

# The Joshua Tree

September 14, 2021

## MASTER PLAN: FOCUS ON THE WHOLE CHILD

**Dr. Ron Williams Ed.D** who is the Superintendent of the award winning Victor Valley Union High School District, spoke to the Club this week on their 2020-2030 Master Plan. The District serves around 11,000 students in grades seven through twelve with nearly 1,000 staff members.



*Effectiveness.* This area focuses on the recruitment, hiring, training, advancement and retention of highly qualified, diverse instructional leaders, faculty and staff to enhance district capacity for excellence in all areas. The final area of focus is *Community Partnership and Service.* This refers to providing leadership and working in alliance with other businesses, institutions, agencies and organizations for the advancement and benefit of the communities and region we serve.

The goal of the Master Plan over the next 10 years is to provide world class education for its students, preparing them for post-secondary education, preparing a workforce for the growing aerospace-technology plus other industries in the region, and finally to develop community members who will contribute positively to the quality of life in the Mojave High Desert Region of San Bernardino County.

In the current school year 2021-2022, four programs will be starting up this year. These include an Aviation Pathway Program, a Legal Pathway Program, a Medical Pathway Program and a Middle College Program. The Middle College Program will be taught between Lakeview Leadership Academy and Victor Valley College. The Legal Academy will be at University Prep, while a Public Safety Academy will be taught at Adelanto High School.

The Education Master Plan has four key areas of focus, with the first being *Student Success.* This refers to the fulfillment of the VVUHS Mission and successful academic, career readiness and social outcomes for students. The next goal is *Organizational Effectiveness.* This refers to an efficient and effective administration and operations of the District, run as a business and an educational institution. Third is *Educational Workforce Development and*



Next to speak was **Dr. Antoine Hawkins**, who spoke about the continuing food service with the VVUHS. Quite simply, every child eats for free. They had some logistic issues during the height of the pandemic, but they kept it moving. He also shared information on how every child who needed a Chromebook and a wifi hotspot, received them.

### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman  
**Flag Salute:** Bryan Gillespie  
**4-Way Test:** Jeff Armstrong  
**Fine Master:** David North

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## HOVE'S HELLO



Thanks to Dr. Ron Williams and his crew for sharing a lot of information about their 10-year Master Plan. With your history, I have no doubt you will accomplish all of your

goals and then some!

Our Teacher Mini-Grant program is coming

up on November 2nd, and we are still looking for Rotarians to donate. Each grant costs \$300 and we have a goal to reach of \$14,000, but we can only get there with your help!

Arsalee Morales shared information on our Bingo Night which will happen on Saturday, October 23rd at 5:30pm. The event will be held at the Activity Center located at 15075 Hesperia Road in Victorville. She is looking for raffle items, sponsorships and committee members. Please help make this our best fundraising event yet!

Finally, Margaret Cooker shared that our ReadB4K students are now going into Kindergarten testing at a 3rd grade reading level. Now that's a WOW!



*Jon Hove*



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**VVUHSD**

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Next was **Dr. Ramio Rubalcaba** who reviewed their massive Covid-19 prevention efforts. Such additions include hands free hand sanitizer & paper towel dispensers, plus face recognition machines that takes your temperature. He concluded his talk by sharing that in some neighborhoods not only were wifi hotspots placed on buses for students, but meals for a whole day for each student as well.

Finally, **Ratmony Yee, Ed.D.** spoke on continuing the Google class environment to keep education moving forward, as well as all of the work the VVUHSD is doing for social emotional learning, with the goal of both student learning and student well being, focusing on the whole child.

There was so much information shared this week that it would take all four pages of this newsletter to fit it all. If you'd like more information, please visit [www.vvuhsd.org](http://www.vvuhsd.org) or call 760-955-3201.



## CLUB ASSEMBLY

*The Club will hold a Club Assembly on*

**September 28, 2021**

*To vote on dues, finances and the overall health of our Club.*

**MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**

# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Big Blue Dice



**Dr. Ron Boyd had the chance to grab the Blue Dice but drew another white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.**

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

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master this week and gave \$20 fines to a variety of Rotarians. Both **Mike Page** and **Steve Orr** were penalized for asking questions that were clearly written in our weekly newsletter, while **Stew Anderson** was hit with a fine for not controlling **Margaret Cooker**. Finally, President **Jon Hove** received a \$40 fine for a couple of missteps. First he was hit for making David miss the first inning of the L.A. Dodgers game due to the Board Meeting on Monday and then for his phone going off at the meeting.



## Rotary Guests

Our guests this week included VUHS Board President **Barbara Dew** as well as **Kris Riley**, from the VUHS as guests of **Dr. Ron Williams**. In addition, **Stefanie Montoya** attended with **Bryan Gillespie**. We also had The Linda's in house, welcoming both **Linda Hove** and **Linda Scott**, who was there as a Stand-in for her husband **Bill Scott**.

Our other Stand-in this week was **Chris Nunez** for **Kirsten Acosta**.

## Spoon of Exemption

Stand-in **Chris Nunez** had the Spoon this week, and shared that the Victor Valley College Foundation is looking for nominations for the upcoming Alumni Hall of Fame event. You can nominate someone in the following categories: Alumni Hall of Fame, Distinguished Service in Community, Presidents' Award, Young Alumni Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service in Education.

Please get more information at [www.vvcfoundation.com](http://www.vvcfoundation.com).

## Raffle

**Dwight Johnson** once again brought the Booze! **Dr. Ron Boyd** received a bottle of wine and **Tina Escareño** got a bottle of Jim Bean Peach. Tina and Dwight both won VVTA water bottles from **Chris Ackerman**, but Tina wasn't done yet, as she went home with a DCB Tumbler with a \$10 Starbucks Card from **Esther Mears**. The final regular raffle prize went to **Jim Cox**, who looked very hip with the Smith Ironworks hat, sunglasses and Koozie from President **Jon Hove**.



There were two special gifts for those who voted this week in the Recall Election. **David North** won \$5.00 cash while **Arsalee Morales** went away with a \$50 gift card from Red Lobster, courtesy of **Dwight Johnson**.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$22.00**

*Polio Pig: \$12.00 + Dr Ron Williams: \$5.00  
+ Dice (Dr. Ron Boyd): \$5.00 = \$22.00*

**Collected to Date: \$18,292.63**

**Total equals: 97,699 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 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
President 2025-2026 .....	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President .....	Steve Orr
Treasurer .....	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary .....	Margaret Cooker
Foundation.....	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations .....	Stephen Quintero
Club Service .....	Arsalee Morales
Community Service .....	Michael Krause
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
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 .....	Marilyn Buttelerwerth
Programs .....	Mike Page
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, John Wickum & Jeff Armstrong
Sergeant At Arms.....	Arsalee Morales
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
S.T.A.R. Students .....	Maureen Mills and MichaelKrause
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Flowers and Gifts .....	KayMarie Gregory
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

<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., Cracker Barrel, 11612 Amargosa Rd, Victorville 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

- Oct 11: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Oct 23: Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 Annual Peace Conference**  
FREE via Zoom • 9am - 1pm  
<https://district5300.org/peace-conference/>
- Oct 23: Bingo Night Fundraiser**

## Upcoming Programs

- Sept 21:** Kathy Cortner, General Manager, Mojave Water Agency **Topic: "Water Supply, Do We Have Enough Water to Grow?"** (Page)
- Sept 28:** Erin Fox, Disaster Program Director and Raul Diaz, Regional Program Director, Red Cross **Topic: "Benefits of being a Red Cross Volunteer"** (Mears)
- Oct 5:** **Victor Valley College** (Acosta)
- Oct 12:** **TBD**
- Oct 19:** **STAR Students Presentations** (Mills)
- Oct 26:** **TBD**
- Nov 2:** **Teacher Mini-Grants** (A. Anderson)

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