

The Joshua Tree

November 2, 2021

MINI GRANTS FOR THE MIND AND THE HEART



This was our big one. This week our Club held it's biggest meeting of the year, the annual Teacher Mini-Grant Program. After canceling last year's event due to the pandemic, in 2021 we had 39 grants to give away to area teachers in the total amount of \$10,768.39! The event was hosted by **Alicia Anderson** and grants given out covered the Adelanto Elementary School District, Helendale School District, Excelsior Charter Schools, the Victor Elementary School District and the Victor Valley Union High School District.

The overall theme for many teachers including Excelsior, Helendale Elementary and Lakeview Leadership Academy dealt with emotional stress coming out of the pandemic with such programs as "Comfy

Corner", "Listening Center", "The Class Calming Corner", "Warm and Fuzzy Box", "Mindfulness Corner", "The Whole Child", "Social-Emotional Learning Through Movement", and "Finding Your Zen in the Chaos", which will bring Yoga into the classroom.

Science programs include the "Doodle Bot Robotic STEAM Lesson" from teacher **Humberto Alvarez** at Challenger School of Sports and Fitness, "Life Sciences" from **Francisca Rogers** at Westside Park Elementary, "STEM/SEL Bins" from **Katie Jorgensen** at Helendale Elementary, and "Fluid Mechanics" by **Michelle Antiporta**, where her class will design a robotic arm! Math was highlighted by **Jared Nichols** at Cobalt Institute with "Pi Day, The Return" which will celebrate math on March 14th.

Dance and Exercise were also a big factor with "Lion Dance" from instructor **Jonathan McDonald** at Mesa Linda Middle School, "Jumping All The Way" from **Maribel Duenas**, and "Run for Your Life" by **Lizette McDonnell** at Lomitas Institute of Technology, where students will run 100 miles this year, with prizes when they reach certain markers throughout the year.

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This Week's Functionaries

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

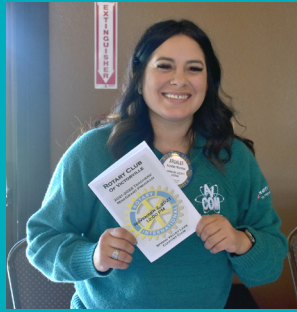
HOVE'S HELLO'S



Another Teacher Mini-Grant Program is in the books! Thank you to Alicia Anderson for hosting and everyone who purchased grants for these incredible teachers who are educating our

future leaders, right here in the High Desert.

Bingo Nigh Co-Chair Arsalee Morales shared with the group that currently we have raised \$4,000 from our fundraiser. Thank you all who donated, and came out to support the event.



On November 30th we will have our next 5th Tuesday evening Rotary meeting, but we are in need of a restaurant or eatery that takes reservations. If you have an idea, please see me.

Don't forget, our Club will only grow with the addition of new members! Please think of people who would benefit from being a Rotarian!

Next week we will hear from Allan Williams from Desert View Memorial Park... See you then!

Jon Hove



Teacher Mini-Grants

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Many more programs were awarded including those in English, Music, Art, Photography and more. So many great programs will now be built, thanks to Rotarians who supported this event financially. Platinum Sponsors for this year were **Alicia Anderson, Sam Granlianard, Jim Mettler, Dr. Ron Williams** and the VESD. Gold Sponsors were **Jon Hove, Robert Lovingood, Ryan McEachron** and **Donna Wells**. Finally, Silver Sponsors included **Steve Murray, Pastor Paul & Dr. Charmaine Earle, Dwight Johnson, Kevin Kane, Rob Kilpatrick, John Kroencke, David North, Dr. Ron Boyd** and **Margaret Cooker**.

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Big Blue Dice



Chris Ackerman had a 1 in 5 chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked white and donated his \$5 winnings back to the polio pig.

We will continue next week with 4 dice and \$450 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Guests

Along with many teachers and school administrators we welcomed guests **Kris Riley** who came with **Dr. Ron Williams**, **Linda Hove** who came with President **Jon Hove**, and **Patti Gob Komorita** from California Life Properties who came as a guest of **Chris Ackerman**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Suzi Bailey** for **Dr. Ron Boyd** **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** and **Chandale Sutton** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

Spoon of Exemption



Chandale Sutton had the Spoon this week to start us off for November and shared that Life Church is now back to two services on Sunday, at 9:00am and 11:00am. This Sunday, **Pastor Paul Earle** will begin a new series on

experience freedom from bondage and hangups.

Raffle

Our area teachers were the big winners in this week's raffle! Instructor **Ross Swearingen** went away with a VVTA campfire mug from **Chris Ackerman**, a bottle of wine from **Dwight Johnson** and an action



figure of Bert from Mary Poppins that was brought by **Tina Escareño**. Another teacher took home a Victor Valley Transit water bottle, but I swear that Bert doll is going to give this writer nightmares...

Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master and began looking for **Maureen Mills** who had appeared on Zoom but had left by the time David went to the podium. He still fined her \$20 for her belated birthday. **Arsalee Morales** was also met with a \$20 hit in celebration of her 4 year anniversary as a Rotarian.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$73.15

*Polio Pig: \$65.15 + Dr. Ron Williams: \$3.00
+ Dice (Chris Ackerman): \$5.00 = \$73.15*

Collected to Date: \$18,466.20

Total equals: 98,046 Doses!

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



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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

Nov 8: Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm Meeting
ARMAC Insurance Board Room
Rear Building on Yuma

Dec 9: Rotary Christmas Party

SVL Country Club
More details to come...

Upcoming Programs

Nov 9: Allen Williams, General Manager, Desert
View Funeral Home & Memorial Park

**Topic: "Never Take the Fun Out
of Funeral: How COVID Has
Impacted the Funeral Business:
The Untold Story"** (North)

**Nov 16: Assemblyman Thurston "Smitty"
Smith** (Page)

Nov 23: TBD

**Nov 30: San Bernardino County Fire Chief
Dan Munsey** (Armstrong)

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