



The Joshua Tree



November 14, 2017

The Healing Colors of Sound



It's that time of year of Fall weather, holiday cheer and wonderful music as we enter another season of the Dan Stover Music Competition. This week Vocational Director **Ryan McEachron** and Committee Chair **Marie Langley** presented two students who competed to represent our Club at the next level of competition. The judges for this year's event were **Cindie Schmidt**, Executive Director of Today's Woman Foundation, **Willie J. Jones III**, assistant principal at Silverado High School and YouTube star **James O' Rear**, from "Let's Get Coffee". Joining them was timekeeper **Rosanne Weathers**.

First up was **Areyu McKeon** from the Academy for Academic Excellence who performed an original composition

on his guitar. Armed with a full pedal board set up, his unnamed tune (he decides a name for a song depending on the reaction people have to it) hit all corners of the musical spectrum from jazz, blues, classical, funk and even a bit of metal.

Next up was **Phony Nguyen** from University Prep, who played a classical piece on both violin and piano. He began his number on the bow, accompanied by **Briana Huynh**. After the first movement he moved onto the piano and those sitting close enough were transfixed on the way his fingers moved across the keys.

After both students finished the judges went out of the room, and soon returned with the verdict. **Phony Nguyen** was declared the winner and our Club representative! Phony took home \$200 and Areyu won \$100.

Phony will now move on to the regional competition against other Rotary Clubs in the High Desert, and if he passes that, he will join the other District 5300 winners for the finals which will be held at District Conference on February 24th on the Queen Mary! The winner of that competition will receive a scholarship worth \$10,000!

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Mike Johnson
- Flag Salute:** Jon Schuler
- 4-Way Test:** David North
- Song:** Al Castellucci
- Finemaster:** Jim Barnes

Dwight's Writes



The heart truly sings when wonderful music is performed and we received that with this year's Dan Stover Music Competition. Thank you to **Ryan McEachron** and **Marie Langley**, our judges and most importantly, the students who performed such wonderful music. Hopefully our winner, **Phony Nguyen** will go on and win the \$10,000 scholarship!

Our annual Christmas Party is just around the corner and if you haven't signed up to attend, do not wait! Once again we will gather on Tuesday,

December 5th at El Pescador for the event. If you attended last year, you know how much fun it was and this year will be even better with the addition of Christmas Bingo with a chance to win an Acer Travel Mate Laptop, Amazon Fire Tablet or a Vera Bradley Mini Purse! Tickets are \$49 per person with meal choices of Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Prime Rib.

Finally, my thought of the week is "If you take responsibility for yourself, you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams."

- Les Brown



S.T.A.R. Students

This week we honored some deserving students from the Liberty School of Creativity and Innovation, and Village Elementary, who were awarded S.T.A.R. Student recognitions. Hosting the event was our own **Jim Barnes** and



VEED's **Maureen Mills**. On hand to give out certificates were representatives **Chris Nuñez** from Jay Obernolte's office, and **Wally Linn** from Congressmen Cook's office. Joining them were City of Victorville Mayor **Gloria Garcia**, and in the biggest surprise of all, **Senator Scott Wilk** himself was on hand to pass out certificates!

At Liberty we honored **Luci St. Amand** for making tremendous growth in her attitude for learning this year, **Yenni Hernandez**



for being the hardest working student in her teacher's classroom, **John Jimenez** from being a student that rarely finished assignments to a student who now finishes all his work on time and **Agustin Perez-Lorenz** who is getting better and better as each week goes by.

Over at Village Elementary, **Naila Abay** has improved



not only in her math skills, but also her attitude towards math as well. Finally, **Jesse Cardona** has made huge step in improving his

behavior and is now helpful and thoughtful of his fellow students both in and out of the classroom.

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Lucky Blue Dice



Mike Johnson won his first time to grab the Blue Dice, but took another white one out of the bag!

We continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master this week and started off by making everyone who was involved with the Dan Stover Music Competition and S.T.A.R. Students fine free. He also made Mike Page fine free, because he claimed that Mike is always picked on during fine sessions. It did not go so well for Gary Adams, who was fined \$10 for just sitting behind Mike Page! Mike Johnson from DCB was next on the list, who received a \$20 penalty for having to explain why the bank is no longer with East West and now part of Flagstar Bank. In a recent Rotary raffle, Jim got stuck with a 2017 Alaska USA calendar from David North, and David was hit with a \$12 fine, one dollar for each month of the 2017 year.

Finally Victor Rocha was given a fine of \$15, for being the only Rotarian in the room who is a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, who took it upon themselves to walk away with the wireless mic at their meeting Tuesday morning and left us with a directional mic for most of our luncheon!



Rotary Guests

This week, with a full room of family members, teachers, government representatives, dignitaries and contest judges, we also welcomed Kurt Kroencke, son of John Kroencke, Captain Joe Alvarez from the Salvation Army, who was a guest of Dwight Johnson, and Pastor Paul Earle had Robin Cackler and his father-in-law at his table.

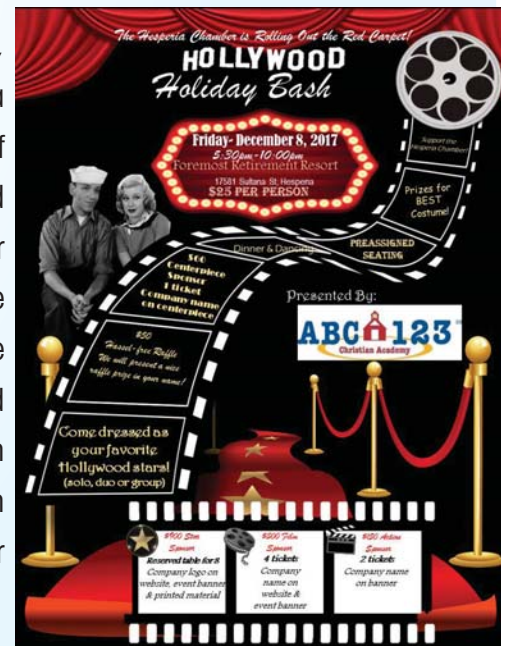
Finally, Victor Rocha brought Brisa Alfaro to the meeting, who will be our speaker next week, so she could get a feel for the room.

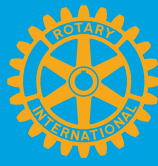
Raffle Prizes

Robin Cackler was the big winner again this week by taking home some Fasthouse coasters from Dwight Johnson, a set of mason jars from Bill Edwards and some trail mix from Marie Langley at Desert Valley Hospital. Not to be outdone, Gary Adams won the Midway \$25 gift card from Don Lager and a Alaska USA tumbler and work planner from David North. Finally Pastor Paul Earle took home a pen set from Mike Johnson at DCB.

Spoon of Exemption

Alex Sanchez, from the Hesperia Chamber of Commerce, stood in for spoon holder Brad Letner to share with the Club the upcoming Hollywood Holiday Bash on Friday, December 8th at Foremost Senior Campus in Hesperia.





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Rosanne Weathers
Public Safety Awards.....	Teresa Coomes
R.Y.L.A./TLC.....	Ryan McEachron
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Marie Langley
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Four Way Speech Contest	TBD
S.T.A.R. Students	Robin Cackler
Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
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 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 Maverick 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, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, noon 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

- Dec. 5: Rotary Christmas Party**
5:30pm, El Pescador Restaurant
\$49 per person
Meal Choices: Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Prime Rib
- Dec. 11: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hesperia and Silica Roads

Future Rotary Programs

- Nov 21:** Brisa Alfaro, Nerium **TOPIC: "B Greater #NoMoreBadDays"** (Rocha)
- Nov 28:** **Teacher Mini Grants**
- Dec 5:** **Christmas Music Program**
with University Prep (Johnson)

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. December 4 to President Dwight Johnson.

Captain Joseph "Joe" Alvarez
Captain in Charge
The Salvation Army
Classification: Services: Salvation Army
Sponsor: Dwight Johnson

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