



# The Joshua Tree

November 19, 2019

## TEACHER MINI GRANTS

There are some great, innovative minds right here in the High Desert. They are our local teachers, as we found out this week at our annual Teacher Mini Grant Program. In total, 43 grants were awarded, over \$12,000 for great programs, that will be used in the classroom to engage students and make learning exciting. Rotarian **Alicia Anderson** from Excelsior emceed the proceedings.

Beginning with Excelsior, a variety of programs were awarded, including the NHS (National Honor Society) Group Community Service Project in where 57 honor roll students will create bags of items for our area homeless, which will then be distributed by the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. Another program, called "Getting to Know Your High Desert", will have volunteers from the Hesperia Museum teach the History class, the art of making bricks; the same bricks used to make the first Hesperia hotel.

Over at Helendale Elementary teacher **Eric Carmichael** will use his grant to piggyback the one he received from our Club last year. In 2018 he received funds to make garden boxes, and this year he will use the money to make boxes, which will effectively create a greenhouse out of gardening boxes, so the classes can work during the winter months. Another program, "Forces Around Us", will focus on magnetism building.



The Oro Grande School District was given grants for projects happening at the Mojave River Academy, plus Riverside Prep elementary and middle schools. One such program, 'Coding Connection', will have 2nd grade students coding robots! Talk about getting an early start on a great career!

Then there is VESD. So many imaginative ideas and programs were given grants for several schools in the district. Beginning with the newest school, the Dr. Ralph Baker 21st Century Learning Center will get some much needed P.E. Equipment

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### This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**

Flag Salute: **Ryan McEachron**

4-Way Test: **Esther Mears**

Finemaster: **David North**

## ORR'S ROARS



Thank you to all who attended our annual teacher Mini-Grant presentation. Always one of my favorite meetings of the year, I applaud the great work our area teachers are doing.

With the holiday season, just around the corner we have LUCI Lights that make a wonderful gift

to staff, friends and loved ones \$18 for frosted and \$23 for colored. Your purchase supports the Victorville Rotary Foundation and funds our service projects.

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!

Have a great Rotary week!



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## Raffle

Those who went home with a Victor Valley Transit Authority coffee mug, donated by new Marketing Manager **Chris Ackerman** included Honorary Rotarian **Nancy Noble**, **Dwight Johnson** and one of our visiting teachers. Dwight also went home with a Walmart \$25 gift card, courtesy of President **Steve Orr**.

## Fine Session

**David North** was our Fine Master this go around, and began with a fine to President **Steve Orr** in the amount of \$20 for scheduling a Rotary Board Meeting on Veterans Day.

**Kirsten Acosta** was asked how many Spartan Races she has competed in. She said 9. At \$5 per race, her fine equaled \$45.



Finally, David asked **Chris Ackerman** to share about the band he used to be vocalist of, Betrayal, and why it was all over social media. Chris shared that after 26 years, their albums have now been re-released and remastered, with bonus material on CD & Vinyl ([www.girdermusic.com](http://www.girdermusic.com)). Even though asked about it, Chris was given a \$40 fine for his shameless plug.

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## Big Blue Dice



Dwight Johnson got the chance for the Blue Dice and big money, but drew a white dice for another next week.

We will continue next week with 9 dice and \$325 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

## Teacher Mini Grants

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for learning, while over at Endeavour, the program, "Take Me Out to the Q Ball" will have students use a large Q Ball with a microphone inside to throw around the classroom where students will speak the answers to math problems into the ball. A great example of student and teacher engagement. At Galileo, they will use their grant to teach about the history of great women.

Puesta del Sol will have a "Library for Everyone". Right along side our ReadB4K Program, we know a lot of our students don't have any books to read at home due to financial issues. The Grant will allow teacher **Amber Pattie** to buy enough books, so each student will have a library of 12 books to keep for themselves at home.

Speaking of ReadB4K, down the road at West Palms Conservatory, teacher **Jenet Whitman**, with her funding, will be providing a safe haven for those who may be too ashamed because they don't know how to read.

The last District our Club awarded grants to this year were schools within the VUHSD. Honorary Rotarian **Nancy Noble** will use her Grant to allow students to put their Power Point Presentations onto their cell phones for review at Hook Jr. High, and at Silverado, **Janette Gomez**, who teaches Autistic students, will use her funding to buy art supplies for her art therapy program. Lastly, at VHS instructor **Eric Arthurton** will teach students using the game of Petanque, the French version of Bocce Ball for teaching and interactive learning.

There are many people to thank for making this year's Teacher Mini Grant Program such a success. Too many to list in this article, but a special shout out to Gold Sponsor Rotarians **Sam Grandlienard, Ryan McEachron, Jim Mettler, Steve Orr, Dr. Ron Williams** and **Donna Wells** for your generous contributions.

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Thursday, December 5, 2019 • 5:30pm  
El Pescador • Victorville  
\$45 Per Person  
Salmon or Prime Rib  
RSVP by November 30  
Ben Tafoya (760) 954-3020

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$39.25**

**Collected to Date: \$16,857.97**

**Total equals: 94,827 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 Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., 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, 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.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

**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

**June 6-10 2020: International Convention**  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Register through DaCDB

## Upcoming Rotary Programs

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

**Dec 3:** Kevork Kazanijian, Victor Valley College  
Adjunct Faculty-Political Science **TOPIC: "Modern Slavery and Open Borders"** (Acosta)  
Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest (Mills)

**Dec 10: OPEN**  
S.T.A.R. Students + TLC Students

**Dec 17: Christmas Program** (Johnson)

**Dec 24: DARK** (Christmas Eve)

**Dec 31: DARK** (New Year's Eve)

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