

The Joshua Tree

May 17, 2022

STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

This week the Club held our annual George Hensel Essay Contest, named after fellow Rotarian, businessman, and philanthropist, George R. Hensel, Ph.D., who privately funded the contest before his passing in 2012. **Dr. Ron Boyd** put together this year's contest and began by reading the essays of the runners-up, who were unable to attend due to Finals. **Lilliana Beatty** from Excelsior wrote on being kind and considerate to others, following the Golden Rule to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The next runner-up, **Julia Cervantes** from Cobalt High School shared a story of her grandfather wanting to pass away at home surrounded by family, instead of alone in a hospital and her wanting him to stay there to try and get better. Both students received \$75 for their essays.



Never seeing herself as rebellious, Serenity arrived at school the next day and peaceful protests were already happening all around campus. She decided she would need to take a risk and keep the book, as she felt no one had the right to censor her education, even as uncomfortable as it was in the pages of the book. Would she give up valedictorian for a failure to return this library book?' When the time came around, she did what she never thought she would do. She admitted to herself that the administration was wrong, and she hid her book. Serenity was not going to play by the rules this time, as she knew the people in charge were wrong.

In person was our winner, **Serenity Barba**, also of Cobalt, who read her essay. In April of this year, her school announced that they would have to take back the books they were reading for that semester. They said the books were not suitable for the school's curriculum, and therefore not suitable for the students. The book that was going to be taken from her grade was "Night", by Elie Wiesel. "Night" is a more personal look into the lives of the victims of the holocaust and is very important to history. It was a part of history, and their school wasn't going to let them learn it.

In the end, the principal informed the students that this was a social experiment to see how they would react to censorship of their education. The principal told them about how censorship was happening in other countries, and she wanted to know how her students would react. The students were told that no consequences would be given to anyone who still had their books. Ethics to Serenity is being able to see what the right thing to do is when things are wrong. It is the will to have the courage to stand up for what you believe in. Ethics is simply the ability to recognize when a human being is being stripped of their human rights.

Serenity won \$150 and will go on to the District Finals, where she could win \$3,000!



This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **John Kroencke**
- 4-Way Test: **Mike Page**
- Fine Master: **David North**

HOVE'S HELLO



Thanks to everyone who came out this week to hear Serenity Barba for sharing her winning essay with the Club, along with Dr. Ron Boyd

for facilitating this year's George Hensel Essay Contest.

Don't forget to attend our Club Assembly on May 24th as we will vote on Steve Murray to be Rotary President 2023-2024.

District Conference is coming in June and we are planning a trip up the Palm Springs Tram along with lunch on June 24th. Sign up to attend the Conference today!

We are taking sign-ups for Scholarship donations to send High School students to College and for my Demotion Party!

Our 5th Tuesday evening meeting this month on May 31st will be held at Chateau Chang. Please sign up for this special event.

See you next week!

Jon Hove



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More Assistance Needed

Through a District Grant of \$500 that we matched, The Club has spent \$1,000 to purchase books for the Adelanto Elementary School District! The books are scheduled to arrive in early June, and we will need volunteers again to help sort and label books. Please contact **Margaret Cooker** and volunteer for a couple of hours.

CLUB ASSEMBLY Tuesday, May 24, 2022

We will be voting on:

- President 2023-2024 •
- Board of Directors 2022-2023 •
- Budget 2022-2023 •

Please make plans to attend this important meeting and have your voice heard.



President Jon Hove presented Bill Edwards and the Victor Valley Rescue Mission as check in the amount of \$500 from the Club to go towards buying backpacks and school supplies for their annual Backpack Giveaway happening on August 21st.

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Rob Kilpatrick had the chance to pick the Blue Dice but drew white and saved it for another Rotarian next week.

We will continue next week with 13 dice and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Spoon of Exemption

Steve Murray was back with the Spoon and shared some history of Bob's Tire. The company began in 1951 by **Bob and Gerde Poth** and sold tires during the day and prepared new ones at night! Steve's parents bought the company 47 years ago and Steve has been working there full time for 38 years, but spent the previous 6 years working there after school. Check them out at www.bobs-tire.com.



Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed **Giovani Heredia**, a Rotarian from Belize! We also welcomed the family of speaker **Serenity Barba**, including father **Javier Barba**, mother **Monica Maguna**, sister **Marcia Barba**, and grandmother **Perla Barba**.

Serenity's teacher, **Justin Le Ferriere** was also in attendance.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** and **Michael Johnson** for **Esther Mears**.

Raffle

Donna Wells and **Rob Kilpatrick** were the big winners in this week's raffle with both taking home a couple of goodies each. Donna left with a VTA USB Drive Bus from **Chris Ackerman** and a mini-foldable box from **Mike Johnson**. Rob left the meeting with a Victor Valley Transit mobile phone charger from Chris and a set of Sharpie pens from Mike! Rob also won a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson**, but donated it to **David North**, while **John Kroencke** kept his bottle of wine that he won for himself.

Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master this week and began by giving **Mike Page** a fine in the amount of \$37.54 on behalf of his daughter Kimberly running a qualifying time of 37 minutes and 54 seconds in a 10,000 meter race for Masters University!

Mike Johnson was up next, taking a \$20 penalty for his 20 year old son receiving a HELOC Notice from DCB! **Chris Ackerman** was hit with the same amount for seeing his favorite band, Opeth live in concert for his 20th time this past week. **Arsalee Morales** was hit with a double fine, \$20 for announcing her "BirthWEEK" celebration, whole most everyone else has a "BirthDAY", and another \$20 for going to a Dodger game last week where they lost, but David went to a game a few days later where they won!

Finally, our Fine Master himself was penalized \$20 since **Rob Kilpatrick** announced to everyone that David is the new Planning Commissioner for Apple Valley!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$40.00

Polio Pig: \$35 + Rob Kilpatrick (Dice): \$5.00= \$40.00

Collected to Date: \$18,860.67

Total equals: 98,837 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2021-2022	Jon Hove
President 2022-2023	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President	Steve Orr
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Club Service	Arsalee Morales
Community Service	Need Volunteer
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
High School Speech Contest.....	Ryan McEachron
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer	Esther Mears

Members-at-Large: David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Stephen Quintero
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Margaret Cooker
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts	KayMarie Gregory
VVUHSD Jr. HS Four Way Speech	Nancy Noble
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Spring Valley Lake 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., Denny's, 13165 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

- June 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30 pm Meeting at Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia
2nd Building on the Right Side of Driveway
- June 18: Demotion Party**
Home of Dan & Kris Dever
13166 Waco Rd, AV, CA 92308
- June 23: District Conference**
-25: Indian Hills Resort and Spa

Upcoming Programs

- May 24: Regional San Stover Music Contest** (Cooker)
- May 31: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting**
6:00pm, Chateau Chang (Hove)
- June 7: Shannon Dicus, San Bernardino County Sheriff** (Wickum)
- June 14:** John Wickum, Captain, Victorville Station, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department
Topic: "Local Law Enforcement Update + Open Q&A" (Page)
- June 21:** Jason Lamoreaux, Coldwell Banker,
Topic: "Real Estate Update" (Page)

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