

The Joshua Tree



May 24, 2022

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL



This week our Club was host to the Regional Dan Stover Music Contest. Facilitated by **Margaret Cooker**, she shared that **Dan Stover** was a Rotarian who was musically inclined, and a great supporter to his community. He was always playing the grand piano that was set up on stage at District Conferences, until his passing. The contest was started in his name after his death by **Chris Montan** in his home club of Alhambra. The following year it was adopted by the District and went from strength to strength.

Helping us out this year were judges **Cherie Range**, **Rob Kurth**, **Chris Nunez** and **Corrine Mora**, along with Timekeepers **Tom Hoegerman** and **Linda Hove**.

Up first representing the Apple Valley Club was **Daisy Combs-Ng** who is in the 11th grade at Academy for Academic Excellence. She played "Clair De Lune" on the piano. After high school she plans to attend UCLA and become a medical professional.

Next to perform was **Nathan Amaya** who was representing our Club. Nathan played "El Cascabel" on the acoustic guitar beautifully. A 10th grade student at Options for Youth, Nathan plans to attend a trade school to focus on welding and fabrication with hopes of building off-road cars, which is another passion of his.

Nathan and Daisy performed wonderfully and both took home \$175 dollars, but in the end the judges chose Daisy to represent our region at this year's District Conference next month, where the winner can win up to \$5,000 and \$1,000 for the runner-up.



This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Cherie Range**
- 4-Way Test: **Steve Murray**
- Fine Master: **Jon Hove**



Thanks to everyone who came out this week to hear Nathan Amaya and Daisy Combs-Ng who competed in the regional Dan Stover Music Contest. Congratulations to Daisy

for moving ahead and representing the High Desert at the District Level! Thanks also goes out to our guest timekeepers and judges, as well as Margaret Cooker for making it all happen!

District Conference is coming in June and we are planning a trip up the Palm Springs Tram along with lunch on Friday, June 24th. This is free for any Club Rotarian and their spouse, and you don't need to be attending the conference to take part in this special event. We hope to see you there!

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 will be held next week at Chateau Chang. Please sign up for this special event.

Bring your appetite next week!

Jon Hove



Club Assembly

The Club held its latest Club Assembly this week. The first order of business was to vote on Steve Murray for Rotary President. The motion was made by **Margaret Cooker**, and seconded by **Bill Scott**, and **Steve Murray** was selected unanimously to be Rotary President for the year 2023 - 2024.

Next was **Arsalee Morales** to present her Board of Directors from 2022 - 2023. Motion by **Steve Murray** and seconded by **Bill Scott**, it was passed with no objections.

- Arsalee Morales**President
- Jon Hove**.....Past President and Firesides
- Margaret Cooker**.....Foundation, Executive Secretary & Grants
- Donna Wells** Treasurer
- Ryan McEachron**.....Youth Services
- Ron Boyd**..... Member at Large & Ethics Essay Contest
- Bill Edwards**..... President 25-26 and Projects
- Mike Johnson**..... Member at Large & 4-Way Speech Competitions
- David North**..... Member at Large & Scholarships
- Steve Murray**..... President 23-24 and Membership
- Bryan Gillespie** Community Service
- Ben Tafoya**..... International Service

Other Member at Large: Rob Kilpatrick

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



President Jon Hove had the chance to pick the Blue Dice but drew white and saved it for another Rotarian next week.

We will continue in two weeks with 12 dice and \$250 for the lucky Rotarian who picks the Blue Dice from the bag!

Spoon of Exemption

Steve Murray was back with the Spoon and shared that this being Memorial Day week, they are working 12 to 14 hour days, so it is best not to delay if you have summer vacation travel plans! Bob's Tire can handle everything from small tent trailers to diesel motor homes.



Steve also took a few moments to thank everyone for supporting him to be our President once again. As a past president in 2014-2015, he is looking forward to serving again.

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.

Raffle

Cherie Range went home with a couple coffee mugs this week. Cherie took home a Victorville Fire Department mug from **Jeff Armstrong** and a VVTA campfire mug from **Chris Ackerman**. The only other prize was a Victor Valley Transit window shade that will be used by Chief Armstrong.

Fine Session

Jon Hove was our Fine Master this week and allowed for Rotarians to give updates and accept fines in return. **Mike Johnson** shared that interest rates were still at around 5% - 6% which earned him a \$20 fine, while **Bryan Gillespie** took a \$10 penalty for sharing that Options for Youth had its first prom and upcoming graduation in person in two years.

The last fine went to **Jeff Armstrong**, who announced he is leaving his post, and will return in two weeks to his former position in Northern California. He gladly accepted a fine of 1 billion dollars.

Rotary Guests

Along with all of our judges and timekeepers for the Dan Stover music contest (see page 1), we also met some family members of participant **Nathan Amaya** including his grandmother **Helene Taylor** and mother **Aimee Amaya**. We also met a couple of his teachers from Options for Youth, **Celeste Quintero** and **Adrian Acosta**, who attended as guests of **Bryan Gillespie**.

From the Hove family, we also had spouse **Linda Hove** and son **Harrison Hove**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$27.00

*Polio Pig: \$17 + Tom Hoegerman: \$2.00
+ Cherie Range: \$3.00 + Jon Hove (Dice): \$5.00 = \$27.00*

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

| | |
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| President 2021-2022 | Jon Hove |
| President 2022-2023 | Arsalee Morales |
| President 2022-2023 | Steve Murray |
| President 2024-2025 | 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

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| 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

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| 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
4-Way Speech Finals & Breakfast at
Esmeralda Resort and Spa (**June 24**)
Dan Stove Music Finals and Lunch at
Esmeralda Resort and Spa (**June 24**)

Upcoming Programs

- 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)
- June 28:** Jon Hove and Donna Wells
Topic: "State of the Club" (Page)

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