

The Joshua Tree

April 27, 2021

LEARNING THE DEFINITION OF ETHICS

Many people have a different definitions of ethics, as was very apparent this week when we celebrated the return of the Club Level Ethics Essay Contest. The contest, curated by **Dr. Ron Boyd**, many essays from students around the High Desert were received, but only two made the final cut. In the end a winner was selected and will compete at the District Level for a \$3,000 prize, but first we heard from the runner-up who received \$100.

Nataly Rezky describes herself as a Middle Eastern Christian who grew up in Egypt before coming to America. When she arrived she was faced with an ethical dilemma between what is acceptable in Egypt and what is acceptable in the United States. This challenged her in many



in life knowing that ethics is more about the situation, circumstances and decisions we make, over the simple definition of right vs. wrong.

Taking home \$200 and representing the Club at the District Level is **Makayla Baldwin**. Like Nataly, Makayla is a Senior at Cobalt High School in Victorville. Makayla is a Battalion Commander, Brigade Commander and 10th Corps Deputy Commander in the California Cadet Corps, a school program that teaches students a multitude of skills such as leadership and responsibility that can be used in both military or the real world. Through this group she has developed a sense of honor and ethics that guides her life.

decisions from small to expansive. As she went to school she used ethics to find a middle ground and become a well rounded student. She will now move forward

To Makayla, being ethical is putting the priorities of others first as well as others being well taken care of before your own needs. About a year ago, this was put to the test.

During her Junior year, she was leading a group of 12 cadets as they were gearing up for the X-treme Team Challenge with drills memorized and transportation arrangements made. A few weeks before the event, the bus that had been arranged to take the students canceled and there was no way to get to the event. The school had not placed at the event in many years but Makayla knew they had a great chance, if they could find a way to get there.

Once alternate transportation was found, at the very last minute, another crisis; there was one too few seats. Someone

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This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**

Flag Salute: **Capt. John Wickum**

4-Way Test: **Bill Edwards**

ORR'S ROARS



As I get older, I feel better leaving the world in the hands of such great students like Makayla and Nataly who shared their essays about ethics with the Club this week. Congratulations to Makayla and we will all

be rooting for you be victorious at the District Level Competition!

Please make sure you make plans for our Comedy Night at the home of Jon and Linda Hove on May 22. Remember half of the \$60 you spend goes back into our Club! Bill Edwards shared that we are looking for auction items to raise funds at the event, so please donate an item that someone else would love! Don't forget to bring a lawn chair, jacket and blanket.

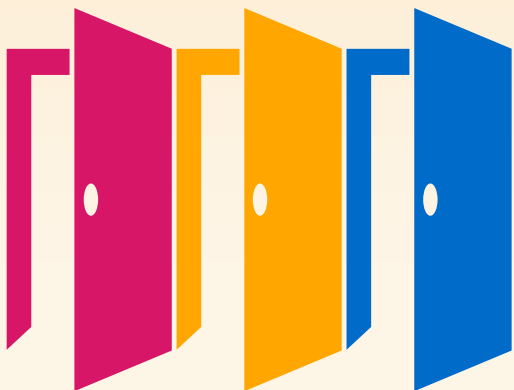
Don't forget it's District Assembly time! You should have received an email from Dacdb with registration info for the Zoom sessions. If you need assistance, please contact Margaret.

I am happy to say I will finally be demoted on Saturday, June 26! After a two year stint as your Rotary President, I will be passing the baton over to Jon Hove at the home of Bill & Linda Scott. The party starts at 4:30pm and I hope to see you all there.

Finally, please sign up for our 5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting at Korean BBQ on June 29th. The fellowship will be at 5:30pm.

See you next week!

Steve



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had to stay home and not go. Instead of disappointing one of the cadets who had trained so hard for the event, Makayla gave up her seat, and did not attend.

At first she was absolutely gutted to be unable to attend, but soon realized she made the right decision. She learned that being a leader is not just someone in charge, but also someone who is willing to make sacrifices for the betterment of others. The great news is that the cadets learned what they were taught, even though their leader was not with them and took 2nd place.

As well as winning the Ethics Essay Contest, Makayla will be going to UCLA on a full scholarship from the Air Force ROTC! Thanks to both students and with your definitions of ethics leading your paths, you are both definitely headed for great successes in life.

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Big Blue Dice



Dwight Johnson had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, and did it! Dwight took home \$250 Big Ones!

We will start again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Raffle

In this week's raffle, **Chris Ackerman** will be eating well with the \$20 Wendy's gift card he won from **Dwight Johnson**, plus essay winner **Makayla Baldwin** and Dwight will get refreshed with the Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group water bottles they received from **Steve Orr**.

Finally, **Jim Cox** and **Rob Kilpatrick** went home with pens and hand sanitizer from **Kevin Kane** at Victor Valley Transit.

Evening of Comedy

Get ready to laugh! The Rotary Club of Las Vegas Summerlin is having a Comedy Night and we are invited, virtually of course! The event will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 6pm at the home of Jon and Linda Hove. For the Cost of \$60 per person, there will be a BBQ, a silent auction, and some great comedy, all on the big outdoor screen in the Hove's backyard. Plus, half the money you spend goes to our Club! If you'd like to attend, please contact **Bill Edwards, Steve Orr** or **Margaret Cooker**.

Rotary Guests

Along with the family members of essay winner **Makayla Baldwin**, Rotarians were introduced to Cobalt High School teacher **Patricia Ehart**. **Kevin Kane** brought VVTA Facilities Director **Ron Zirges** to the meeting again, plus Obernolte aide **Christopher Scott** and **Coleen Luque** once again attended as a guests of **Steve Orr**.

Spoon of Exception

President **Steve Orr** had his final week with the Spoon and let everyone know, "If you are sick, go to Heritage". We will raffle the Spoon at next week's meeting.



May Birthdays

Cherie Range	May 12
Tina Escareño	May 12
Arsalee Morales	May 13
Capt. John Wickum	May 20
Pat Mark	May 29

May Anniversaries

Margaret Cooker	33 Years
Stew Anderson	31 Years
Dr. Bowtie	2 Years
Kirsten Acosta	2 Years

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$16.00

Collected to Date: \$17,868.23

Total equals: 96,850 Doses!

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



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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 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

- May 10: Board of Directors meeting**
 5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*
 DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
 Hesperia and Silica Roads
- May 22: District Conference**
 2:00 pm via Zoom
- May 22: Night of Comedy**
 6:00 pm Home of Jon & Linda Hove
 \$60 per person
- June 12-19: Taipei Convention (Virtual)**
- June 26: Demotion Party**
 4:30 pm Home of Bill & Linda Scott

Upcoming Programs

- May 4:** Terry Caldwell **Topic: The History of Southern California Logistics Airport, Part 2** (Page)

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