

The Joshua Tree

April 18, 2023

IMAGINING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

There are many different definitions of servant leadership as Rotarians heard this week on the Francis G. Beatty Memorial Junior High 4 Way Test Speech Competition. Five students from Hook Jr. High joined us to share with members what "Imagine Servant Leadership" means to them. Judges for the contest included **Ryan McEachron**, **James Rightmire**, and **Bryan Gillespie**. Our timekeepers were Mike Page and Linda Hove. The competition was hosted this week by Chair **Mike Johnson**.



The Competition is sponsored by Past VVUHSD Superintendent Dr. Pat Mark in memory of her husband.

Coming in at 5th place and taking home \$30 was **Daniel Montes**. Daniel is a good student. He likes coming up with creative ideas and loves being busy. He is learning Spanish and is a straight A student. Daniel is also co-president of the 7th grade History Club. Daniel emphasized that just because you do good for others does not make you a servant leader. He also shared quotes from many leaders around the world.



Finishing 4th and receiving \$60 was **Daniela Parra**. As an older sister, Daniela has a busy life. Along with her family she is a cheerleader

and participates in robotics and coding activities. She immerses herself in anything that interests her. Although she loves many things, her strongest passion is writing and drawing. Her goal is to attend an arts university and travel around the world honing her artistic skills. Someday she hopes to write a book on her experiences. Her inspiration for servant leadership comes from Mother Teresa and Abraham Lincoln. Servant leadership comprises four distinct elements; trust to encourage diversity of thought, foster leadership in others and have an unselfish mindset.



Coming in 3rd place with \$80 the Club met **Aria Ross**. Aria is a kind, bright and determined 7th grader. She loves to read, dance competitively and paint. Her family calls her "The cat whisperer", as she is compassionate towards animals and takes stray animals off the streets as much as she can. She dreams of being a nurse like her mother. In her speech, servant leadership comes from those who are courageous, kind, caring, thoughtful and full of grit. A perfect example of this are teachers, who come to school every day to teach their students to be leaders. She spoke of a teacher at Hook Jr. High who got cancer, and in spite of some of the most difficult obstacles imaginable and health issues, continued to show servant leadership to her students. Aria encourages her fellow students to show teachers kindness, compassion and make their lives easier.



Finishing second and receiving \$100 was **Ania Coffie**. Ania has always been bright and ahead of the curve. She talked before one year and reading by age three. She has received numerous awards for reading and writing, plus awards in citizenship, math, art, and music. She is currently

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This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Mike Johnson
Flag Salute: Mike Page
4-Way Test: James Rightmire
Fine Master: Ryan McEachron

4 Way Speech Contest

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ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to all our student speakers Daniel Montes, Daniela Parra, Aria Ross, Ania Coffie and Angela Ramos

who shared their inspiring lessons of servant leadership. You all did such a wonderful job and are an inspiration. Special thanks to Mike Johnson for serving as Chair for this project.

Furthermore, I would like to thank everyone who

attended our Club Assembly for the upcoming presidential years of Steve Murray and Bryan Gillespie. After my



term is done, I am happy to hand over the gavel to some very distinguished Rotarians.

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, I am proud to share that Bob Basen has stepped up as the sponsor for our aptly titled Coldwell Banker Commercial Elementary School 4 Way Test Speech Competition!

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putting some of her work on Etsy and is an avid Hello Kitty collector. Ania's servant leadership focuses on serving others. Servant leadership is about listening, empathy, healing, awareness, and commitment. She called Abraham Lincoln and Nelson Mandela as perfect examples of servant leaders. To be an excellent servant leader is to be an effective communicator, possess the right mindset, and a passion to foster leadership in others over yourself.

Winner of the Francis G. Beatty Memorial Junior High 4 Way Test Speech Competition and \$130 was **Angela Ramos!** A 7th



grader and the youngest in her family, Angela loves reading, writing, and helping others. She dreams of becoming a detective. Angela shared the differences between a leader and a servant leader. A leader expects something out of it, but a true servant leader expects nothing, not even a "thank you". Being a good listener, empathetic, and not abusing power drives them to serve others. Servant leaders genuinely care about others because it's not just a job

for them, but they are driven to do it!



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Big Blue Dice



Ryan McEachron 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 13 Dice and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Spoon of Exception

Bill Edwards had the Spoon this week spoke about resources such as their mobile showers available to the homeless in our community. Bill shared his personal story of addiction and brought to light the dangers associated with fentanyl. The Victor Valley Rescue Mission can help, and resources are available to help with addiction for those in need.

Rotary Guests



In addition to family members of our student speakers we welcomed Nancy Noble, Kris Reilly, and Kyle Vizzo, who once again attended as a guest of Bob Basen. Bryan Gillespie invited Stefanie Montoya,

Kelly Bishop, and Charles Propel.

Finally, we welcomed spouses Wendy Gillespie and Linda Hove.

Club Assembly Results

The Club approved the Board of Directors selection of the following Presidents: Bryan Gillespie 2024-2025, Bill Edwards add 2026-2027, and James Rightmire 2027-2028

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and Bob Basen paid a fine of \$10 on behalf of Coldwell Banker and since James Rightmire was at the gym at the same time as Ryan, he was given a \$20 penalty.

Raffle

In this week's raffle, Nancy Noble was the big winner this



week. She took home a Rotary mug from Stew Anderson, plus a Kiwanis mirror and lipstick holder. Bill Edwards donated a bevy of goodies including a dog biscuit baking kit that went to President Arsalee Morales,

a box of coco bombs to Bryan Gillespie and a package of Christmas sauces to student speaker Daniel Montes.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 1 to President Arsalee Morales.

Kyle Vizzo

Coldwell Banker Commercial - Real Estate Solutions: Industrial Realtor

Classification: Real Estate: Industrial

Sponsor: Bob Basen

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Polio Pig: \$8 • Dice (Ryan McEachron) \$5 = \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$19,703.52

Total equals: 100,395 Doses!

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

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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
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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, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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

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 25: James Rightmire, El Dorado
Broadcasting **TOPIC "How Artificial
Intelligence Will be Taking
Everyone's Jobs"** (Page)

May 2: Tony Winkel, Director of Water
Resources, Mojave Water Agency
**TOPIC "Mojave River Recent
Storm Flows: Does This Solve Our
Drought?"** (Page)

May 9: OPEN

**May 16: Coldwell Banker Commercial
Elementary School 4 Way Test
Speech Competition** (Basen)

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