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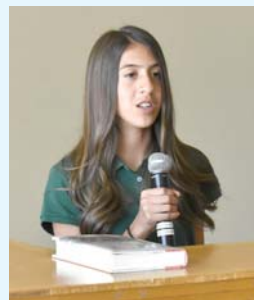
April 24, 2018

Making a Difference, One Speech at a Time

It was that time of the year again for the Francis G. Beatty Memorial Junior High 4-Way Test Speech Competition that was held this week at our weekly meeting.

Formally known as the Pat Mark competition, the name was changed as a memorial for her late husband. **Ryan McEachron** emceed the event, that is modeled after the High School competition, where the students have to incorporate the 4-Way Test and our theme, "Making a Difference". Timekeeper for the speeches was **Kevin Kane** and our judges were **McKenzie Tarango, Steve Orr** and **David North**.

Jesslyn Valdavinos was the first speaker up to the podium. Jess spoke on making a difference in the world by putting our best effort forward and working together. Examples such as helping others so they are treated fairly, developing loyal friendships and supporting the truth can change the world. Although making a difference can be difficult, changes can lead to amazing things.



Jackson, **Jalynn Madrigal** shared that making a difference has nothing to do with being popular, rich or smart, it has to do with being kind, thinking of others first and stepping out of your comfort zones. Using her sister as an example, Jordyn, her younger sibling, after seeing a homeless man out on a cold night, had her mom post on Facebook asking for donations for gloves, blankets and beanies. Using elements of the 4-Way Test Jalynn shared how they baked brownies and cookies for anyone who donated and in the end raised \$800 and went out and bought the clothing and gave them out to the homeless. Now the family works together raising donations for the homeless that is called, ironically, the "Make a Difference Project".



From there the judges deliberated, returned and

After quoting the song, "Man in the Mirror" by Michael

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | David North |
| Flag Salute: | Mark Taylor |
| 4-Way Test: | Dr. Ron Boyd |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Ryan McEachron |



awarded Jalynn the winner. Along with certificates, our winner took home \$200 and runner up Jesslyn was awarded \$150, with all funds donated by **Dr. Pat Mark!**

Congratulations to both students and future leaders for your heartfelt and inspiring speeches!

Dwight's Writes



The kids were back at it again, two great speeches and a very hard choice for the winner in the Frances G. Beatty Jr High Speech contest. Thanks go out to

Ryan McEachron for facilitating the event.

Thanks for everyone who came out to our mixer last Thursday and dinner last Friday for our Rotarian friends from India, which were hosted by **Jon Hove**. They had a great time, and even joined **Ben Tafoya** and **Russ Stringham** for a tour of ComAV.



Congrats to Captain **Rick Bessinger** and **Jim Doltar** for being our newest Rotarians. Welcome to the Club!

The Fall Fundraiser now has a theme..it will be a Mardi Gras! Please see **Rosanne Weathers** if you'd like to be part of the committee.

Since we have five Tuesday's in May, mark your calendars for May 29, as we will have a special evening Rotary meeting! The location will be announced soon, but it will be a lot of fun!

Finally, the thought of the week is "One of the most important jobs in life is your ability to communicate."
- Sir Richard Branson

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Raffle Prizes

This week's raffle began with the electric tea kettle from **Bill Edwards** (by the way of **Dwight Johnson**), that was taken home by **Stew Anderson**. Stew himself gave away a Rotary cardigan sweater what was won by **Rosanne Weathers**. Rosanne, along with **Jim Mettler** took home the Alaska USA bag with chip clip, mints and flower seeds from **David North** and the Midway \$25 gift card from **Don Lager** will be used by **Kevin Kane**.

Kevin himself had a couple of WTA water bottles that were won by **Don Lager** and **Jim Mettler**, as well as a WTA umbrella & bag which will someday be used by new Rotarian **Jim Doltar**. **Mark Taylor** will enjoy a trip to the Renaissance Pleasure Faire while wearing a Y102 shirt courtesy of **Dwight Johnson** and finally, **Rob Kilpatrick** will have hours of fun with his new Alaska USA magnetic desk dart board from **David North**.

Rotary Guests

The only guests we had in attendance this week, other than family of our Jr. High School speakers, was **Karen**



Engelsen, the Vice President of Student Services and head of Guided Pathways, a new program with Victor Valley College. Karen attended the meeting **Dr. Roger Wagner**. Our other guest was **Ernie Mayurng**, who came with **Valene Vetack**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$18.00

Collected to Date: \$15,204.50

Total equals: 91,455 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Big Winner! Don Lager had a 50/50 chance for \$500 and pulled the Blue Dice out for the Big Win!! Don donated \$100 of his winning to the Rotary Foundation and \$200 went to the Spoon, so everybody won!

We begin again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

New Rotarians



This week we were honored to welcome two new members into our Club! **Stew Anderson** led the proceedings as he inducted **Captain Rick Bessinger**, with sponsor **Mark Taylor** and **Jim Doltar**, with sponsor **Don Lager**.

Jim Doltar is an Account Executive at CBS/Entercom Radio here in Victorville. Jim is also an Air Force Combat Veteran and has lived in the High Desert since 2005.

Captain **Rick Bessinger** has grown up in Law Enforcement. Starting as an Explorer, then to Reserve, to a Patrol Officer in Hesperia, and now Captain of the Victorville Station, Rick is dedicated to serving others, and both men will make a big impact in our Club. Welcome Rick and Jim!

Spoon of Exemption

For her final time with the Spoon, **Valene Vetack** shared that on June 14th, Choice Medical Group will be hosting a Senior Health and Wellness Expo at the Fairgrounds with special guest **Tom Selleck**! The event takes place from 10am - 2pm.



From there it was time to raffle the Spoon for five Tuesdays in May. The Dice winner had money to spend, so **Don Lager** opened up the bidding at \$100, but **Steve Orr** countered it to \$125. They went back and forth in \$25 increments, until Don finally took the Spoon for \$200!

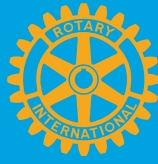
Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master and because he did not get an email response from **Rob Kilpatrick** this week, began by giving him a \$10 fine! **Bill Edwards** also received a \$10 penalty because of all the great things happening at the Rescue Mission, as did **Marie Langley** for sneaking out of the meeting early. **Corey Beck** almost paid \$10 when Ryan asked him why gas prices were going up, but **Jon Hove** ended up taking it because he answered that Corey's margins are the things going up!

Dwight received a \$25 fine for bringing back the electric kettle he won in last week's raffle, but then it got doubled to \$50 because it was found out that Dwight took the free raffle ticket for bringing a prize, when it was actually a "re-gift"!

May Birthdays

Captain Joe Alvarez	May 6
Cherie Range	May 12
Arsalee Morales	May 13
Pat Mark	May 29



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
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Vocational Service/Speech Contests	Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
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Scholarships.....	David North
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
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 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 Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's, 2841 Lenwood Road, 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 14:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- May 18-
May 20** **District Conference**
Queen Mary, Long Beach

Future Rotary Programs

- May 1:** Caroll Yule, Owner / Broker Shear Real Estate **TOPIC: "Is Zillow the New Amazon?"** (Page)
- May 8:** San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff Stephen Kessler **TOPIC: "Frauds, Scams and Identity Theft - The latest Trends"** (Castellucci)
S.T.A.R. Students from Victor Valley
Christian, Oro Grande and Puesta del Sol
- May 15:** **Dr. Dale Marsden Elementary 4-Way Test**
- May 22:** Michael Stevens, Community Advocate **TOPIC: "Community Engagement: The Key to Safer Communities"** (Page)
- May 29:** **Special Evening Rotary Meeting** (TBA)

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