



Rotary 

 BE THE INSPIRATION

The Joshua Tree



April 23, 2019

WHO IS YOUR INSPIRATION?

At our Meeting this week we heard from 4 Hook Jr. High Students who shared their inspirations in the Annual Francis Beatty Memorial 4-Way Speech Contest. Hosted by Honorary Rotarian **Nancy Noble**, and joined by Judges **Catherine**



Abbott of the Victor Valley College Foundation, **Lisa Skeels** from ComAV, Rotarian **Dwight Johnson** from El Dorado Broadcasters and time keeper, our own **Mike Page**. **Pat Mark** was once again our sponsor this year and donated \$375 to the students.

In 4th Place and receiving \$50, we heard from **Noah Soghomonian** who shared about his inspiration Aimee Mullins, an athlete, actress, and fashion model. She was born with a medical condition that resulted in the amputation of both of her lower legs. His message was that just because your life is hard, does not mean you can't have a great

future.

In 3rd place and taking home \$75 was **Aaron Ealy** to told the Club about the struggles his mom has faced with Lupus but at the same time being a living embodiment of inspiration for him. As a young child she dreamed of being an

author and even with all the struggles she has faced, is now starting to write her first book!

Coming in 2nd place and getting \$100 was **Amanda Edgemon** who shared that even through bullying, things can change for the good. She shared that pain can cause growth and increase our desire for good in the world. Her inspiration are the mentally or physically challenged people who stay positive, even in the face of bullies and hatred.

Round out this group, winning \$150 and taking 1st Place was **Alexandria Arellano** who spoke of her inspiration Tess Holiday, an American model, blogger, and make-up artist based in Los Angeles, who was bullied over her weight and is now one of the icons of the plus-sized fashion world. She is an inspiration to Alexandria because she is beautiful on the inside and outside and is outspoken on bullying.

Thank you to all of these students for their powerful speeches. You are an inspiration to all of us!

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Oscar Garcia

4-Way Test: Rick Bessinger

Finemaster: David North

COOKER'S CORNER



Thank you to all the students who were part of our Annual Francis Beatty Memorial Jr High 4-Way Speech Contest. Also thank you to our judges, time keeper and **Nancy Noble** for hosting the event this year.

Don't forget about our Food Packaging Project happening on Saturday May 11 at 9am at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds in Victorville. On that day, we will gather with other District 9 High Desert Clubs for the Food Packaging Group Project, which is being spearheaded by **Raghada Khoury** and the Apple Valley Club.

We are looking for volunteer to assist in calling MIA Rotarians who we have not seen for a while and see what we can do to have them join us for our Tuesday Luncheons and special events. Please see me for more information.

As of this writing, the Super Build is still on so make your plans to join us!

Finally, the thought for the week is, "Let your Smile be Your Umbrella!".

THE POLIO PIG

Collected this week: \$27.00

Collected to Date: \$16,286.22

Total equals: 93,843 Doses!

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



A NEW ROTARIAN (SORT OF)



This week we welcomed one of our own back into the fold! **Mike Page** was on hand to re-induct former member and Past President **Teresa**

DeAtley back as a Rotarian into our Club! Back as Relations Manager at Citizens Business Bank, Teresa was joined by sponsor **Margaret Cooker** (and **Dwight Johnson**) and shared with the Club just how glad she was to be back and is excited to doing her part to make our Club flourish in our local community!

GIVING BACK (PART I)

Our Club presented the Victor Valley College Model U.N. Team a check in the amount of \$500 for their continued success around the country. Joined by Foundation president



Catherine Abbott, Model U.N. president **Nicole Fox** said these funds will help them to get back to Harvard next year and win another award! The VVC Model U.N. Team has been competing against such schools as UCLA and USC and are ranked right along with them. As Treasurer **Robert Ellison** stated, "When we go to UCLA or Harvard, we can say we are from Victor Valley College with our heads held High, because we are with them in the top percentile"!

SPOON OF EXEMPTION



Arsalee Morales got the Spoon back in her possession and shared with the Club that the Apple Valley Communications Home and Business Security Special is still going on, and will possibly continue into the month of May. Contact Arsalee for more information or visit www.avcommunications.com.

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LUCKY BLUE DICE



Our Newsletter Editor "Crazy" Chris Ackerman got the chance to get the Pot, but came up short with a white dice.

We continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 up for grabs for a lucky Rotarian who wins the chance.

FINE SESSION

It was a Spoon-themed Fine session this week with Fine Master **David North**! As usual David did his trivia based fine session, and surprisingly all the answers were "Spoon"! Those answering correctly were **Oscar Garcia, Rick Bessinger** and **Dwight Johnson**. Why was David so spoon-obsessed you ask? That was so he could break protocol and fine our Spoon Holder **Arsalee Morales** for leaving the Spoon at the luncheon and having it make it around El Pescador for a week! Luckily it was found and before Arsalee could get the Spoon back in her possession, she was fined \$50.



The only other fine levied was to our returning Rotarian **Teressa DeAtley**, who was given a \$10 penalty for making homemade donuts and offering them up on social media with the question, "Who wants one?" but not actually offering a way to deliver them!

GIVING BACK (PART II)

Rotarian **Arsalee Morales** was on hand to present a check in the amount of \$250 to Sergeant **Julio Sandoval** from the Victor Valley High School JR-ROTC for all of their help with at our 2018 Fall Fund-raiser. Thank you Julio for your service to our community, helping to train our future heroes and leaders.



RAFFLE

We had some great raffle prizes this week and those going home with goodies included **Chris Ackerman** who won a pet lovers mug and notepad set from **Margaret Cooker** and a **Bill Edwards** goodie bag. **Dwight Johnson** also won a goodie bag, as he donated another copy of "The Transparent Leader III" which will be read by Fire Chief **Greg Benson**. **Sarah Rojas** will enjoy the \$25 VISA gift card she got from **Steve Orr** at Heritage and Steve himself will go shopping at Midway, with the \$25 gift card he got from **Don Lager**, as well as the ComAV clock he took home from **Lisa Skeels**. Don did not go away empty handed as he received the VTA thumb drive from **Kevin Kane** and **Kevin Porter** will enjoy the bottle of wine he won, courtesy of **Marie Langley**.

Finally, the best prize of the day went to ComAV stand-in **Lisa Skeels**, who won a package of "Dude Wipes". Yes, you heard it here...Dude Wipes. I'm wondering if she gave them to **Craig Garrick**?

ROTARY GUESTS

Along with our students and their families we welcomed **Garner Morris**, who was a guest of **Mike Page**, **Dulce Canseco** from Kindred Hospice as a guest of **Lauretta Tkaczyk**, and **Kirsten Acosta** from the Victor Valley College Foundation who attended with President **Catherine Abbott**, and Model UN Team members **Robert Ellison**, **Luis Cortez** and **Nicole Fox**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Sarah Rojas** for **Lauretta Tkaczyk** and **Lisa Skeels** for **Craig Garrick**.



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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 Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 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

- May 3: District Assembly**
Free lunch for those Pre-Registered
8.30 to 2.00 District Conference follows
- May 3&4: District Conference**
Anaheim, CA
- May 11: Food Packaging Project**
9:00am
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
- May 18: Super Build**
- May 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- April 30: Evening Meeting - Chateau Chang**
- May 7:** San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon **TOPIC: "Meeting President Trump"** (Page) + STAR Students
- May 14:** Danny Garcia, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department **TOPIC: "Cultural Diversity"** (Page)

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