



# The Joshua Tree

**November 8, 2022**

## ENGINEERING STUDENTS OF TOMORROW



Since 1991 the Rotary Club of Victorville has given over \$400,000 in Teacher Mini-Grants, supporting teachers in the Victorville area, and their creative ways in educating students. This week we continued the tradition and gave away 47 grants equaling \$12,918.62!

**Bryan Gillespie**, Principal for Options for Youth led the ceremony, and this year's Platinum Sponsors were **Kimberly and Mike Ramirez**. Gold Sponsors were **Ryan McEachron** (ARMAC Insurance) and **Sam Grandlienard** (Southwest Gas).

Engineering was a big teaching tool this year for many teachers such as "Building Bridges" from **Michelle Antiporta** from the Academy of Careers & Exploration from the Helendale School District. In her program, students will build bridges for competition between themselves, and learn engineering at the same time. Teacher **Tiffany Ibarra** will also teach engineering at Helendale Elementary using "Lego Builders", and **Candice Ratajesak** will teach using her Grant for monthly engineering box projects, and teach her students that failures can create success through engineering.

In the "100 Book Club", Del Rey Elementary instructor **Arianna Torres** will purchase Tee-Pee Tents for reading, to create a magical experience. Over at Discovery School of the Arts, a group of teachers will teach problem solving skills in their production of "Charlotte's Web". Another team of teachers at Galileo Elementary will encourage students in math and reading with the creation of stop-motion animation projects.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute:** **James Rightmire**
- 4-Way Test:** **Ryan McEachron**
- Fine Master:** **David North**

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## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers who received Mini-Grants this year! This is perfect

example of how our Club raises money, just to give it right back into our community. Thank you to advertisers, sponsors and Bryan Gillespie for all of your hard work on making this week's event such a success!



Please join us for our Comedy Night Fundraiser on November 19th. It will be held at the Victorville Elks Lodge and only 100 tickets are available (\$20 each), or you can be a \$250 sponsor and receive 4 tickets. Our comedians this year have played Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York, so you know its going to be hilarious! We are also looking for raffle prizes to raise a lot of money, because the community is asking us for money to give back to help those less fortunate.

Finally remember, "It's the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom".



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## Teacher Mini-Grants

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Over at Adelanto High School, a grant received by **Julia Choate-Needham** will be used to start the first Color Guard Squad at the High School. Silverado will be able to start a woodworking program with their grant to build sets for their performance of "High School Musical".



This is just a small sampling of the inventive programs our High Desert instructors are using to engineer the next great minds in our country.

Special thanks to **Bill Edwards, Stew Anderson, Margaret Cooker, Mike Johnson, Bill & Linda Scott, Jon Hove, Robert Lovingood, Donna Wells, Steve Murray, Dr. Charmaine Earle & Pastor Paul Earle, Rob Kilpatrick, David North, Dr. Ron Boyd, Jim Mettler** and **Bob Basen** for your support and sponsorships.



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# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Big Blue Dice



*Ryan McEachron had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked white and saved the opportunity for another Rotarian. We will continue next week with 10 Dice and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Fine Session



**David North** was our Fine Master and gave a \$20 fine to **Mike Page** in honor of his daughter **Kimberly Page** for coming in 2nd place in the Cross Country Championships and will now go to the Nationals in Florida.

## Spoon of Exemption



**Bill Edwards** had another week with the Spoon and reminded everyone that Christmas is right around the corner and every child in the High Desert deserves to open a present this year. For that reason, the Victor Valley Rescue Mission will hold its Annual "Great Christmas Toy Giveaway" on December 17th at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds. Before that, for the 3rd year in a row, the Rescue Mission will partner with Victor Valley Transit for a huge "Stuff the Bus" event on December 3rd and 4th at five area Walmart stores in the Victor Valley simultaneously!

If your company or organization would like to hold your own toy drive for the Rescue Mission, they are accepting toys for ages 0 - 17 and will collect them November 29th to December 9th. For more information on setting up your own toy drive, please contact **Mike Meyer** at 760-927-3145 or [mmeyer@erescuemission.org](mailto:mmeyer@erescuemission.org).

## Raffle

Our teachers were the big winners in this week's raffle! Instructors went home with campfire mugs from **Chris Ackerman** at Victor Valley Transit, a solar powered radio from **James Rightmire** at El Dorado Broadcasters, and a tumbler from **Steve Murray** at Bob's Tire.

Steve also won a copy of "How to Make a Name for Yourself in the High Desert" that was also donated by James.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$68.00**

*Polio Pig: \$63 + Ryan McEachron (Dice): \$5.00= \$68.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,295.52**  
**Total equals: 99,679 Doses!**

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

**Comedy Night**

Presented By:  
**Rotary**  
Club of Victorville, CA

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
Doors Open 5:30 PM \* Showtime 7PM

**\$20.00 Tickets / Info: (760) 954-2893**



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

President 2022-2023 .....	Arsalee Morales
President 2023-2024 .....	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025 .....	<b>Need Candidates</b>
President 2025-2026 .....	Bill Edwards
Immediate Past President .....	Jon Hove
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Community Service .....	Bryan Gillespie
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/Ryla & TLC .....	Ryan McEachron
Vocational Service .....	Bill Edwards

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Pam Murray
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Flowers and Gifts .....	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants .....	Margaret Cooker
4-Way Speech Competitions .....	Mike Johnson
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
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Membership.....	Steve Murray
Programs .....	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations .....	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Public Service.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, Jeff Armstrong and John Wickum
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 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., Denny's, 13165 Main St., Hesperia 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

- Nov 19: Comedy Night Fundraiser**  
Victorville Elks Club, 14041 Hesperia Road  
5:30pm • Tickets \$20 each  
Sponsorships \$250 + 4 Tickets
- Nov 14: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA
- Dec 1: Rotary Christmas Party**  
Bear Valley County Club

Rotary  
Club of Victorville, CA



## Upcoming Programs

- Nov 15:** James Rightmire, Director of Sales, El Dorado Broadcasting **Topic: "The History of El Dorado Broadcasters and Advertising in the Modern World"** (Page)
- Nov 22:** Chris Ackerman, Marketing Manager/PIO, Victor Valley Transit **Topic: "I Talk Good - How I Found My Voice"** (Page)

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