

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



December 10, 2019

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

The Victor Elementary School District has a mission to build strong foundations for all of their students throughout the Victorville area, and in 2020 they will continue on this foundation and deal with the issue of overcrowding as well as school safety with Measure D on the ballot. This week we heard from VESD PIO **Eric Camarena** and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services **Debbie Betts** on the issue.



provide secure campuses where students are protected. The needs of school facilities exceed what can be funded from the District's budget without making cuts elsewhere, and the State provides very limited funding for school facility improvements.

According to Eric, Measure D will improve student safety and campus security systems, install security hardware to provide secure campuses and prevent access during an emergency.

The High Desert is growing and so are our schools. Overcrowding makes it harder for students to learn and reduces the amount of time teachers can spend with students. Many of our area schools are at or over capacity, with some serving more than 900 students.

VESD needs to build to help alleviate this issue and ensure a quality learning environment that supports science, technology, engineering, arts and math instruction, so all students are prepared for success in high school, college and careers.

As you see on the news monthly, school safety is a growing threat across the nation. We need to improve school security and

Finally, it will allow them to construct classrooms and school facilities to relieve overcrowding and support high quality construction. Along with that, there will be strict fiscal accountability including a project list, independent citizen's oversight committee and annual audits. All measure D funds must stay local to support Victorville students and cannot be taken away by the State. Measure D will also ensure that no money can be used for administrator's salaries or benefits.

With the repayment of Measure Y complete, local property owners would pay less on tax year 2020-21 than they did in 2018-19 even with the passage of a potential bond measure. This bond measure would increase the current rate of approximately \$40 per \$100,000 of assessed value by approximately \$19 per year which would still be a lower annual rate that Victorville property owners have paid for VESD schools in the past. Simply put, the average homeowner cost per year would be \$35.

If you are a Victorville resident, please take time and study this Measure yourself and come up with your own conclusion. Get more information at vesd.net/measured.

This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Ian Rapier
- Flag Salute:** Kirsten Acosta
- 4-Way Test:** Teresa DeAtley
- Finemaster:** Jim Barnes

ORR'S ROARS



The cry was heard, and we answered! Our own Bill Edwards with the Victor Valley Rescue Mission was left without one of their donors this year, which normally provided them \$1,000 to purchase toys for needy

High Desert children. Club members came out in force, bringing toys and money to Tuesday's meeting, while Kevin Kane at the Victor Valley



Transit Authority, placed bins at their Hesperia location as a drop off point for staff and the community. On top of all that, the Club presented Bill with a check for \$500 to make Christmas a bit brighter for children in need within our community.

Next week will be our annual Christmas meeting with the University Prep Orchestra coming to entertain us! We will be dark the following two weeks, so make sure you join us for the final rotary meeting of 2019!

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Raffle

A couple of boxes of candy from **Kevin Kane** at VVTA will be enjoyed by **Donna Wells** and **Margaret Cooker**, while Margaret and **Terry Caldwell** will both do some shopping at Midway Home Solutions, with the \$25 gift cards they won from **Don Lager**.

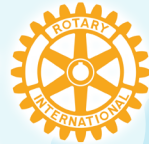
Both **Arsalee Morales** and **Chris Ackerman** went home with DCB Calendars from Esther Mears and See's Candy from the Club. **Teresa**

DeAtley gave away sets of Girdadelli Chocolate and wine that will be enjoyed by Arsalee and **Donna Wells** and a beautiful Christmas pickup truck wine holder (with a bottle of wine), what will be treasured by **Jim Barnes**. Finally, another Greiner Platinum Detail card from **Coleen Luque** was given out, and was won by Teresa!



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Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master this week and was going to fine **Terry Caldwell** and **John Kroencke** for not wearing their badges but told **David North** that he would be paying their fines, as well as a \$10 one he had for **Arsalee Morales**! While Jim was also penalizing **Oscar Garcia** \$10 for not wearing his badge, he noticed **Kevin Kane** slowly walking back to his seat from the badge box. Got him for \$10 for too little, too late! **Margaret Cooker** left the meeting with \$10 less in her purse for not having her fax machine working and after speaker **Eric Camarena** suggested both **Dwight Johnson** and **Mike Page** get a \$48 Million fine (so VESD can build their next school), Jim did fine both, but lowered it to \$10 apiece.

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Big Blue Dice



Don Lager got the chance for the Blue Dice but he drew a white and we go forward with another chance next week.

We will continue next week with 6 dice and \$400 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Spoon of Exemption

Ian Rapier had the Spoon for Life Church this week and spoke about a grand missionary trip...right here in the High Desert! Inspired by Pastor Paul's missionary travels all over the world, the church is working to gather all area Christians and Churches for a 1-week missionary event from June 28 - July 4, 2020 entitled "Come Alive High Desert!" Something will be going on every day that week and will culminate at the Fairgrounds July 4th Celebration. Stay tuned...



Rotary Guests

Our stand-ins this week were **Ian Rapier** from Life Church for **Pastor Paul Earle**, **Stephanie Boyd** for **Ron Boyd** and **Stefanie Montoya** from Options for Youth for **Bryan Gillespie**.

TLC Report

This week we met **Elizabeth Boyd** (daughter of **Dr. Ron Boyd**) who shared her experience at TLC Camp recently. She loved the speakers and encourages others to attend.



S.T.A.R. Students

This week we honored our final round of S.T.A.R. Students for the year and what a great group of kids! Emceed by **Jim Barnes** and **Maureen Mills**, along with certificates handed out from **Regina Weatherspoon-Bell** from Lovingood's office, **Kimberly Messen** from Cook's office, **Christopher Scott** from Obernolte's offices and **Dr. Rita Ramirez** representing the City of Victorville, we acknowledged 5 students.



Over at Liberty School of Creativity and Innovation we met **Jacob Johnston** who has developed into a conscientious and hardworking young man, who is often helping other students. **Bryza Zazueta** has developed important skills such as going above and beyond to learn difficult tasks, setting goals and focusing on the positives!

Down the road at Lomitas Elementary, **Hosmar Gallardo**, has not let anything keep him down, despite having some initial academic difficulties. He strives to understand and excel in all areas of studies and is now striving for success. **Stephany Hernandez** has made huge improvements in her academic career and has now achieved Honor Roll, all due to her hard work. Finally, despite several challenging circumstances in her past, **Emilie Nevarez** exemplifies excellence in school and has also achieved Honor Roll!



Congratulations to students from both schools and continue to strive for greatness!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$27.00

Polio Pig: \$22.00 + Don Lager (Dice): \$5.00: Total: \$27.00

Collected to Date: \$16,931.05

Total equals: 94,973 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Grants/Speech Contests	TBA
Scholarships.....	David North
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Don Lager
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Steve Orr
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 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.
- THURSDAY:** 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
- FRIDAY:** 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

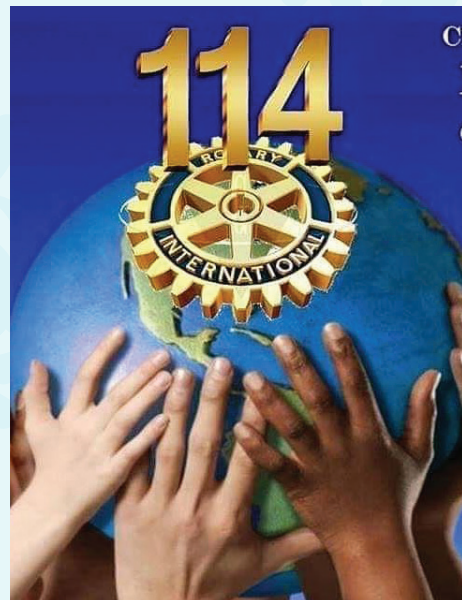
June 6-10 2020: International Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii
Register through DaCDB

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Dec 17: Christmas Program University Prep School Philharmonic Orchestra
(Johnson)

Dec 24: DARK (Christmas Eve)

Dec 31: DARK (New Year's Eve)



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