



THE JOSHUA TREE



April 12, 2016

Volunteering: The Winning Gift!

This week at Rotary was all about our youth! We featured the middle school 4-Way Club Level Speech Competition, which featured three wonderful students. A special thank you to our judges, **Dr. Hough, Dwight Johnson, Don Lager** and timekeeper **Russ Stringham**, for the difficult task of selecting a winner. The second and third place winners received \$100 each and the winner received \$175, all donated and provided by **Dr. Patricia Mark**, a former Rotarian.

In third place was **Daniela Hernandez**, who challenged the membership to be a gift to the world through working together in our communities by picking up trash and making the world a cleaner place. Your actions can be a great gift to make our world better.



Second place was awarded to **Kayla Burks** who gave a passionate speech on the different types of gifts we can all bring to the table. Each person is a gift, but its up to us to use our gifts to help the



world. The gifts of knowledge, speaking or as a peace maker are just some examples Kayla used.

Our winner was a fantastic young man by the name of **Alex Facio**. Even at a young age, Alex truly has a spirit of volunteering. It all began when he and friends went to a senior home at Christmas to sing songs and was touched by their loud applause and tears, and realized that these people were so lonely and this little act meant so much to them. The biggest impact on him though was taking part in a community clean up day, where he cleaned up a homeless encampment and now spends his time collecting clothes, shoes and toys for the homeless families in the High Desert. Alex wants to be an Orthopedic Surgeon and spend some of his free time doing free medical work for those less fortunate. He left us with the thought of how big a difference we could make if we all gave back, or did something positive for someone else every day.

This week we also



featured our S.T.A.R. Students from Victor Valley Christian, West Palms Conservatory and Village Elementary School.

Over at Victor Valley Christian, **Haley Davis** was recognized for her conscientious efforts to improve academically, her consideration to other students and her hard work on the Student Council.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Marie Langley
Song:	Al Castellucci



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

I hope everyone who attended District Assembly last week had a great time and learned a lot, not just from the lectures, but from fellow Rotarians as well. We have some new and exciting things happening around our community as well as our Club, so prepare for another busy month.

Mike Page reminded all Past and upcoming Presidents to attend the Past Presidents Dinner on April 21 at Mama Carpinos in Apple Valley. Please RSVP with **Margaret Cooker**.

Margaret has requested everyone to please email her your recommendation for Rotarian of the Year, which will be named on June 25 at the Demotion Party. Please select someone who has not just worked in the forefront, but even someone who works in the background, who has gone above and beyond for our Club.

There will be a Fireside Chat on Thursday, April 28 at 5:00pm over at Midway Home Solutions with your host, **Don Lager**. If you attended last year's Chat, at the home of **Russ Stringham**, you know it's going to be a great time of fellowship.

Dr. Ron Boyd spoke about the upcoming Career Day at his daughter's school, Morgan Kincaid Prep School. They are looking for businesses to be involved, so if you have any interest, please email Principal **Kristen Cooper** at kristen_cooper@aesd.net.

Finally, **Wasey Noori** from Congressman Cook's office, spoke about the The Artistic Discovery Contest. The contest is open to all high school students in the 8th District. Students will work with their art teachers to submit their entries. The winning artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex for one year. In addition, second place will be displayed in Congressman Cook's Capitol Office, and the third place selection will be on display in the Apple Valley District Office. Call 760-247-1815 for more info.

Spoon of Exemption: Van Young

This week **Van Young** with the Salvation Army continued his theme on success by sharing how they could not be able to do all the good work they do without their incredible volunteers. Van also shared the story of **Ms. Peggy**, a senior shut-in who loves to get visits from the volunteers from the Salvation Army. She enjoys the visits so much that, even with a walker, she spends hours cleaning her house beforehand. Van shared that if anyone wants to be touched and truly blessed, then volunteer to take a food box to Ms. Peggy. Please see Van Young to volunteer with the Salvation Army.

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$34.04

Collected to Date: \$13,044.20

Total equals: 87,9156 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Lucky Blue Dice



Alicia Anderson was given the chance to draw for the blue dice, but pulled a white one out to leave the chance for another Rotarian next week.

We continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian.

Fine Session

Mark Taylor was our Fine Master this week and began by fining **Robert Lovingood** \$10 for using the microphone during the S.T.A.R. Student presentations, which was meant to give the children their proclamations, but instead he used it to make comments and speeches. Always the politician...

Caroll Yule was given a \$20 fine for winning the Best of the Desert in the Daily Press as best insurance agent for both commercial and residential. **Russ Stringham** has to pay a \$20 fine for having his birthday, anniversary and Gaylynn's birthday, all in the same month! Finally, **Victor Rocha** was supposed to receive a \$20 for having his Fiat parked illegally at the front of the Green Tree Golf Course as a billboard, but it was reduced \$10 because Victor used "Real Lettuce" in the salad this week, according to Mark.

Rotary Guests

This week we had a lot of families in attendance due to the all of the S.T.A.R. Students and speech competitors. Included with them were **Amanda Meere** for **Jay Obernolte's** office, **Wasey Noori** from **Congressman Cook's** office **Regina Bell** from **Robert Lovingood's** office and **Rebecca Tennison** from Senator **Sharon Runner's** office.

We also welcomed **Tiffani Calvert** from OGGIS as a guest of **Dwight Johnson**, **Keith Beemes** from the VVHSD as a guest of **Ron Williams**, **Doug Cackler** who was invited by Life Church and **Denise Trager-Dvarak**, a guest of **Mark Taylor**.

Ignite Membership Drive

This week **Dwight Johnson** announced the winners for the March Ignite Membership Drive, awarded to the Rotarian who brought the most guests and potential members to a Rotary meeting or event.

Second runner up was awarded to **Pastor Paul Earle** and second place was given to **Dr. Ron Williams** who received a \$5 Starbucks gift card. The first place winner for the month of March was **Mary Hennessy**, who was given a \$25 Costco gift card for her hard work and dedication!

Raffle Prizes

El Dorado has a new R&B station and **Dwight Johnson** gave away some t-shirts for it that went to **Marie Langley** and **Dr. Hough**. Dwight also donated a set of Nitro golf balls that went to **Marie Langley**. Not to be outdone, **Dr. Hough** raffled off three sets of coloring books that went to **Don Lager**, **Kirk Riding** and **Marie Langley**, as well as a paper weight that went to **Marie Langley**. A t-shirt from Midway will be worn by, yes, **Marie Langley** and a book was donated that will be read by... **Marie Langley!**

Not to be outdone, **Kirk Riding** will be enjoying a Skybox at a Mavericks Baseball game courtesy of **Steve Orr**, as well as a copy of 365 Devotionals from Life Church and a pair of tickets to the Irwindale Renaissance Faire from **Dwight Johnson!** Finally, as **Robin Cackler** was turning in her raffle crown, she won a pair of tickets to the Pet Expo in Costa Mesa from **Dwight Johnson**.

4-Way Speech...

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Over at West Palms, **Vrianna Coullard** was recognized for her kindness, hard work and great attitude! **Emilia Yuja-Matute** works very hard and cares about the quality of her work that she turns in. Finally from West Palms **Lola Islas** has a 100% homework and classwork completion record, and is becoming a true leader among her classmates.

At Village Elementary **Andrew McClain** has dramatically improved his attitude to both adults and fellow students and is showing great potential to do wonderful things. **Sabrina Perez** has improved on her work tremendously by proofreading before it is turned in. **Daisy Pacheco** is an example of a student who goes above and beyond to improve her grades and earned a spot on the honor roll for the first time! Finally, **Desiree Williams** has turned into a very kind and respectful young lady who continues to have a positive impact on her teachers and students.

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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 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 Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 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 15-17: RYLA 2016

Thousand Pines Camp, Crestline

April 20: 4-Way Speech Regionals

5:30pm • Apple Valley Chamber
16010 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley

Victorville vs Antelope Valley!

April 21: Past Presidents' Dinner

Mama Carpino's, The Village in Apple Valley
\$20.00

April 28: Fireside Chat with Don Lager

Midway Home Solutions
14444 Astar Dr., Victorville • 5:00pm

Upcoming Rotary Programs

April 19: Cari Thomas - United Way

Topic: Together, Improving Lives in the
High Desert (Yule)
RYLA students talk about their
experience

April 26: Dr. Roger Wagner, President / Superintendent, Victor Valley Community College (Yule)

S.T.A.R. Students from Riverside Prep

May 3: Melda Gaskins, Principal, Cobalt Institute of Math & Science, Topic -

"An Introduction to a School Worthy of
Praise." (Williams)

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