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Club of Victorville, CA



The Joshua Tree



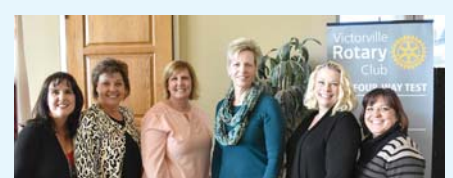
November 28, 2017

Teacher Mini Grants

This week we held our Annual Teacher Mini-Grant Program and it was one of our biggest yet! Out of 91 applications submitted, 41 teachers received Grants, totaling \$12,113.00! This year's Grant reviewers were **Dwight Johnson, David North** and **Carol Yule**. Rotarian **Alicia Anderson** emceed the program and was assisted by **Ryan McEachron** who handed out certificates to the deserving educators.

Teachers from Excelsior, the Helendale School District, Oro Grande School District, Victor Elementary School District and the Victor Valley Union High School District received Grants for such programs as "Teacher, I Blew Up the Classroom" which connects microscopes to laptops for science studies and digital innovation, "Dream Graphics" which allows younger students to create clip art and projects using tablets and digital pens, "Bluegrass in the Schools", where over 100 instruments are used to teach students about America as well as music, "Science Camp" which takes low income students to Big Bear for 4 days of outdoor science lessons, and "Speak It-Write It-Print It", which teaches History and Journalism through the use of a working printing press!

Thank you to everyone involved with this year's program, from volunteers to donation sponsors, who made the event so special. Most importantly, thank you to the dedicated and creative teachers, that make learning not only fun, but effective!



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards
 Flag Salute: Maureen Mills
 4-Way Test: Mike Johnson
 Song: Al Castellucci
 Finemaster: Ryan McEachron

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Dwight's Writes



Wow! What a Rotary week it's been! It was so great to hear all of the innovative ways our educators are doing to create a new generation of leaders right here in the Victor Valley!

Stew Anderson announced this week the return of the Angel Tree gift giving. We have tags for presents for children, and new this year we have tags for seniors as well! We are also looking for a couple of Rotarians to adopt two families this season. Please take a tag or three and make someone's Christmas special. Gifts are due by December 12th so get to shopping!



Margaret Cooker will once again be providing discounts for Sees Candies. Please fill out your discount order form while there is still time.



Bill Edwards is partnering with the Homeless Shelter and is looking for donations of heating units and more for the Emergency Warming Shelters. Please see Bill to help.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Don't let so much reality into your life that there's no room left for dreaming."

- Texas Bix Bender

Spoon of Exemption

Brad Letner had his final time with the Spoon and spoke about the collaborative work being done with the High Desert Regional Chambers Coalition. The organization consists of board members from the Hesperia, Apple Valley, Adelanto and Barstow Chambers of Commerce, working together to be a stronger voice not only in the High Desert, but in the State Capital as well.



After the Spoon was returned it was time to raffle it off for 3 weeks in December. **Rosanne Weathers** took a chance at \$100 but in the end it was taken by **Jim Cox** for \$125!

December Birthdays

David North	December 5
John Kroencke	December 6
Ron Williams	December 21
Marie Langley	December 30
Robert Lovingood	December 31

December Anniversaries

Glee Heikes	15 Years
Paul Earle	6 Years
Ron Boyd	6 years

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$59.00

Collected to Date: \$14,813.17

Total equals: 90,673 Doses!

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

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Lucky Blue Dice



We have a Winner! Bill Edwards drew the lucky Blue Dice and left the meeting with \$325!

We start anew next week with 14 dice and \$200 for one lucky Rotarian who gets a chance for the Blue Dice!

Honorary Rotarian



Lynn Cole, the widow of Rotarian Dick Cole, was inducted this week as our latest Honorary Rotarian by Stew

Anderson. President Dwight Johnson was on hand to affix Lynn with her new Rotary pin. Welcome to the Club!

Blue Badge Recipient

Mike Johnson received his Blue Badge at this week's meeting from Fine Master Ryan McEachron. Ryan was also pleased to let Mike know that his latest step up in the Rotary ranks came complete with a \$20 fine!



Raffle Prizes

It was a big week for raffle prizes, that began with Steve Orr who gave away Heritage lunch bags, that went to Gary Adams and Dr. Roger Wagner. Both gentlemen went double this week, as Gary took home a Tumbler from David North at Alaska USA and Roger won a bag of goodies from Bill Edwards. Bill also donated a couple copies of the book "Same Kind of Different Than Me" that will be read by David North and one of our Teachers. Another teacher in the room took home the DCB cloth bag from Mike Johnson.



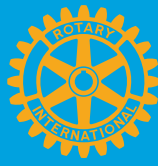
Bill himself won a raffle prize in the form of a 2018 Regan Ranch calendar from Dwight Johnson, and Bill Edwards had a final raffle giveaway, which was goodies in a "Happy Birthday" bag that was just given to the birthday girl, Margaret Cooker!

Fine Session

This week Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master and began by fining Rosanne Weathers \$10 for sending him up to the podium with a cookie and churro, since he did not get to eat lunch due to his hosting of the Teacher Mini Grant program. Jim Cox was up next, getting hit with a \$20 fine because the City now has no Fire Department and no City Manager, and he refuses to come out of retirement and once again become a City employee!

Due to the possible Tax Reform Bill, Ryan asked David North where he should put his money...David's response earned him a \$50 fine! Bill Edwards received a \$10 penalty for all the good he is going in the community, Steve Orr was also left with \$10 less for having no lunch inside his lunch bag raffle prizes and Margaret Cooker got a \$60 fine as a birthday present!

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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 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

- Dec 5: Christmas Music Program**
 with University Prep (Johnson)
- Dec 12:** Sophie Smith, Economic Development
 Director, City of Victorville **TOPIC- "Inside
 SCLA"** (North)
 Helendale TLC at Club
- Dec 19: TOPIC- "From Strip-O-Grams
 to Strio Mining - A High Desert
 Journey"** (Letner)
- Dec 26: DARK**

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