

The Joshua Tree

April 19, 2022

MUSIC FROM THE VIHUELA



This week the Club held the Dan Stover Music Contest again after an absence of a couple of years due to Covid. As the world gets used to this new normal, the contest was no different, as we only had one participant this year. Thanks goes out to **Margaret Cooker** for putting the event on for us. Our judges this year were **Rob Kurth**, **Ghent Range** (grandson of Cherie Range), and **Murray Campbell** on Zoom. Our volunteer timekeepers were **Linda Hove** and **Bill Edwards**.

Our student this year was **Nathan Amaya**, who is a sophomore from Options for Youth. After school Nathan wants to be a welder and fabricate vehicles. Joining him was his mother, grandmother and math teacher. Nathan chose to play a number called “El Cascabel” on a small Spanish looking guitar called a Vihuela.

The Vihuela (Spanish pronunciation: *bi-wela*) is a 15th-century fretted plucked Spanish string instrument, shaped like a guitar (*figure-of-eight form offering strength and portability*) but tuned like a lute. It was used in 15th- and 16th-century Spain as the equivalent of the lute in Italy and has a large resultant repertory. There were usually five or six[citation needed] doubled strings.

A bowed version, the vihuela de arco (*arco meaning bow*), was conceived in Spain and made in Italy from 1480. One consequence was the phrase vihuela de mano being thereafter applied to the original plucked instrument. The term vihuela became “viola” in Italian, and the bowed vihuela de arco was to serve as a prototype in the hands of the Italian craftsmen for the “da gamba” family of fretted bowed string instruments, as developed starting in 1480. Their vihuela-inherited frets made these easier to play in tune than the rebec family (*precursors of the “da braccio” family*), and so they became popular for chamber music.

Nathan won \$300 and will represent the Club in the next level of competition.

This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **John Kroencke**
- 4-Way Test: **Stew Anderson**
- Fine Master: **David North**

HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to everyone who came out this week to hear Nathan Amaya play the Vihuela and support the Dan Stover Music Competition. Special thanks goes out

to Margaret Cooker for all of her hard work making this event happen.



We had a great time at our Comedy Night fundraiser Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this terrific event.

This week Dr. Ron Williams shared that the VVUHS has purchased 17 new buses for their students, but also are in need of 22 drivers.

Speaking of buses, Earth Day is this week and Victor Valley Transit is offering free rides on all of their routes that day. Bryan Gillespie shared an event by Options For Youth called "Treeplish" in where two trees were given away in honor of Earth Day.

Jon Hove



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COMEDY NIGHT FUN!



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Jeff Armstrong had the chance to pick the Blue Dice out of the bag, but drew white and saved the chance for another next week.

We will continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Spoon of Exemption

Jon Hove had another week with the Spoon and shared some history about Hi-Grade Materials. Hi-Grade was started in 1955 by his grandpa and the original site of the company was by the Mojave River, where Aldi's on Bear Valley Road now resides.

In 1962 they moved to their current location on Bear Valley Road and Ridgecrest, by the railroad tracks. At one point the City of Hesperia condemned 8 acres but are now adding a sewage treatment on that 8 acres.



Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master again this week began by fining **Chris Ackerman** \$20 for his absenteeism this week for having David take notes for him and making it look a lot easier than it actually is.

Next, **Dr. Ron Williams** got a double whammy of \$20 penalties for not having any students participate in the music contest, and for false advertising as the "Supper with the Superintendent" does not actually come with supper from the Superintendent!

Finally, David fined himself \$1 for not attending the Comedy Night, even though he bought tickets and was planning to attend but decided to hang out with his granddaughter instead.

Raffle

This this week's raffle **Mike Johnson** from Desert Community Bank gave away a set of highlighter pens that will be used by **Bill Edwards** as well as a set of Sharpie pens that **Stew Anderson** will get a lot of use out of.

Bill also donated a couple of prizes from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, in the form of a Caterpillar tumbler and a set of nail polish, that may not be used by, but was won nevertheless by **Dr. Ron Williams**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are desperately needing volunteers to help to sort and label books for the "Books in the Hands of Children" Project.

VESD Family Center Building
15115 Nisquali Rd, Victorville
Wednesday, April 27 • 9:30am

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$21.00

Polio Pig: \$16 + Jeff Armstrong (Dice): \$5.00= \$21.00

Collected to Date: \$18,763.67

Total equals: 98,643 Doses!

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



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Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
High School Speech Contest.....	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
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Members-at-Large: David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
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Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
VVUHSD Jr. HS Four Way Speech	Nancy Noble
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 Spring Valley Lake 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., Denny's, 13165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, ZOOM Meetings, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs 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 23: District Assembly**
Granite Hills High School • 8:45am - 1:45pm
- April 25: Past Presidents' Meeting**
5:30pm • Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Rd, Hesperia
- April 28: Past Presidents' Dinner**
Mama Carpino's • Apple Valley, CA
Fellowship 5:00pm • Dinner 7:00pm
- May 9: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00 pm Meeting at Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia
2nd Building on the Right Side of Driveway
- June 23: District Conference**
-25: Indian Hills Resort and Spa

Upcoming Programs

- April 26:** Mike Goth, Deputy Fire Marshal, Victorville
FD **Topic: "Fire Prevention and Safe Business Practices"** (Armstrong)
- May 3:** Jeff Armstrong, Fire Chief, City of Victorville
Topic: "Traveling Safely in Mexico - My Trips to San Felipe"
- May 10:** John Wickum, Captain, San Bernardino
Sheriff Department **Topic: "TBA"** (Page)

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