

The Joshua Tree

November 7, 2023

TEACHER MINI-GRANTS

This week the Club held its annual Teacher Mini-Grant to another great success! A record setting over 20k in donations were handed out to 89 educators in the Victorville area, who provide outside-the-box teaching tools to educated our High Desert Students.

Some program names included Bring Education Outdoors, Erode, Erode, gently Down the Stream, Student empowered Spirit Wear, Readers Today, ILeaders Tomorrow, Reading to Tie Dye, Structurally Sound Cities, Rock Band, Lacing Constellations, Arts Attack, LEGO Up for Math, Virtual Reality Field Trips, Pi Day, AP Calculus Character Building, The Fridge expansion, Sewing Club, Escaping Boredom in the Classroom, and many more.

Thanks to emcee **Bryan Gillespie, Bill Edwards, Margaret Cooker** and all those who generously gave to this year's Teacher Mini Grants.



This Week's Functionaries
 Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
 Flag Salute: **Maureen Mills**
 4-Way Test: **Kirsten Acosta**
 Fine Master: **Ryan McEachron**



MURRAY'S MINUTE



Thanks to everyone who donated, assisted and helped make this year's Teacher Mini Grants such a success.

Special thanks to Bill Edwards and Bryan Gillespie for taking the lead on the grant program, and gave out \$20,673.12 in grants!



Our Rotary Christmas Party will take place on Monday, December 4th at 5:30pm at Chateau Chang in Victorville. Please donate a raffle prize for the event and sign up for our annual party.

Our gift basket continues to grow, and raffle tickets will be available shortly. The basket features cash, gift cards, booze, a Home Security System from Apple Valley Communications and more.

We have a Rotary Enseñada, Mexico Trip coming next month on December 15th - 17th, where we will fellowship with the Enseñada Club and visit the orphanage. Please contact Ben Tafoya for more information

See you next week!

Steve

Teacher Mini-Grants



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Nancy Noble had the chance to draw the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will continue next week with 13 chips and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Poker Chip.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and allowed Mike Johnson to talk about the 7 or 13 month CD's for 5.50% APY at Flagstar Bank that netted him a \$55 fine, while Dr. Ron



Boyd paid \$10 for sharing how busy he is at his veterinarian office in Apple Valley. Steve Murray shamelessly plugged Bob's Tire service earned him a penalty of \$10 as well.

Bill Scott was fined \$10 for sharing that there is snow at his home in Mammoth plus Mike Page and Arsalee Morales both left with \$20 less for not paying attention to the program by talking or answering emails!

Rotary Guests

Joining a vast list of teachers, principals and administrators this week, we also welcomed Stefanie Montoya who attended with Bryan Gillespie and William Brumbrugh from the BI&A Agency, who attended as a guest of President Steve Murray.

Our only Stand-in this week was Latif Laars for Darren Poulsen.

Raffle

We had a lot of teachers this week who left the meeting with not only Mini-Grants, but some great swag as well! Some educators won the Victor Valley Transit 30th Anniversary goodie bag from Chris Ackerman, wine glasses and a tumbler from Steve Murray, and hummingbird & butterfly seeds from Bill Edwards.

Kris Reilly took home a bottle of wine from Bob's Tire and a chocolate chip cookie pan from Bill, as did Arsalee Morales. Ryan McEachron left the meeting with some teas from Mr.



Edwards, and along with three other instructors, Stew Anderson will enjoy his Ugly Christmas Sweater from Bill!

Rotarian of the Month

President Steve Murray announced his selection for October



Rotarian of the Month, and it is none other than Mike Page! Mike was selected for his hard work behind the scenes, getting top tier speakers to come to the Club as weekly speakers.

Keep it up Mike!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$42.00

Polio Pig: \$37 • Chip (Nancy Noble) \$5 = \$42.00

Collected to Date: \$20,082.33

Total equals: 101,149 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
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
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Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
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Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

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

- Nov 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Dec 4: Rotary Christmas Party**
5:30pm • Chateau Chang
15425 Anacapa Rd, Victorville, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Nov 14:** Jason Anderson, San Bernardino County District Attorney **TOPIC: TBA** (Page)
- Nov 21:** Curt Emick, Pharmacist **TOPIC: Fentanyl and the Drug Crisis - The Killing of America (Part 2)** (Page)
- Nov 28:** Curt Emick, Pharmacist **TOPIC: Q&A with the Pharmacist** (Page)
- Dec 5:** **San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus** (Wickum)
- Dec 12:** **Assemblyman Tom Lackey** (Page)
- Dec 19:** **Christmas Program with the Victor Valley College Singers** (Acosta)

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