



The Joshua Tree



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Elementary School 4-Way Speech Contest



Pictured from left: Mark Sawyer, 4-Way Test Chair, and Rosalie Contreras, Anjali Singhal, and Samantha Barron.

The Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest gives elementary students the opportunity to ponder how they might apply the Rotary 4-Way Test in their everyday young lives. This week our Rotary Club was treated to speeches by five articulate youngsters from area schools that included Challenger, Del Rey, Village, 6th Street Prep, and Academy Elementary Schools.

The students' examples in utilizing the 4-Way Test included an "American Idol" scenario, daily school life and its challenges, the importance of community involvement, and a reminder to always be our brother's keeper. A standout phrase: "A world with better friendships is a happy world!"

The winning speech was given by Anjali Singhal from The Academy, who prepared a Power Point presentation of her assessment of each of the points in the 4-Way Test. 2nd Place went to Rosalie Contreras of Challenger Elementary, and 3rd Place to Samantha Barron of Del Rey Elementary. Thanks to our other contestants, Libbie DeHetre of Green Tree Elementary and Stanley Cole of Village Elementary. Thank you also to our judges, Holly Noelle, Mark Taylor, Gary Adams, and our Timekeeper, Marilyn Buttelwerth.

STAR Awards



STAR Student Awards went to Isaiah Arreola of Victor Valley Christian, Luz Luevano of Del Rey Elementary, Jacob Hunt of Endeavor School of Exploration, and Christian Cruz of Sixth Street Prep School. These students are "Striving to Achieve Results" by improving their G.P.A., attitude, or attendance.

THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



Welcome to the students attending to receive STAR Awards and our 4-Way Speech contestants and their supporting families and school administration and staff! Welcome also

to Mark Miner, guest of Rob Kilpatrick; Jack Magro of Hi Desert Kitchens; Tim Smith and Danielle Moore of Tayl-ion Virtual Academy, both guests of Stephanie La Ferriere; Scott Perkins of Design Fluxx, guest of Sandra Luna; Dave Pladdock from the Palmdale Club, and Pazely Hall, guest of Jon Edson. Welcome, everyone! It was a great full house this week!

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 11:30 A.M. BEFORE OUR MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT NOON.

Thank you to today's Functionaries



Invocation: Dale Marsden
Flag Salute: Ron Boyd
4-Way Test: Holly Noel
Song: Al Castellucci

Golf Tournament

JUNE 18, 2012

What we need for another
SUCCESSFUL Rotary Golf
 Tournament:

- ✓ Sponsors
- ✓ Golfers
- ✓ Raffle Prizes

Please do your part in one of our Club's biggest fund raising events! We need the support of **EVERY** Rotarian to make this one of our best years ever!

BRING YOUR CANS TO ROTARY!!

YEAR 'ROUND GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

Please remember to bring in your canned and dry goods for needy high desert families. This is an ongoing, annual Food Drive, and a recipient organization will be chosen quarterly.



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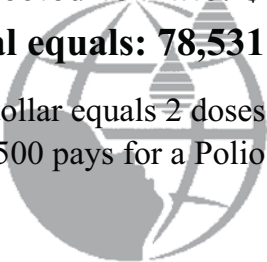
WHAT'S IN MARGARET'S CAN??

Collected this week: \$15.64

Collected to Date: \$8,731.28

Total equals: 78,531 Doses!

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



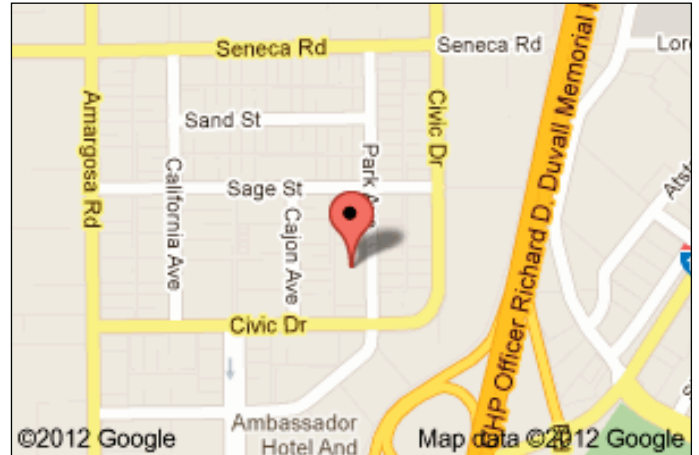
OFF-SITE NEXT WEEK!! (See inside)

June 12

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management
 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville
 (760) 245-1661

Arrive at 11:30 - lunch catered by

Out of this World BBQ



FINE & RAFFLE SESSION:

Matt Drake used extreme self control this week in doling out fines, probably due to the many students in attendance. Regardless, **Matt** was hilarious, as usual, and we thank him for acting as Finemaster for us. He shared a story about speaking in public in 4th grade, and gave accolades to the students for their speaking abilities today.



Kevin Kane was fined \$5 due to a bank robber who escaped using the bus; **"Smiling" Hough** was hit for \$5 as well. **Doug Robertson** was fined \$20 due to election day, along with a "God Bless" from **Matt**; **Margaret Cooker** and **Jon Edson** were each hit for \$5 for various reasons, and then it was on to the raffle.

Toiletries from **Hough** were won by the **Edson/Hall** team; **Apple Valley Transfer & Storage** (Mark Layton) donated a beautiful Basket of Goodies, won by **Donna Wells**; a **B&B Cycle** Coffee Mug went to **Rob Kilpatrick**, and **Gene Gregory** won **Hough's** Plaque and Gift Card. The marble-picker this week was **John Kroencke**, who came away with only \$5. Awww... better luck next time, **John!**





Notes from Charles

Charles presented **Mike Page** with an award from the District Conference for his chairmanship of the District Ambassadorial Scholars. Congratulations, **Mike!**

Holly Noel tells us that if you're not signed up for the off-site meeting on June 12th, the Air Quality Inspectors may be paying you a visit! See info and map on Page 2.

Yippee! The Water Truck now has an official Bill of Sale, and will now depart from **President Charles'** home to it's new home at the Rescue Center in Ensenada.

The June 30 Demotion Party will be a really fun event with good food and entertainment, so be sure you're signed up! Remember... if you sign up and don't show, you'll be charged for the meal (pre-ordered). Guests are welcome (Free); be sure to sign up at meetings.

Happy Birthdays this week to **Al Castellucci, John Wilkins,** and **Stephanie La Ferriere's** husband, **Justin.**

Dale Marsden, Superintendent of the Victor Elementary School District, gave a brief history of how the 4-Way Elementary Speech Contest became a reality. He shared the story of the 10-yr. old Dallas student, Dalton Sherman, and his inspiring address to 10,000 teachers. Dalton was the winner of his District's speech contest, and he is the reason our Club decided to open up the 4-Way Test Speech Contest at the elementary level. You can hear his fabulous speech on You Tube. Just enter Dalton Sherman.



LUCKY ORANGE MARBLE

John Kroencke tried this week to win big, but came up a bit short; only \$5



Next week...
\$350 / 9 marbles



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Bill used this week to congratulate the hard work of our young guests this week, and to remind them that it will pay off, as attested by the many successes in the room.

★ Donate Items★

The Sheriff's Search & Rescue Team is looking for donated items... anything useful. They can be dropped off on June 30th at Maverick Stadium from 8am to 2pm. To arrange for a pick-up, contact Donna Wells; also Don Lager is collecting donations at Midway Home Solutions.

May 24, 2012

"Emergency Plan" to eradicate polio launched



Tackling polio has entered "emergency mode" according to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative after "explosive" outbreaks in countries previously free of the disease. It has launched a plan to boost vaccination in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, the only countries where the disease is still endemic.

Experts fear the disease could "come back with a vengeance". The World Health Organization says polio is "at a tipping point".

There have been large outbreaks of the virus in Africa, Tajikistan and China has had its first cases for more than a decade.

Bruce Aylward, head of the WHO's polio eradication campaign, said: "Over the last 24 months on three continents - in Europe, in Africa and in Asia - we have seen horrific explosive outbreaks of the disease that affected adults, and in some cases 50% of them died. "What it reminded people is that, if eradication fails, we are going to see an huge and vicious upsurge of this disease with consequences that it is very difficult even to foresee right now." He said the initiative was "now on an emergency footing" which would result in a "big shift" in the way the virus is tackled. The strategy has been summarised as the "relentless pursuit of the unvaccinated child".

However, Dr Aylward also cautioned that there was a \$950m shortfall in funding and admitted they had been forced into "cutting corners" with vaccination campaigns being stopped in some countries. India, once regarded as one of the most challenging countries, was declared free of the disease in February.

Kalyan Banerjee, the president of Rotary International, said: "We know polio can be eradicated, and our success in India proves it.

"It is now a question of political and societal will."

To Be Continued.

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 Newsletter Mary Teran

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
 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Dennies, 14165 Main St.
- WEDNESDAY:** Adelanto Club (1st and 3rd Wed.), 7 a.m., R&S Beverage Co., 17500 Adelanto Rd., Adelanto.San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon
 Barstow, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon
 University Prep, 7th and Forrester, 2:00 p.m.
 High Desert, 6:00 P.M. - Los Domingo's Rest., 6:00 p.m. 17790- Hwy. #18, Apple Valley
- 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
 Victor Valley Sunrise, Coco's, Victorville, 7 a.m.
- FRIDAY:** San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.



Important Dates

Mark your Calendar!

- June 7:** BOD Pre-planning - 5 p.m. - Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse
- June 18:** Rotary Golf Tournament - SVL CC Sponsors and Golfers needed!
- June 30:** Demotion Pary - Home of Dan Dever. Beach Party Theme - 5 p.m.



Directions to Dever Home

13166 Waco Rd., Apple Valley

From Bear Valley to Apple Valley Rd. (north), go east on Yucca Loma to Rincon. Turn right to Waco Rd., turn right again. Dan's is the 5th house on your right-hand side.

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- June 12:** Offsite meeting at Mojave Air Quality Management District - **Map on Pg. 2.**
- June 19:** Incoming President & Treasurer Report (Stringham/North)
- June 26:** Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell Banker Commercial - **Topic: "The State of Commercial Real Estate"** (Butcher)

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