

Be a gift to the world



THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



May 10, 2016

4-Way Elementary Speech Contest

This week our Club had the pleasure of hearing the Elementary 4-Way Speech Competition, with all four students from Galileo Academy. Funds for the contest were provided by **Dr. Dale Marsden**, Superintendent at the San Bernardino County School District. **Dr. Ron Boyd** emceed over the proceedings and our judges for the event were **Terry Caldwell, Dwight Johnson** and **Kevin Kane**.

The first of two runner-ups was **Amelie Escoto** who shared that to find your gift to the world is to accept all challenges that come into your life. She encourages others to be determined to find their gift, as yours, may even help someone else find theirs! Finally, she asked us all to imagine how wonderful the world would be if we all took the time to find our gifts.

The next runner up was **Isabella Celaya**,

who shared that a strong gift is compassion. One of the ways is to show kindness to others in need. This will make you feel better and as well, the person you are helping. She concluded by encouraging everyone in attendance to feel compassionate to others from different backgrounds..you may even learn something about yourself.

Second place went to **Jordan Isaac**, who spoke that what you are passionate about is should be your gift. If your gift is something that you truly love, the money will follow. To accomplish this you need to set goals, check on your progress, and surround yourself with like-minded people that will help you protect your dream. Once you find your dream, then please use it for good, there is more than enough negativity in the world.

Our winner was a young man (pictured left) by the name of **Ryan Facio** and he passionately spoke of one of the greatest gifts to the world...teachers. Teachers benefit all students, parents, the community as well as the future. They have the ability to work with people from different ethnic groups, backgrounds and family dynamics successfully.

All of the children did a fantastic job, as was noted by **Caroll Yule** (see *Fine Session*, page 3). The Rotary Club of Victorville would like to thank **Dr. Ron Boyd** and **Dr. Dale Marsden** for their dedication and support of these young people.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Dr. Ron Williams
Song:	Al Castellucci



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Tafoya Talk...

This week was another exciting week with our Elementary 4-Way Speech contest and STAR Student Awards. I love these event, because I get to be the cool guy and hand out Target Gift Cards!

Tickets are still available for the motorcycle raffle. Please note that if you win, and do not want the 2015 Honda GROM125F Motorcycle, then you can take the cash equivalent, so buy and sell those tickets!

Time is running out on placing your nomination for Rotarian of the Year! Please take the some and select an individual and get your choice to either **Caroll Yule** or **Margaret Cooker** at pdgcooker@verizon.net.

Finally, we are looking for Scholarship Donations! The Club's request for applications for continuing students at VVC and high school graduates going on to College have been sent out. Please donate generously so we can help fulfill these dreams!

S.T.A.R. Students: Helendale Middle



This week we honored S.T.A.R. Students from Helendale Middle School. Helendale School District Superintendent **Ross Swearingen** handled the proceedings as we congratulated **Melanie Elliott** for her improvement in her assignments and learning. **Samantha Esparza** has improved in her communication skills and confidence. Finally, **Samantha Monter** was recognized for her continued improvements in not only her academics, but her behavior as well.

Spoon of Exemption: Chris Ackerman

Chris Ackerman shared a wonderful story this week about grabbing opportunities when they arise, as you never know where they will take you! Nine years ago, Chris was working at a local print shop, when a salesman, asked him if he would like to announce a local motorcycle race. Even though he had never announced a sporting event or even seen a motorcycle race, Chris accepted the offer, and because of that one instance, fast forward to 2016, and he now is a public figure in the Speedway Motorcycle Industry, announcing at 4 different tracks in throughout California, the Announcer of the High Desert Mavericks, and is now has his own monthly column in a national speedway motorcycle magazine!

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$9.00

Collected to Date: \$13,123.62

Total equals: 87,9315 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Rotary Guests

Due to our program this week, we had a full room of guests, ranging from parents, teachers and administrators for all of our students in our program.

In regards to the 4-Way Speech Contest we welcomed **Dr. Dale Marsden**, Superintendent from the San Bernardino Country School District, and **Ross Swearingen**, Superintendent with the Helendale School District was with us for his STAR Students. Along with Ross, we welcomed **Kelly Henderson**, **Bryce Carlson** and **Brittany Green** from the District as well.

Handing out Proclamations, we welcomed **Amanda Meere** with **Jay Obernolte's** office, **Regina Bell** for **Robert Lovingood's** office and **Waasi Nori** from **Congressman Cook's** office. Possible members in attendance were **Keith Beeman** with **Ron Williams** and **Zarlyn Hidalgo** from the Holiday Inn, as a guest of **Dwight Johnson**.

Our other Stand-ins for this week were **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston**, and **Tony Cooker** for **Dr. Hough**.

Raffle Prizes

Gary Adams beat out **Robin Cackler** this week, as the war of the raffle gifts wages on!

Dwight Johnson took home a copy of the book "Not a Fan" from Life Church, and then **Robin Cackler** won a piggy bank from **Dr. Hough** and a USB Hub from **Kevin Kane** at VVTA.

From there it was all **Gary Adams**, as he grabbed both sought after VVTA Bus Thumb drives! In all fairness, he did give one of them away to **Marie Langley**, who wanted one really bad. Finally, **Gary Adams** received a devotional book from Life Church and that rounded off this week's raffle.

Lucky Blue Dice



When **Gary Adams** is not busy winning raffle prizes, he sometimes gets the chance to draw for the dice, and this week he did. He hoped his luck would carry towards the blue dice, but came out with a white one and \$5.

We continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 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 17 to President Ben Tafoya.

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

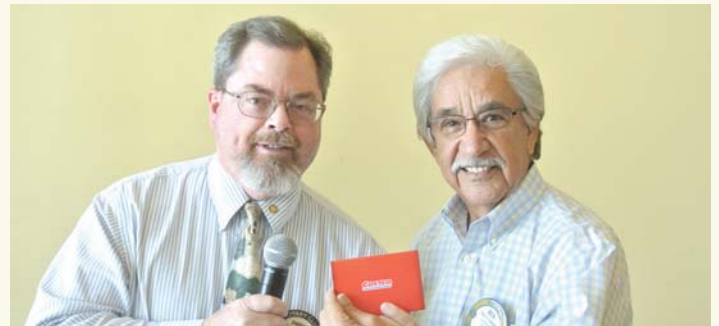
Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was back as our Fine Master and began letting the membership know that he has tirelessly searched the by-laws and there is nothing in there excluding the President from being fined, so finally, **Ben Tafoya** was given a \$5 fine for losing control of the meeting!

Caroll Yule praised the children this week in the Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest, saying that they were extremely better than the High School participants, all right in front of **Dr. Ron Williams**! She gave herself a \$2 fine that Ron paid. **Ron Williams** himself then got a \$10 fine for the Options for Youth article in the Daily Press, as did **Don Lager** who was fined \$10, for scanning the room for a place to sit, and in the end chose to park himself next to Amanda Meere, as Terry commented, "Because he wanted to sit next to a pretty girl".

Terry just came from a long trip to Italy, and spoke on the wonderful food, and then gave **Al Castellucci** a \$25 fine for his nationality! **Teresa Coomes** also got hit for \$25 for being late, and lastly, **Sam Lucia** was given a \$5 fine because he "Butt-Dialed" Terry when he was in Greece, and it was the middle of the night back home in the High Desert!

Ignite Membership Drive



Congrats to our President Ben Tafoya who took home the Ignite Award for guests and potential members for April!

2nd Place went to Mike Page, followed by Paula Porter and Ron Williams. Honorable Mentions go to Al Castellucci and Laurie Burns. Great job everyone!

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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 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 17: Dr. Wettstein, Dermatologist, Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group,
Topic:"It's ONLY Skin Deep" (Orr)

May 24: Sam Lucia, Captain, Victorville Sheriff Department (Page)

May 31: Behavioral Health Topic:"Partnering with People for Positive Change: Jennifer Malara & Brittany Hardy" (Cooker)

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