



# The Joshua Tree

**April 4, 2023**

## EASTER IS HERE AGAIN...TIME FOR HELPING OTHERS

This week the Rotary Club got together once again to spend some time putting together Rotary Easter Baskets for those less fortunate within our community. Thanks to the generous donations of those within our group, members were able to create 18 baskets full of goodies and essentials including apple sauce, rice, ramen, chicken broth, canned vegetables, pasta noodles, spaghetti sauce, condiments, sugar, flour, mashed potatoes, oatmeal, pancake mix, maple syrup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, mac & cheese, pinto beans, shampoo, laundry detergent, as well as Easter candy, toys and games for the family.

The 18 Easter Baskets are now in the hands of the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department where they will distribute them to families in Victorville who are working hard to make a better life for their families.

Thanks to all who helped buy and pack the Baskets including President **Arsalee Morales, Steve & Pam Murray, David North, Jon & Linda Hove, Stefanie Montoya, Margaret Cooker, Mike Page, Keith Metzler, Stephanie Boyd, Colleen Hunt, Nancy Noble, James Rightmire, Bill Edwards, Captain John Wickum, Bo Goulet,** and **Ben Tafoya.**



**This Week's Functionaries**  
**Invocation:** Bill Edwards  
**Flag Salute:** James Rightmire  
**4-Way Test:** Chris Ackerman  
**Fine Master:** David North





## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Skyy Saavedra for coming out and play for us once again before representing the Club

at the District Conference in June. We are fully behind you and know you will do a wonderful job representing the us against the other District competitors.



Along with Steve Murray and Bryan Gillespie, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, and helped fill our Rotary Easter Baskets for this year. It was a lot of fun and the chosen families will benefit from your generosity and hard work.

As a reminder, 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.

Please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, April 18th as we will hold a Club Assembly to vote on Club Leadership.

Until next week, "As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."

*Arsalee*

## THE "PERFECT" PIANO

This week we saw the return of Excelsior Senior **Skyy Saavedra** for our Dan Stover Regional Competition. The other competitor chose to drop out, so that left Skyy as the winner. Once again she played "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran, and will now go to the District Competition in June, where she can win up to \$5000!

Skyy was joined by her parents **Susannah & Jose Saavedra**, teacher **Kristine Schnebeck** sister **Camilla Saavedra** and friends **Jennifer Sampias, Cheryl Sampias** and **Jessica Castillo**. Thank you to our judges, **Brad Brand** and **Dr. Tom Miller** who gave Skyy some tips ahead of June's event.



**Club Assembly**  
**Tuesday, April 18th 2023**  
**Vote for Club Leadership**



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# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Big Blue Dice



*Bob Basen 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 3 Dice and \$475 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Spoon of Exception

A new month and a new Spoon Holder...or two. This week **Bill Edwards** and **Steve Murray** paid \$100 each to share the Spoon for the month of April. Up this week was Bill.

The Victor Valley Rescue Mission has been serving the High Desert for more than 20 years, and helps on average 100 people a day with basic resources; food, water, hygiene and much more through their various programs and services. As an example the Rescue Mission supplies new undergarments and socks every time someone uses their Shower Trailer.

They operate fully on donations and sales from their thrift stores. If you'd like to help the Victor Valley Rescue Mission they will always take donations of new men and women undergarments and hygiene products.



## Rotary Guests

Along with family, friends and teachers who attended to support Dan Stover contestant **Skyy Saavedra**, we also welcomed judges **Brad Brand** and **Dr. Tom Miller**. **Bob Basen** once again brought Realtor **Kyle Vizzo** to the meeting. Spouses Linda Hove and Pam Murray attended with their spouses.

Our Stand-in this week were **Stephanie Boyd** for **Dr. Ron Boyd** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

## Fine Session



**David North** was the Fine Master and had originally planned for Easter to make everyone fine free, but he just couldn't let it

happen. Only one fine was given and it went to **Keith Metzler**. Keith was given a penalty of \$162 for hording the Spoon of Exemption all month without coming to a meeting and using it, admitting to actually using it as a utensil in his car, and for wearing a San Diego Padres Jersey at work on the opening day of Baseball.

## Raffle



In this week's raffle, **Pam Murray** won a bottle of wine from **David North** and a Victor Valley Transit bean bag cell phone holder from **Chris Ackerman**. **Ben Tafoya** was also a double winner by receiving a VTA water bottle from Chris

and a solar hand crank radio from **James Rightmire**. James also donated a copy of the book "How to Make a Name for Yourself in the High Desert" that will be read by **Bob Basen**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$14.00**

**Collected to Date: \$19,677.52**

**Total equals: 100,343 Doses!**

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!**

**\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**

# Rotary

## Club of Victorville, CA



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### VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

#### Board of Directors

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| President 2022-2023 .....       | Arsalee Morales                         |
| President 2023-2024 .....       | Steve Murray                            |
| President 2024-2025 .....       | <b>Vote at Club Assembly April 18th</b> |
| President 2025-2026 .....       | Bill Edwards                            |
| Immediate Past President .....  | Jon Hove                                |
| Treasurer .....                 | Donna Wells                             |
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| Community Service .....         | Bryan Gillespie                         |
| International Service.....      | Ben Tafoya                              |
| Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC ..... | Ryan McEachron                          |
| Vocational Service .....        | Bill Edwards                            |

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

#### Positions & Committee Chairs

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| 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 .....         | <b>Need Volunteer</b>  |
| Public Service.....                      | Rick Bessinger, Teressa DeAtley,<br>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

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|-------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY:</b>    | San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon   |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>   | Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m.<br>Empire Lakes Golf Course<br>Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m.,<br>Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia<br>San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,<br>Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m. |
| <b>THURSDAY:</b>  | Apple Valley, <i>No Longer Meeting</i><br>Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel<br>San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m.<br>Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon                     |
| <b>FRIDAY:</b>    | 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 & Kris Dever

## Upcoming Programs

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

**April 18: Junior High 4-Way Speech Competition** (Johnson)

**April 25: OPEN**

**May 2: OPEN**

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