

The Joshua Tree

May 16, 2023

LESSONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Students today have new ways to learn. Through people like **Heather Clark** from Pathways Travels, who spoke to the Club this week, education extends beyond the classroom to achieve amazing results in experiential and social-emotional learning.

This type of learning process is initiated by a concrete experience, which demands reflection, review and perspective-taking about the experience; then abstract thinking to reach conclusions and conceptualize the meaning of the experience; leading to a decision to act, engaging in active experimentation or trying out what you've gained. This style of learning is very natural and organic. Students engage in it without knowing they are learning. Simply, this is hands-on learning.

Pathways Travels partners with local high schools all over the U.S. to offer experiential learning trips. Participants develop life-long skills like teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking as they problem solve with their peers. The company provides travel, accommodations, guided trips and experiences. Cell phones are not allowed and there is 1 teacher for 10 students, which results in some great one-to-one learning.



The company deals mainly with high school and middle school students but has recently began excursions for elementary aged children. Some charter schools use scholarships and other funding to provide travel opportunities free.

Classes taught abroad include trips to Cuba, China, Mexico, Italy, a World War II class in Europe and a Viking history class, where students will travel to Scandinavia, Sweden and Norway.

Classes taught in the United States include Washington DC, a ranch in Colorado, a Black History trip, Camp Blackbird, College Tours, Service Learning, which works hand in hand with organizations such as Rotary. For middle school students there is an CSI Forensic class, where a crime scene is set up and students work together to solve the crime.



The big difference with this type of learning is that instead of telling a class, "This is



what happened on this date," it changes to, "How do you feel about being at this place where history occurred?" This is where social-emotional learning comes into play. Social-emotional learning (SEL) is the process of developing

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards
- Flag Salute:** David North
- 4-Way Test:** Chris Ackerman
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Heather Clark for stopping by to share the wonderful opportunities of experiential and social/

emotional learning for today's students at Pathways Travels. So many fantastic locations and classes to grow today's students in ways not thought of before.



Graduations are next week for this year's Read B4k students. Please check out the Calendar of Events on page 4, and make plans to attend at least one of them and support these wonderful children!

Our 5th Tuesday is in two short weeks! We will meet at BJ's Brewhouse on Tuesday, May 30th at 5pm for some wonderful Rotary Fellowship. Please sign up today so a seat will be saved for you.

My Demotion Party is coming up on June 24th at 4:00pm at the home of Dan & Kris Dever. I will finishing my presidency and Steve Murray will begin his with a Hispanic themed Fiesta! This is a FREE event.

Movie Night at the Hove's is coming on August 19th at 6:00pm and the movie has been selected! This time it will be the 1958 film "Auntie Mame" starring Rosland Russell and Forrest Tucker. Jon and Linda are looking for attendees to sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Please put your name down and be a part of this great event!

Finally, "Some people look for a beautiful place, others make a place beautiful."

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Pathways Travels

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self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success. Students with strong social-emotional skills can cope with everyday challenges and benefit academically, professionally, and socially. From effective problem-solving to self-discipline, from impulse control to emotion management and more, SEL provides a foundation for positive, long-term effects on kids,

adults, and communities.

As a result, students who participate in experiential and social-emotional learning are 39% more likely to stay enrolled in school than a student who has not gone on a Pathways trip. There has been an 11% increase in graduations for these students. For those who previously planned to attend a 2-year Community College, 40% are now more likely to attend a 4-year University (CSU, UC or Private). For these reasons, a growing number of school districts are moving towards experiential learning.



Locally, over at Options for Youth, **Bryan Gillespie** shared that for their students to embark on these trips, several factors come into play. Each student must write an essay, go through a series of interviews, have exemplary grades, and return home with positive reports from previous trips. Students cannot participate in all trips, so that factor also comes into play.

Find out more at pathwaystravels.org.



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Big Blue Dice



Donna Wells had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

The pot continues to grow next week with 9 Dice and \$325 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Spoon of Exception



Arsalee Morales

had the Spoon in hand and shared with the Club a \$99 Security Special from Apple Valley Communications. This special is geared for residential and small businesses, but

they can tailor it for larger companies if needed.

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Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Darren Poulsen** from the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, who joined us as a guest of **Steve Murray**. In addition, **Stefanie Montoya** joined **Bryan Gillespie** at this week's meeting.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and leading it off was the rare appearance of **Pastor Paul Earle**, which netted him a \$50 fine. Sheriff Captain **John Wickum** was penalized \$10 for leaving the meeting several times to take phone calls, but the fine was kept low on the promise to have patrol officers on the Green Tree Bridge to stop any road racing this weekend. President **Arsalee Morales** was also fined \$10 for interrupting Ryan during the fine session without the Spoon of Exemption in her possession, and **Bo Goulet** was hit with the same amount for sharing that on average he is selling a house a day. Finally, **Donna Wells** was given a \$10 fine for coming to the end of tax season (although the Governor has pushed it to October).

Raffle



We had a bevy of raffle prizes and big winners this week. **Bo Goulet** was a big winner leaving the meeting with a VTA water bottle and Micro-Link Frisbee from **Chris Ackerman**, and a coca mix and mug from **Bill Edwards**. Bo also won a \$25 VISA gift card from **Ryan McEachron**. It

was "Bombs and Balms" away for **Bryan Gillespie** who received a set of coca bombs and a lemon balm plant grow kit from Bill, plus an LED desk lamp from Bo. **Donna Wells** left the meeting with a Victor Valley Transit bean bag cell phone holder from Chris, and Bill will enjoy using a Bob's Tire tumbler from **Steve Murray**. Finally President **Arsalee Morales** will relax after a long day with the bottle of wine she took home, courtesy of **David North**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$12.00

Polio Pig: \$7 • Dice (Donna Wells) \$5 = \$12.00

Collected to Date: \$19,745.52

Total equals: 100,479 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 Bear Valley Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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., Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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 24:** **Graduation of ReadB4k Children**
10:00am at VESD Family Resource Center • 11:30 am at Mojave Vista and 1:30 pm at Liberty Elementary
- May 25:** **Graduation of ReadB4k Children**
9:30am at Del Rey Elementary
1:30pm at Hook Community Center
- June 12:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- June 24:** **Demotion Party**
4:00pm • Home of Dan & Kris Dever
13166 Waco Road, Apple Valley

Upcoming Programs

- May 23:** Jon Hove and Harrison Hove, Hi-Grade Materials **TOPIC "Selling Rocks...NOT Cocaine!"** (Poiriez)
- May 30:** **5th Tuesday Evening Meeting** BJ's Brewhouse • 5:30pm
- June 6:** Samantha Duvall, Program Specialist, Mojave Environmental Education Consortium (MEEC) **TOPIC "TBA"** (Poiriez)

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