



The Joshua Tree

April 11, 2023

HELPING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES SUCCEED

The Adelanto Elementary School District (AESD) is a 15 campus TK-8th grade school district and serves students in the City of Adelanto (eight schools), in Northwest and South neighborhoods of the City of Victorville (five schools), and in the unincorporated community of El Mirage (County Service Area 70 - one school). Superintendent and Rotarian **Michael Krause**, along with Board Member **Christine Turner** spoke to the Club this week on the state of the district.

In 1941, the Adelanto School District was established to support the educational needs of the families from the newly opened George Air Force Base. The first schools were Harold H. George Elementary School and Harry R. Sheppard Middle School. Additional campuses were built around Adelanto starting with Adelanto Elementary School in the 1950s, as well as the former site of Adelanto Middle School (now demolished). Additional campuses were constructed in the population boom from the 1970-1990s.

Currently the district houses 7,800 students and 900 employees, and that number will no doubt be growing. There are 800 homes being built on the north side of Cobalt and Mojave, which will bring more students to the area, and the district is ready to take on the challenge.

What makes the district special is that they teach more than STEM, but STREM. They focus on the whole student in Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, & Mathematics. Students are still behind due to doing class from home during 2020 and 2021,



and teachers are working hard with their students every day to bring them back up to grade level.

Another area that the AESD focuses on is the social emotional mental health of both the students and staff. Adelanto is an under-served community, and during Covid there was very little to do except sit at home, which has caused some social and emotional issues. The district addresses this by providing counselors and social workers to assist the students and staff to have a better day at school.

The third area of importance is engagement with the community, family and parents. Routinely the district invites parents and family members to connect on Zoom, which for this reason has proven to be quite a success, to be more engaged in the student's success.

Coming up down the road will be the return of the crown jewel of the City of Adelanto, their community pool. The district oversees the pool, and it is currently being redone. Years ago someone changed the water from fresh to salt, and combined with using the wrong chemicals, caused the whole pool to corrode. The pool is scheduled to reopen May 2024.

Find out more information at www.aesd.net.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman
Flag Salute: Stew Anderson
4-Way Test: Bryan Gillespie
Fine Master: David North



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Michael Krause and Christine Turner for spending time with us this week sharing the rich history and

future plans for the Adelanto Elementary School District. We look forward to hearing more on even greater student successes!



Please don't forget to join us next week for our Club Assembly where we will be voting on Board Recommendations, plus candidates Bryan Gillespie, Bill Edwards and James Rightmire for Rotary Presidential years.

District Assembly is in just 2 weeks! This is a required event for Club Board members, and highly encouraged for all Rotarians. This is a free event as the district covers the costs. Please see the Calendar on page 4 for more details. You must register on the DaCDB site. Please see myself, Steve Murray or Margaret Cooker for assistance.

Our District Conference is coming up on May 5-6 and it is packed with a lot of information and the "party" event for Rotarians in Sin City! I will be accepting awards on behalf of the Club, plus Jon and Linda Hove will be honored as 3rd level donors!

Finally, as a reminder we are in need of a Program for April 25th. If you'd like to speak or know someone who would have a great program, please see Mike Page.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ROTARIAN?



PASTOR PAUL EARLE

Last seen at Life Church on Easter Sunday

IF YOU SEE HIM, PLEASE SEND HIM BACK TO THE ROTARY CLUB

Club Assembly Tuesday, April 18th 2023

Vote for Club Leadership

Bryan Gillespie - President 2024-2025

Bill Edwards -President 2026-2027 (2 year term)

James Rightmire - President 2027 -2028



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Big Blue Dice



Steve Murray had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, and did it!

Steve picked the elusive Blue Dice and won \$475!

We will start anew next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice and take home some cash.

Spoon of Exception

Steve Murray took his turn with the Spoon this week and reminded Rotarians with the warmer weather that means that camping season is upon us! That means people are pulling their RV's and Coaches out and are ready to hit the road. This would be a great time to visit Bob's Tires to have your bearings packed, plus having brakes, tires and alignments checked.

Steve has 40 years experience at his family business, and can take care of a variety of automotive needs, or can recommend a reliable mechanic in the High Desert if they don't offer it. Call Bob's Tires at 760-245-3333.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Christine Turner**, Board Representative with the Adelanto School District, who attended with **Michael Krause**. **Linda Hove** attended as a guest of **Jon Hove**.

Fine Session

David North was the Fine Master and gave the business to **Chris Ackerman**! First Chris was charged \$10 for not having the birthday of **Linda Hove** in the newsletter, then \$20 due to a bomb scare at the Victor Valley Transportation Center resulting in **Steve Murray** losing money at Bob's Tire, and to top it all off, another \$20 for taking a phone call during the meeting!

Rob Kilpatrick was fined \$60 for his 16th Rotary Anniversary and **Mike Page** was given a \$10 penalty for using any opportunity to put in a plug for St. Mary.

Raffle



Last week, **Pam Murray** won a bottle of wine from **David North** and then re-gifted it back the Club! **Craig Garrick** won it twice, but gave it back since he doesn't drink wine. Third time was the

charm...**Steve Murray** won it! To make matters worse, Steve then won another bottle of wine from David! Sorry Pam, you are now stuck with two bottles of wine.

Craig took home a VTA bean bag phone holder from **Chris Ackerman**, and **Bryan Gillespie** left the meeting with a Victor Valley Transit water bottle and a Rotary mug from **Stew Anderson**. Finally, **Arsalee Morales** won a lipstick holder case from Stew.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$19,690.52

Total equals: 100,369 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

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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: 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, *No Longer Meeting*
 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 22: District Assembly**
 Sitting Bull Middle School
 Apple Valley, CA • 8am - 2pm
- May 5-6: District Conference**
 Horseshoe Hotel & Casino
 Las Vegas, NV
 4-Way Speech Contest (Saturday
 Breakfast)
 Dan Stover Music Contest (Saturday
 Lunch)
- May 8: Board of Directors Meeting**
 5:00pm -Fellowship
 5:30 pm Board Meeting
 ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
 17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- June 24: Demotion Party**
 5:00pm • Home of Dan & Kris Dever

Upcoming Programs

- April 18: Junior High 4-Way Speech
 Competition** (Johnson)
- April 25: OPEN**
- May 2: OPEN**

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