

# The Joshua Tree

August 11, 2020

## The Future of (Virtual) Learning

**Dr. Ron Williams** and the staff at the Victor Valley Union High School District have had a very busy week. School started by all the campus' served by the District, but right up to the first day of school, things were changing and formatting moment by moment. In fact, things have been quite busy for them for the last few months, since COVID-19 has put in-class learning in jeopardy for our local students.



Since May, the District has looked at guidances from 8 different groups, including monthly surveys, stakeholder meetings and State & County collaborations with parents, employees, students, and other Superintendent's organizations.

As predicted, in all surveys and discussions, the number one goal is to have all students back inside classrooms, but unfortunately that is not able to be a reality at this moment. The District has identified a five phase plan for reopening and at this point, The VVUHS is only at Phase One.

Phase One is 100% distance learning, with at home virtual classes. All classes start at 8am in the morning for every school and each period lasts 31 minutes (+ 5 minute breaks) with school concluding each day at 12:07pm. After a lunch break for

the teachers and staff, tutoring for students begin at 2:50pm for any students needing help. Distance learning consists of using Acellus & Canvas softwares plus enhanced Google Classrooms.

As of this writing, the school year is entering its second week and have held check-in events for students to receive or turn in textbooks, Chromebooks, WiFi Hot Spots and everything else they need for a successful school year. Students and staff are adapting to the changes, and reports

are that instruction is proceeding smoothly.

Although Ron doesn't know when Phase Two will begin, they are hoping for sooner than later. In the next phase, teachers and staff will be back at their schools (*currently most teach from home*) and students in groups of 25% will attend class 1 day a week and the other days online. During Phase Three students in groups of 50% will attend 2 days and week and so on until the final phase when schools go back 100% with no restrictions.

Another important component to our students' success is the food service program. As studies have shown, it is very hard to focus on learning on an empty stomach and many families struggle to eat everyday. No matter how long this lasts, all qualifying students will be provided lunch. Students on distance learning receive "Grab & Go" meals 5 days a week.

Although changes are happening in a moments' notice, communicating with parents, students and staff members is of the utmost importance to the District. Platforms such as ZOOM, Facebook, Twitter, parent phone messages, emails and virtual community forums are used to accomplish this. Times are challenging, but the District is adapting to these changes.

### This Week's Functionaries

<b>Invocation:</b>	<b>Bill Edwards</b>
<b>Flag Salute:</b>	<b>Dwight Johnson</b>
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	<b>Arsalee Morales</b>
<b>Finemaster:</b>	<b>David North</b>

# ORR'S ROARS



Thank you to Dr. Ron Williams and his staff at the VVUHSD, who all took time to share just how the challenging it is making virtual learning run smoothly for all the students in the District. A very informative talk and gave us all some great insights and how you are succeeding.

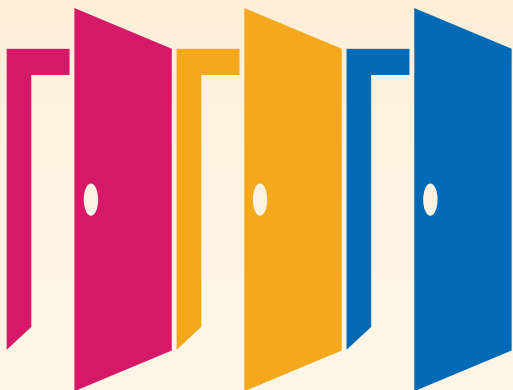


Bill Edwards shared with the Club the Rotary auction is now completed! We have raised just under \$4,000 (about 1/3 of what we would normally make at our annual fundraiser). We still need to raise more, so there will

be more auctions in the coming months! We are asking you to seek out business owners in our community who are willing to offer auction items akin to Don Lager's \$3000 home makeover prize. Also, challenge your friends to a friendly "outbidding war" during the next go around!

Have a great Rotary Week!

Steve



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## Read B4K Graduation

At the conclusion of Tuesday's Rotary meeting, a group of members gathered at the edge of the Green Tree Golf Course putting green to welcome a line of 25 cars for a drive-up graduation ceremony for our Read B4K students. Hosted by program administrator **Colleen Cauldron**, she was joined by volunteers and Rotarians to hand out backpacks with school supplies, medals and \$50 gift cards.

Thank you to all Club members who support this very important and worthwhile program in our community.



## CLUB ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 1

Please attend in-person or Zoom for Selection of Future Club Presidents

# Rotary Opens Opportunities



## Big Blue Dice



**Dr. Ron Williams had an opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but drew white instead and donated his \$5 back to the Polio Pig.**

**We will continue next week with 11 dice and \$275 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.**

## Raffle

Due to someone not bothering to look at their raffle tickets, and after several attempts, the birthday boy of the meeting **Don Lager** went home with a couple bottles of hand sanitizer and a bag from **Chris Ackerman** at Victor Valley Transit. Also Chris donated a VVTA USB electric bus that will be used by **Steve Orr**.

**Dr. Ron Williams** was also another big winner by taking home a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson** and a \$25 gift card from President **Steve Orr** courtesy of Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.

## Rotary Guests

This week we once again welcomed **Taylor Valdes** from Apple Valley Communications who attended with **Arsalee Morales** and Colleen Calderon from our Read B4K program. In addition we met **Brian Seligman** as well as **Cathi Anderson** from Keller Williams, who both found out about our Club on Facebook and wanted to see what the hype was all about.

Joining **Dr. Ron Williams** today was **Cathi Anderson Keller**, **Kris Riley**, **Ramiro Rubalcaba**, **Antonio Hawkin**, **Fal Asruni**, **Kent Crosby**, and **Barbara Dew**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Pastor Ian** for **Paul Earle** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** (via Zoom).

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master and at the monthly Board Meeting, our President **Steve Orr**, still had not submitted his 13 goals for the 2020-2021 Rotary year, which earned him a fine of \$13.



**Don Lager** spent part of his birthday at Tuesday's Rotary meeting, so he received a generous gift of a \$25 fine for turning another year older.

In part due to today's presentation from **Dr. Ron Williams**, Rotarians in attendance who still have school-aged children at home were penalized \$20. Those receiving fines included **Mike Page**, **Chris Ackerman**, **Jessica Perez**, **Kirsten Acosta** and **Arsalee Morales**.

The final fine of the day was given across the El Pescador patio. Since **Ryan McEachron** chose to attend the High Desert Republican Club's meeting instead of ours, it earned him a \$25 fine!



## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$39.00**

*Polio Pig: \$31 + Dice (Ron Williams): \$5.00 + \$3.00 = \$39.00*

**Collected to Date: \$17,387.48**

**Total equals: 95,886 Doses!**

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

# Rotary Club of Victorville, CA



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International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
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Vocational Service .....	Dr. Bowtie Brian
Grants/Speech Contests .....	<b>PLEASE VOLUNTEER</b>
Scholarships.....	Please Volunteer
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
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Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears

### Members-at-Large:

Dwight Johnson • Jon Hove • Rob Kilpatrick

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville

### Make-up Days and Locations

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- Sept 1: Club Assembly**  
12 Noon, El Pescador Patio
- Sept 7: Board of Directors meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads

## Upcoming Programs

- Aug 18:** David Greiner, President of Greiner Buick GMC  
**Topic: The day the world didn't end - My Covid Story (Page)**
- Aug 25: OPEN**



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