

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



November 5, 2019

BE BETTER OR BE BITTER

Social Workers usually handle about 60 children a month, and for such a short period of time, all they really have time to do is make sure they are clean and breathing. These youth are the lucky ones, because the 400,000 kids in the Foster Care system are forgotten and NEVER get seen. In San Bernardino County alone, there are 5,700 young people in need of people like **Brenda Sutherland** and **Tiffany Hunt**. They are CASA's, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children in San Bernardino County.



There is a huge crisis in the Foster Care system and plain and simple, needs are not being met. There is a lot of wickedness in the world and Brenda hears them all, stories of pure horror of how they got into the Foster Care system at no fault of their own, and she still sometimes shakes her head on how their parents allowed these things to happen.

The volunteers who are part of CASA, which include our own Fire Chief Greg Benson, work with these young people to help them change their lives. Most of them are 3-6 months behind

in school, have broken spirits about a real future, and so depressed to be separated from their own brothers and sisters. Other challenges they face besides the disconnect from family include educational displacement, delinquent behavior and overall instability. These children are lost, confused and alone. CASA volunteers have demonstrated time and time again that one person can truly make a difference, and restore hope to abused, neglected and abandoned children.

Volunteers go through 30 hours of intense training, including a full background check, all to meet a real need, to encourage these kids, that they can make it and help them with just words of encouragement and support on their journey. For most foster kids, only 58% graduate High School and 80% of inmates on Death Row come from the Foster Care system! Through CASA, 90% graduated High School last year!

They need volunteers. Brenda asked Rotarians to please do not turn a blind eye to these children and if you can make the time commitment, please get involved. Once training is completed and a volunteer is sworn in by the Juvenile Court, the volunteer mentors and advocates for a young person for a minimum of 10-15 hours a month for 18 months.

CASA seeks to provide a better future for all youths, and you can be not only as powerful voice for them, but a role model as well. To find out more, call Brenda at 760-515-6183 or visit www.casaofsb.org

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **Dwight Johnson**
- 4-Way Test: **Kirsten Acosta**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

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ORR'S ROARS



We had an incredible touching presentation this week, hearing from Brenda Sutherland from CASA, and the realities of children in our Foster Care System. Please make sure you read the cover story.

Our own Ryan McEachron had the opportunity to attend Rotary One, the first Rotary Club in America, located in Chicago, Ill. Even more special was that he was able to exchange banners and presented it to me this week. Very special!



Our Holiday party is coming up fast. Please make plans to join us on Thursday, December 5th at El Pescador for music, fellowship and fun. Food choices will be salmon or prime rib. Cost is \$45 per person and begins at 5:30pm. Please sign up at next week's meeting!

Continuing with the Holiday theme, discount Sees Candy is once again available for members. Please see Margaret Cooker and get your order in for your family, employees, or heck, even yourself!

See you next week!

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Raffle

Going home with a Reagan Ranch calendar from **Dwight Johnson** was **Kevin Porter**, and a box of Sees Candy from the Club went to **Jason Montana**. Going around town to do some spending was **Jim Cox** who will be using the \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card he received from **Jason Montana** and President **Steve Orr** will enjoy a night out at the movies with the \$25 Fandango gift card he won!

Fine Session

CAUGHT IN THE ACT! David North was captured changing the fines this week while Fine Master Ryan McEachron was out of the room. This act of vandalism cost him a penalty of \$50! Bill Scott was levied a fine of \$40 in honor of 40 years of marriage for forgetting the name of his wife Linda Scott during guest introductions, while Bowtie Brian left with \$10 less for always being on social media. Also, getting hit for \$10 was Kevin Porter, just because he showed up at the meeting! Bill Edwards was double fined for his Anniversary and Birthday in the month of November for the tune of \$100.



Remember the thing that David North did? Well in his scribbling he, for some reason gave Arsalee Morales a fine of \$100. Ryan honored it.

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Big Blue Dice



Although Jim Cox won the opportunity to grab the Blue Dice, but he deferred to Margaret Cooker, who drew white.

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

Rotary Guests

Along with family and school officials in attendance for our S.T.A.R. Students, we also welcomed family members **Kurt Kroencke**, son of **John Kroencke** and **Linda Scott**, wife of **Bill Scott**. Also at the meeting, we were introduced to **Chantale Sutton** as a guest of **Don Lager**, **Fal Asrani** from the VVUHSD as a guest of **Dr. Ron Williams** and **Stephanie Montaya** from Options for Youth, who was a guest of President **Steve Orr**.

Our Stand-Ins this week were **Don Holland** for **Robert Lovingood**, **Jason Montana** for **Don Lager**, **Ian Rapier** for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Kris Reilly** for **Dr. Ron Williams** and **Conor Devlin** for **Maureen Mills**.

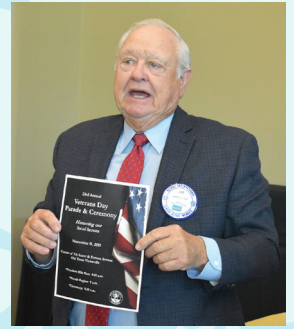
Teacher Mini Grants

There are 43 recipients of Teacher Mini Grants to be presented Nov 19th.

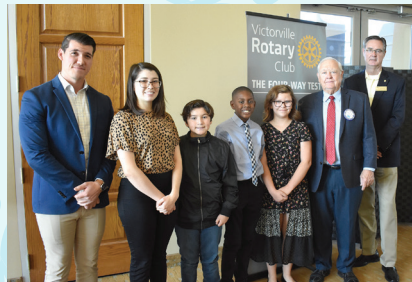
Thank you all for your donations. Be note that part of your charitable contributions are used for this. Total over \$12,000!

Spoon of Exemption

Jim Cox had his first week with the Spoon and chose to promote the 23rd Annual Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony happening on Monday, November 11th. The annual parade will be honoring local heroes at 9:00am beginning at the corner of 7th and Forrest Ave in Old Town Victorville. Along with the parade, there will be a Freedom Mile Run at 8:45am and an official ceremony at 9:30 am. If you are off work on Monday, please make your plans to be a part of this special event.



S.T.A.R. Students



It was time to honor some fantastic students who have show great improvements at this week's meeting.

Handing out certificates we were joined **Christopher Scott** from Obernolte's office, **Kimberly Mesen** from Cook's office. **Don Holland** from Lovingood's office, and **Jim Cox** from the City of Victorville.



From Galileo School we honored students **Malachi Jackson**, **Cailin Marouf**, and **Joshua Moreno**. Over at Green Tree East, we met **Evan Alsmmour**, **Merela Fudil**, and **Austin Sutherland**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: **\$21.00**

Polio Pig: \$16.00 + Jim Cox (Dice): \$5.00 : Total: \$21.00

Collected to Date: **\$16,785.72**

Total equals: **94,743 Doses!**

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., 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, 14165 Main St., Hesperia Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Adelanto Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 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 14: 2019 Peace Conference

8:30am - 1:30pm
Treasure Island, Las Vegas
Sign up on DaCDB.com

May 1-3 2020: Assembly and District Conference

Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Nov 12: San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-
County Clerk Bob Dutton **TOPIC: "Split Roll
Impacts on Small Businesses and
Property Owners"** (Page)

Nov 19: **Teacher Mini Grants**

Nov 26: Southern California Edison, Account Manager
Maria Serret **TOPIC: "Energy Solutions
for your Business"** (Lager)

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. November 11th to President Steve Orr.

Jacob Soares

Position: Owner & President

Company: Victorville Chevrolet Cadillac

Classification: Auto Sales: Owner

Sponsor: Don Lager

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