

The Joshua Tree

October 5, 2021

A CAREER PATH TO SUCCESS!

If you think of Victor Valley College as one large campus, you'd be right...and wrong. Although under the umbrella of VVC, the College is now made up of four different schools, each with its own administration staff and departments. These schools include Business Law & Academics, Humanities Arts



& Social Sciences, Science Technology Engineering & Math and Public Safety & Industrial Technology. This week **McKenzie Tarango**, Dean of Public Safety & Industrial Technology and **Frank Castanos**, Director of Community & Contract Education, shared the latter specialized and unique school from Victor Valley College.

The benefit of having four different schools is that they can now focus better on career education; not only preparing students to enter the workforce of their choosing, but also advance the skills of those already in a field of expertise. Once a career path is selected, a student's course may be taught the VVC main campus, Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA), the Regional Public Safety Training Center in Apple Valley or at any number of local businesses. The School offers more than just lectures and labs, but



certification courses, credit courses, non-credit courses, job shadowing and more.

There are many different forms of career education which includes Credit Programs (*Standard Community College learning to obtain a Degree*), Non-Credit (*free education, minus materials and fees*), Cooperative Education (*workplace learning*), Job Development (*preparing resumes, mock interviews, etc.*), Contract Education (*customized, upscale training a business pays for their staff*), Fee-Based Education (*additional company training, paid for by the employee*), and Apprenticeships (*focus on the individual to elevate skills*).

The Public Safety and Industrial Technology School offers courses and certified training in Automotive, Aviation Technology, Construction, Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services, Fire, Manufacturing, and Welding.

Working with local businesses has made this course model of teaching very successful. A great example shared was within the Automotive Dealership Technician course. Victor Valley College works in tandem with Victor Motors and Greiner Buick GMC, where the course is taught on the job, with paid internships. Once a student fully completes the course, they also receive their own set of tools!

For those who like to work with their hands, but have not made a career choice just yet, the Construction Department has an Apprenticeship Readiness program, where the students build a

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Dr. Ron Williams
- 4-Way Test:** Michael Krause
- Fine Master:** David North

HOVE'S HELLO



Thank you to Kirsten Acosta for having McKenzie Tarango and Frank Castanos come out to speak to our Club about the career pathways they are offering students,

not just in education, but also career placement, right here in our High Desert.



We are still looking for Rotarians to step up and get involved! We are looking for a Vocational Service Chair, Speech Contests Chair, and Presidents for the Rotary years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Please see me if you'd like to take an active leadership role in our Club.

Michael Krause, our Community Service Chair will have more information at next week's meeting, but teased that we will be assembling food baskets for those less fortunate in our community, right in time for the Holiday Season.

Finally, Bingo Night is almost here! We are looking for each Rotarian to sell at least 4 tickets to the event and fill the room so we can raise much needed funds for the Club's programs.

See you all next week!

Jon Hove



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room from scratch with framing, wiring, painting, and all other areas of construction from start to finish to give them a taste of where they may want to go.

Coming soon to the school is Commercial Driver's License Course, and Forklift Training Certifications, that came from a Grant Award from the band Metallica and their All Within My Hands Foundation.

The best way to support the Public Safety and Industrial Technology School of VVC is to get involved! They are seeking partnerships with local businesses for student training, internships, site visits, trade talks and more. Contact McKenzie.Tarango@vvc.edu or Frank.Castanos@vvc.edu for more information.



- Oct. 8 - National Fluffernutter Day
- Oct. 9 - Natl Pro Life Cupcake Day
- Oct. 9 - National Moldy Cheese Day
- Oct. 10 - Natl. Walk in a Park Day
- Oct. 11 - National Kick Butt Day
- Oct. 11 - National Sausage Pizza Day
- Oct. 12 - National Savings Day
- Oct. 12 - National Free Thought Day
- Oct. 13 - National No Bra Day
- Oct. 13 - Natl. Yorkshire Pudding Day
- Oct. 14 - National Dessert Day
- Oct. 14 - Natl. Be Bald and Be Free Day
- Oct. 15 - National Grouch Day
- Oct. 15 - National Cheese Curd Day

Happy Nov?

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Chandale Sutton won the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but drew a white one and donated his \$5 winnings back to the polio pig.

We will continue next week with 8 dice and \$350 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.



Bingo Night will take place Saturday, October 23 at The Activity Center located at 15075 Hesperia Road in Victorville. The cost for attendees is \$25 which includes 3 games. We are not only looking for sponsors to fund the cost of the event, but auction items as well. Please see **Bill Edwards** or **Arsalee Morales** for more information.

Spoon of Exemption

Chandale Sutton had the Spoon for Life Church this week and shared a variety of information, most notably that October is “Clergy Appreciation Month”, so he reminds all Rotarians to thank their spiritual leaders this month, no matter what your faith is. He also shared that Life Church will be having a Harvest Festival on October 31st, beginning at 10am. Life Church is located at 12199 Industrial Blvd. in Victorville.



Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining Joshua Tree Editor **Chris Ackerman** \$20 for not including such things as National “Son Day”, Daughter Day”, etc. in our weekly newsletter. **Bob Basen** recently took a trip across three states and took a \$30 hit for it, and **Jim Cox**, who after being a Rotarian for 52 years still doesn’t know to put his phone on silent, paid \$10 for the error.

Rotary Guests

Kirsten Acosta brought Victor Valley College guests **Ben Lehan**, **Robert Sewell**, **Shannon Shannon**, **Chris Nunez**, and **Irene Molinar**. **Linda Hove** was also in attendance with President **Jon Hove**. Our Stand-in this week were **Chandale Sutton** for Pastor **Paul Earle** and **Simon Herrera** for **Kevin Kane**.

Raffle

Stand-in **Chandale Sutton** was a HUGE winner this week, but it wasn’t surprising since it looks like he bought about 25 raffle tickets! Chandale went home with a VVC candy jar from **Kirsten Acosta**, a \$25 VISA gift card from **Steve Orr** plus a bottle of wine and a bottle of Jack Daniels, both donated by **Dwight Johnson**. Dwight also gave a copy of “Men of Integrity”, that will be read by **Dr. Ron Williams**.

Chris Ackerman will use a \$25 Starbucks card from Heritage Victor Valley and **Corey Beck** will use his USB Electric Bus he won from Chris. The final prize went to **Jim Cox**, who took home a Victor Valley Transit water bottle.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Polio Pig: \$8.00 + Dice (Chandale Sutton): \$5.00 = \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$18,350.05

Total equals: 97,814 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
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President 2023-2025	Need Candidates
President 2025-2026	Bill Edwards
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Vocational Service	Need Volunteer
Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests	Need Volunteer
Scholarships	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Need Volunteer
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause
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

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

- 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**
5:00pm • \$25 per person
The Activity Center
15075 Hesperia Road, Victorville, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Oct 12:** Jim Cox **Topic: "50+ Years in Victorville as City Manager, Council Member and Private Citizen"** ***Please come with questions for Jim!* (Page)
- Oct 19:** TBD
- Oct 26:** TBD
- Nov 2:** **Teacher Mini-Grants** (A. Anderson)

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with member Arsalee Morales during this difficult time, at the passing of her Brother-in-Law

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