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THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



May 3, 2016

Your College, Your Future

Melda Gaskins, is the principal of a very special school here in the High Desert, the Cobalt Institute of Math and Science. The institute is a S.T.E.M. School which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. CIMS is a small middle and high school that includes grades 7 through 12. The mission of CIMS is to offer an academic program in a smaller learning environment that promotes high expectations for all students to reach for their full potential in a high tech society. The design of the school is to provide a rigorous and creative core education in the S.T.E.M. areas of learning.

Their goals are to prepare students for college as well as careers that will focus on engineering, technology and the bio-technical sciences. They strive for their students to be well above average in core subjects and to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders in their communities.

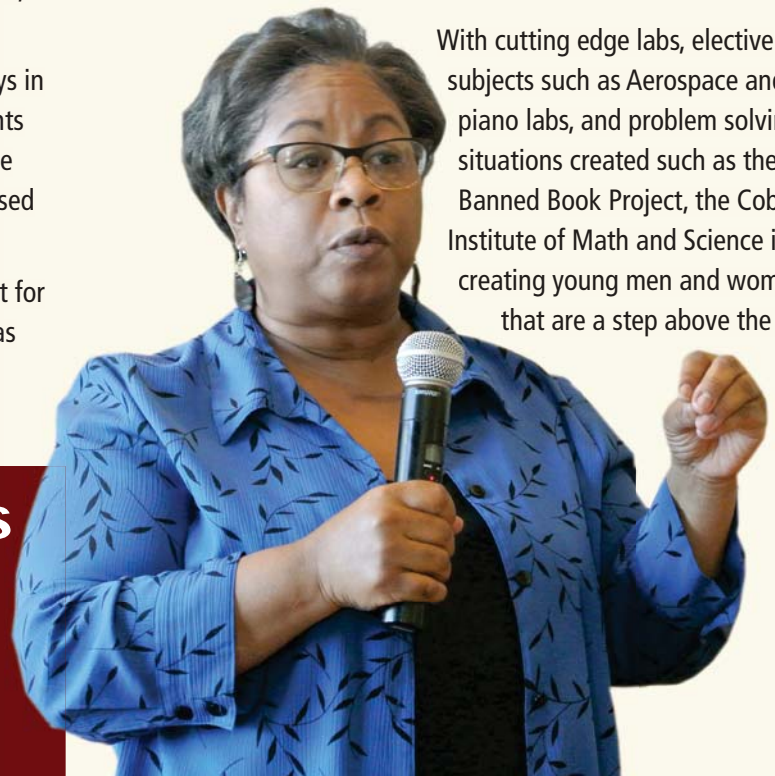
CIMS achieves these goals by the faculty creating pathways in technology, bio-medical and engineering sciences for students to learn. Teachers are highly trained through Project Lead the Way courses that develop intense integrated and project based curriculum.

The Institute goes further than its own staff. It reaches out for partnerships with businesses and community leaders in areas of scholarships, job shadowing, guest speakers, career days, fundraising and of course, donations.

CIMS is a uniform school, where they feel this makes students more relaxed and a professional attitude towards learning. In fact, the school has strict requirements to even become a student. The reason for this is so both the children and the teachers know that the students are there because they WANT to learn.

Our Rotary Club awarded their English teacher, **Kristian Saco** a Teacher Mini-Grant, which she used to create "The Banned Book Project" that taught critical thinking in the students by presenting the student body with books such as "Fahrenheit 451" and while learning from them, took them away and told them lawyers were banning their use of them. This project taught them to stand up for what is right and fair, and to think for themselves.

With cutting edge labs, elective subjects such as Aerospace and piano labs, and problem solving situations created such as the Banned Book Project, the Cobalt Institute of Math and Science is creating young men and women that are a step above the rest.

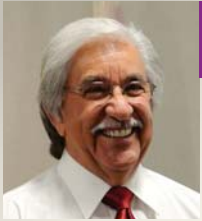


This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Brad Letner
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Song:	Al Castellucci



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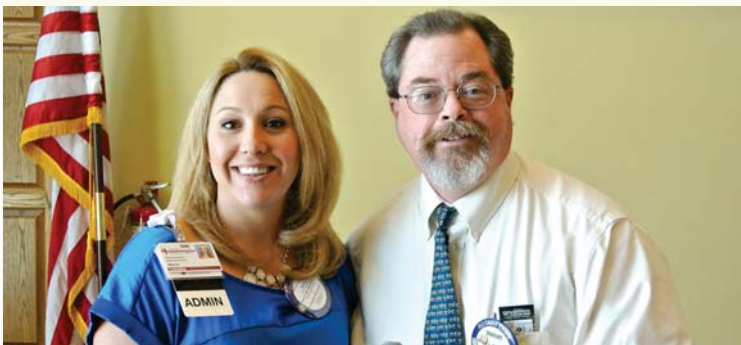


Tafoya Talk...

Tickets are still available to win a 2015 Honda GROM125F Motorcycle this Summer! Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds go towards the Club. Please take some tickets and sell them around the community and let's raise some money. If we don't sell enough tickets, then it will become a 50/50 drawing, but we have enough power in our club to sell out! Tickets also comes with a "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" El Pescador coupon! See **Margaret Cooker** to get yours!

May 15 is the deadline to cast your vote for the Rotarian of the Year. Please take a moment to select a worthy recipient that has never received this distinction in the past! To get a voting sheet and a list of past recipients, please email pdgcooker@verizon.net.

Margaret Cooker reminded the Club to make your reservations for the District Conference coming up on May 20-22 in the Gas Lamp District of San Diego. Hotel reservations are hard to come by, so NOW is the time to make yours. Our student, Nadine Crosby has made it to the 4-Way Speech District Finals, which will take place at the Conference and has a chance of winning \$5,000! Come down and show your support!



Finally, **Dwight Johnson** presented **Marie Langley** with her Blue Badge for completing all of her requirements to move up the Rotary ladder. Of course this distinction also came with a hard \$15 fine! **Pastor Paul Earle** also received his Blue Badge, but was unable to receive it, due to a funeral he had to officiate this week.

Spoon of Exemption: Chris Ackerman

Chris Ackerman had his first week with the "Spoon" this



week, and shared a little bit on the history of how Signify Designs came into being.

Signify Designs is primarily a graphic design firm, that specializes in

everything from logo design, ad creation, brochures, vehicle wraps, apparel design, newsletters and magazine layouts, and even custom social media page designs. Take a look through the High Desert and you will see 22 years of artwork by Chris Ackerman somewhere. The company is not a print shop, but a design firm, that works closely with area companies in an effort to keep all money local. More next week...

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$17.00

Polio Pig: \$16.00 + Dr. Ron Williams: \$1 = \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$13,114.62

Total equals: 87,9297 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Rotary Guests

We had just a few guests this week at our meeting. Proposed member **Dr. Keith Beeman** was once again a guest of **Dr. Ron Williams**, and **Midge Coomes**, the mother-in-law of **Teresa Coomes** joined us. Along with our speaker, **Melda Gaskins** were Cobalt instructors **P J. Ehart** and **Kristin Savko**.

Our other Stand-ins for this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Tony Cooker** for **Dr. Hough** and **Ralph Fernandez** for **Don Lager**.

Raffle Prizes

Robin Cackler was once again the big winner this week! Robin took home a HD 96.3 shirt from **Dwight Johnson**, a Midway Gift Card from **Don Lager**, a VVTA Bus Thumb Drive (with new Express Design) from **Kevin Kane**, and a Go Lunchtime Kit from **Rosanne Weathers**. **Ralph Fernandez** from Midway also won a Go Lunchtime Kit from Rosanne.

A standard design VVTA Thumb Drive was won by **Teresa Coomes**, as well as a book from Life Church, "Not a Fan". **Jim Murray** won a shirt from Life Church, a package of cookies were enjoyed by **Rosanne Weathers** and **Gary Adams** will get his next cut and style with his Athena Jean Gift Card courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**.

Lucky Blue Dice



We haven't seen **Jim Murray** for a while, but when he shows up he gets to draw for the Blue Dice! In the end, he drew a white one, so the game continues...

We continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. May 10 to President Ben Tafoya.

Roger Wagner, Ph.D

Former member of the Rotary Club of Joshua Tree 2007-2014

**Superintendent/President
Victor Valley College**

Classification: Education: Administration: College

Sponsor: Al Castellucci

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master and began by letting the Club know that both **Kevin Kane** and **Dwight Johnson** were fine free as they have both agreed to be judges for the Elementary 4-way Speech Contest next week. **Dr. Ron Williams** was fined \$10 for not being able to get his laptop up and running for our speaker, and **Teresa Coomes** was also fined \$10 for being late. Finally **Russ Stringham** was given a \$10 fine for not wearing his badge, but when Russ asked Jim if he was wearing his Rotary Pin, Jim, gave himself a \$5 fine.

New Member



This week we welcomed **Scott Grandlienard** from Southwest Gas as the newest member of our Club. It was a two year journey for Scott to come into our Club with assistance from both **Ben Tafoya** and **Al Castellucci**. Welcome Scott to the Rotary Club of Victorville.

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Dr. Keith Beeman

Previous member of RC Billings, Montana 2012-2014

**Assistant Superintendent
Victor Valley Union High School District**

Classification: Education: Administration: High School

Sponsor: Dr. Ron Williams

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
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Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
Newsletter	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 Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 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 20- District Conference
May 22 Gas Lamp District in San Diego
OUR student is entered into the District 4 Way Speech Contest where the top prize is up to \$5,000

June 25: Demotion Party
 4:00 p.m. • Dever's Home
 Apple Valley

Upcoming Rotary Programs

May 10: Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest
 (Barnes)
 S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale

May 17: Dr. Wettstein (Dermatologist) (Orr)

May 24: Kevork Kazanjian, Adjunct Faculty
 Undergraduate Studies, CSUSB
 And Model United Nations Instructor at
 Victor Valley College, **Topic: "The Trump
 Phenomenon & Model UN"** (Ontiveros)

May Anniversaries

Margaret Cooker	28 Years
Stew Anderson	26 Years
Ron Wilson	25 Years
James Baxter	22 Years
Brad Letner	2 Years

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