCDB.com

**June 10: International Conference
thru 14**
Atlanta, GA

Future Rotary Programs

April 11: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte
STAR students from Mojave Vista, West
Palms and Victor Valley Christian

April 18: OPEN (Page)

**April 25: Linda Bertuzzi, Rotary Club of Downtown
Las Vegas, TOPIC: Polio Update from
India (Johnson)**

**May 2: RYLA students talk about their
experience**

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