



The Joshua Tree

August 15, 2023

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

The Club was honored this week to receive a visit from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools **Ted Alejandre**. As county superintendent, Mr. Alejandre works collaboratively with educators, families, other agencies and stakeholders to provide advocacy, leadership and services for and on behalf of more than 406,000 K-12 students attending public schools in San Bernardino County. Ted shared an update on their partnerships with different organizations that make up their Cradle to Career Roadmap.



as an app download. These fun activities support the development of print concept, phonemic awareness, phonics, and word recognition.

The County assists with college and career goals through dual enrollment courses, AVID, and career education maps, where students can find workforce development educational opportunities in their area. Speaking of Workforce Development, the County provides education with such programs

as The Employables, STEMpalooza, and Skills USA, which is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations.

The Cradle to Career Roadmap is to identify key milestones in a child's academic and social readiness, while encouraging partnerships with all sectors of the community to support the goal of meeting the educational needs of all students from cradle to career.

Starting at an early age of parents reading to their children, their spotlight on literacy begins with children reaching a goal of reading by grade level by 3rd grade. They also partner with others, including the 8-year program Footsteps2Brilliance. Students can engage in early literacy learning in this fun and engaging game-based platform that is accessible on-line or

Digital learning is also a large component of education. For example, animatronics legend **Garner Holt**, who created animatronics for Chuck E. Cheese and Disneyland, teaches a course for students, as well as computer science classes and SBCSS eSports. One large area of growth is Artificial Intelligence. Chat GPT has grown in just 2 months to over 100 million users! Ted is currently looking into ways how educators can teach students how to use AI in a positive way.

Other areas the County supports students is through health & wellness, visual & performing arts, student advisory panels, backpack giveaway, community engagement and the Veterans Diploma Project, which awards diplomas to men and women whose high school education was interrupted due to military service in World War II, Korean War, the Vietnam War and more.

Get more information at www.sbcss.k12.ca.us.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Ben Tafoya
4-Way Test:	Dr. Ron Boyd
Fine Master:	David North



MURRAY'S MINUTE

Thanks for Ted Alejandro, the County Superintendent of



Schools for coming by and giving us an update on all of the programs and agencies you partner with to make sure our students are ready for the workforce.

Congratulations to our newest Rotarian Kyle Vizzo. Welcome to the greatest Rotary Club in the High Desert!



Congratulations to Kirsten Acosta, Keith Metzler, and Sheriff Captain John Wickum, who were in attendance this week to accept their Paul Harris Fellowships for donations to the Rotary Foundation of \$1000 or more. The Club continues being a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, that began in the Presidency of Arsalee Morales.

Mike Page reminds members that Congressman Jay Obernolte will be our guest on Tuesday, August 22nd and we want to fill up the room. We have room for 75-100 and our hope is to have every seat filled so please tell your friends! Please sign them up as soon as possible so we can give the Country Club a good head count.

Hope to see you all at Movie Night at the Hove's this weekend!

Steve

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA **SERVICE PROJECT**



A Clothing Drive by **lifechurch** WHERE YOUR LIFE MATTERS

As Part of **weLOVEYOU** HIGH DESERT Serving our Community with Heart and Hope.

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Set-Up: 7am - 10am • Event: 10am - 1pm

Tear Down: 1pm - 2pm

12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395



Volunteers needed for:
 Clothing Donations
 Setup of event
 Hand Out Waters at Event
 Tear Down

To Volunteer Contact Mike Johnson

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. August 28 to President Steve Murray.

Carl Coles

**Victor Valley Union High School District
 Superintendent**

Classification: Education: Administration: High School

Sponsor: Steve Murray



**CREATE HOPE
 in the WORLD**



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Big Blue Dice



Chris Ackerman 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 7 Dice and \$375 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

New Rotarian



The Club has a new Rotarian! **Kyle Vizzo**, a commercial Real Estate Broker with Coldwell Banker was welcomed into the Club with his sponsor **Bob Basen**. Kyle was introduced by former President and past District Governor **Margaret Cooker** and welcomed by President **Steve Murray**. Kyle was born in Barstow and specializes in industrial properties. When not working he races 1/2 1600 Volkswagen buggies professionally. He looks forward to working within the Club to give back to the community.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master and shared that **Keith Metzler's** daughter just began college at Cal Baptist, which netted him a \$20 fine. **Steve Murray** was hit with a \$26 penalty for his 13th wedding anniversary to **Pam Murray** (\$13 for each of them). **Dan Dever** celebrates 38 years as a Rotarian, so David rounded up his fine to \$40. **Ben Tafoya** has a birthday in August so he was told to pay \$40 and for the late arrival and early departure of **Stefanie Montoya**, she was given a fine of \$20.

Rotary Guests

This week, we welcomed **Dana Hernandez** from Rock'n Our Disabilities Foundation who was invited by Arsalee Morales and **Karen Diaz** from Senator Wilk's office. We also had **Jason Lamoreaux**, President of Coldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate in attendance, as a guest of **Bob Basen**. From Sunland Ford we met **James Campbell** who was invited by **Steve Murray**, and **Allen Williams** with Dignity Memorial, who came as a guest of **David North**.

Raffle



In this week's raffle, **Ben Tafoya**, who easily bought the most tickets, went home with two bottles of wine, courtesy of **David North** and **Steve Murray**, plus an ICR Staffing goodie bag from **Terry Saenz**. **Bill Edwards** also won a goodie bag with gift card from

ICR, and he donated a set of silicone baking mats that will be used by guest **Jason Lamoreaux**, some plates that were won by guest **Dana Hernandez**, and a set of Tupperware for **Dan Dever**. The final gift was a Victor Valley Transit USB thumb drive from **Chris Ackerman** that will be used by **Steve Murray**.

Joining our speaker from the County Superintendent of Schools we met **Norm Nunez**, **Francisco Morales** and **Dominir Parauno**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Terry Saenz** for **Robert Lovingood** and **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$24.00

Polio Pig: \$19 • Dice (Chris Ackerman) \$5 = \$24.00

Collected to Date: \$19,873.52

Total equals: 100,731 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
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Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
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Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
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Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

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, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
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

Aug 19: Movie Night at the Hove's
6:00pm • Home of Jon & Linda Hove
18970 Appaloosa Road, Apple Valley
Film: Auntie Mame
*Please sign up to bring an appetizer,
side dish, or dessert*

**Don't forget to bring a lawn chair,
blanket, and/or sweater. Might be a
little cool outside on Saturday.**

Aug 26: Rotary Service Project: Second Life
10:00am • Life Church Victorville
12199 Industrial Blvd., Victorville
*Donate Clothes, Help pass out water and more.
See Mike Johnson to volunteer and help!*

Upcoming Programs

Aug 22: Congressman Jay Obernolte (Page)

Aug 29: 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting
5:30pm, Pancho Villa Fresh Grill
11620 Amagosa Road, Victorville

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writing by 5 p.m. August 28 to President Steve Murray.*

Jason Lamoreaux

**Coldwell Banker Commercial
CEO**

Classification: Real Estate: Administration

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Requests a Transfer from the Apple Valley Club

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