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THE JOSHUA TREE

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Education, Tolerance, Volunteering and a Voice

This week we had four fantastic students that participated in the **Dale Marsden 4-Way Test Speech Contest**, and all four kids wowed the room!

Placing was **Jaekaub Bond** from Galileo Academy who spoke about the importance of staying in school in relation to the 4-Way Test. He shared lessons of that completing school creates a sturdy foundation for a successful future and great socialization skills. Jaekaub dreams of becoming a pro football player.



We also heard from **Rosemary Segura** who believes that there is a nexus between Rotary's desire to serve humanity through awareness and her belief that comparative world religions need to be consistently taught by all teachers to promote tolerance and to dispel phobias, violence and misconceptions. Rosemary is a 6th grade student at Puesta del Sol and wants to grow up to be a Supreme Court Judge.



Placing next was Galileo Academy student **Hannah Reynolds** who gave a compelling speech on how the 4-Way test can be used in the area of volunteerism. What made her presentations so special were the stories she shared of people volunteering to make



the world a better place for others, not for themselves. Hannah has aspirations to become a Paleontologist someday.



Our winner was **Jose Olivera** from Puesta del Sol who gave an extremely passionate speech by asking a simple question, who are we as humans if we ignore the suffering of others. Jose used examples of the homeless all over the world and his dream to use his voice throughout his life to make positive changes to people's misconceptions and stigmas about this issue.

The three placing students received \$25 and our winner went home with \$75. Thanks go out to Rotary members **Steve Orr**, who served as our timekeeper, and **Louise Bevilacqua, Corey Beck** and **Pastor Paul Earle** who served as judges. **Dr. Ron Williams** rounded out the group by volunteering as judging supervisor.

If the future of our world is represented by the likes of Jaekaub, Rosemary, Hannah and Jose, then the future appears bright for everyone.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Louise Bevilacqua
4-Way Test:	Rosanne Weathers
Song:	Al Castellucci
★ Finemaster:	★ Terry Caldwell

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Dwight's Writes

As I sit here collecting my thoughts for this week's column, I continually ask myself, "Dwight, are you sure those kids were only in elementary school?" If you are not asking the same question then you were not at this week's meeting. Never have I heard such articulate and passionate youngsters describing their views of the 4-Way Test.

Our District Conference is just around the corner and I am hoping you can attend! We had a hugely successful conference last year, taking home best medium sized club and hope to repeat this year! Please join us for a great weekend in Palm Springs! The gala will be held on Friday night with classes and seminars held throughout the rest of the weekend.

After the Conference, it will be time for the Demotion Party on Saturday, June 24 at the home of **Jon and Linda Hove**. The fun begins at 4pm and best of all, it's a free event! Great food, drinks and see who will be the Rotarian of the Year! Be warned, Jon was quoted of saying, "Parties at my house that start on the 24th, usually don't end until the 25th!"

Congratulations to **Don Lager**, who is the latest recipient of Rotarian of the Month. Don has hosted two open houses and is heading up our canned food drive, as well as offering to hold all of the canned goods at his store! Congratulations Don!



To help raise money for all of the great programs we offer, we now have opportunity tickets for an American Eagle Gold Coin! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. You will be receiving 5 tickets in the mail so please take time to sell them for the Club!

Finally, my thought of the week is "If you're feeling blue, help someone else and both of you will feel better."

- Big Bird

Lucky Blue Dice



Two weeks ago Bill Edwards lost the big money when he had a 50/50 chance, but got another go this week, but once again drew white and only \$5.00.

We continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Scholarship Recipient



This week our President Dwight Johnson presented our scholarship award to recipient Abigail Cook through the Victor Valley Chamber Foundation Scholarship program. Abigail is a senior at Victor Valley High

School and will be attending Cal Poly Pomona in the Fall.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$58.00

Collected to Date: \$14,187.55

Total equals: 89,421 Doses!

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



Rotary Guests

Along with family and friends of this week's young speakers, **Steve Orr** had **Rosanne Weathers** at his table and **Pastor Paul Earle** invited two guests, **Richardo Whyte** and **Jesus Selis**.

Finally, our stand-in this week was **Dan Mejia** for **Dan Munsey**.

Raffle Prizes

This week **Bill Edwards** started off the raffle by winning the Midway \$25 gift card, courtesy of **Don Lager**. Bill then reciprocated by giving away three sets of planting buckets with glass jars that went to **Donna Wells**, **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Gary Adams**.

Bill then won again with the gift of a Heritage waterproof phone holder from **Steve Orr**. Pastor Paul's guest **Richardo Whyte** also won a phone holder. The final gifts was an Alaska USA Tumbler from **David North** and a DCB goodie bag from **Louise Bevilacqua** went to the other guest of Pastor Paul, **Jesus Selias**.



In an interesting turn of events, 90% of the day's raffle prizes were all won by one table! We all know where we are sitting next week!

Fine Session

Terry Caldwell returned as our Finemaster was began by asking **Dr. Ron Williams** to share with our young speakers his recent distinction as only 1 of 16 to receive national certification. Ron received a \$10 for the achievement.

Russ Stringham has been a 2 time president and a Rotarian for 27 years, but could not remember to turn off his cell phone. Russ said it was muffled and offered to pay \$10, but Terry said his fine is also muffled, and would be \$25.

Jim Cox has been in the area of public service for a whopping 46 years after all his years of his service with the City of Victorville, is only now writing a manual on how to conduct yourself in a City Council meeting, so he received a fine of \$20.

Al Castellucci has been a Rotarian with our club for 57 years this August, so Terry put his memory to the test. He asked who was the Club President when he was installed and where were the meetings held at that time, and Al got both answers incorrect, so he also got fined \$10 for the errors.

In the final round of fines, **Gary Adams** was punished \$10 for not winning anything last week in the raffle, and **Dwight Johnson** was given a \$25 fine for not listing the weekly Finemaster as a Functionary on the front cover the this very newsletter. Editor **Chris Ackerman**, has chosen to remedy the situation to save Dwight from the fine (*see front cover*).

GOLD COIN RAFFLE TICKET



Victorville Rotary Foundation
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Price \$25.00
Community & International Project
Drawing to be held June 24, 2017
at the Demotion Party



Sponsored by the
Victorville Rotary
Club

**Help us raise funds for our Service Projects!
Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100.**

Only 300 available!

**Each member will be mailed 5 tickets to buy
or sell if you have not already bought.**

**You must return any unsold ones by June 20
or be billed for them.**

See Ben Tafoya or Margaret Cooker for tickets!



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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 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, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 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 19: District Conference
thru 21** Hilton Hotel, Palm Springs
Register at www.DaCDB.com

**June 10: International Conference
thru 14** Atlanta, GA

June 24: Demotion Party
5:00pm • The home of Jon and Linda Hove
18970 Appaloosa Rd., AV 92308

Future Rotary Programs

May 16: Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell
Banker Real Estate Solutions
**Topic: "Cannabis and the Real Estate
Market"** (Page)

May 23: Parker G. Emerson, Shelterbox
Ambassador **Topic: "Shelter Box USA"**
(Johnson)

May 30: Dino Bozonelos, Ph.D Professor,
Department of Political Science, Victor
Valley College (Wagner)

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