



Rotary



The Joshua Tree



December 17, 2019

A CHRISTMAS SET TO MUSIC

We once again celebrated our final meeting of the year with our annual Christmas Program, where we had a return visit from the University Prep Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring conductor **Matthew O'Rand**. These great and talented musicians performed "Bacchavale", "Sleigh Ride", and "Rhosymedre", before being brought back for an encore of an incredibly stirring performance of "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" to rousing applause from the assembled room of Rotarians and guests. In the end, President **Steve Orr** presented Matthew with a check in the amount of \$300 from the Club for University Prep's music program



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman
 Flag Salute: Dr. Ron Williams
 4-Way Test: Dwight Johnson
 Finemaster: Ryan McEachron



ORR'S ROARS



What a great way to end my first half as your President with some wonderful music! Thanks to the University Prep Philharmonic Orchestra and Conductor Matthew O'Rane for once again coming out and performing for us!



Since he had a captive audience, Ryan McEachron shared some information about the 2020 Dan Stover Music Competition. All area students are encouraged to apply before the January 15 deadline with the Club competition to be held at the February 18th luncheon. If they can get all the way to then end, they could walk away with over \$5,000!

Even though we won't be meeting next week, keep an eye out for a special "Best of 2019" edition of the Joshua Tree for the holidays!

On behalf of myself and my wife Patty and your Board of Directors & Officers, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2020!

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Raffle

Dr. Ron Williams was the big winner this week taking home a \$10 Walmart card from **Steve Orr**, a gift pack of Gentleman Jack from **Dwight Johnson** and a VTA coffee cup from **Kevin Kane**. Kevin also donated a couple of phone charging packs that were won by Dwight and **Kevin Porter**, plus some VTA chocolates that will be enjoyed by **Steve Orr**. Steve also took home some peppermints from **Marilyn Buttelwerth**. Our guest **Bernadette Mickevich** went away with a 2020 DCB Calendar from **Esther Mears**, as well as some See's Candy from the Club. **Brad Poiriez** also will enjoy some Sees too! Finally, **Kevin Kane** will enjoy some hot cocoa with his mug set from Dwight after doing some shopping with the \$25 gift card he won from **Don Lager**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was back as our Fine Master this week and began by fining fellow finer **Terry Caldwell** \$20 for bringing his lovely wife Charley, and the same amount was also levied towards **Dr. Ron Williams** since he obviously doesn't feed the kids in his District judging by the large amounts of food the musicians ate after performing! **David North** was penalized \$25 for bragging about his Vegas trip on Facebook, and **Arsalee Morales** left with \$54 less for bragging about her team, Saints Quarterback Drew Brees and his 54 consecutive game record with at least one touchdown pass. Finally, **Margaret Cooker**, was fined \$50, \$10 for each of the 5 campaign signs Ryan has seen, that she hasn't removed since the November election.

Thank You

President **Steve Orr** and the Club presented Rico and Andrea from El Pescador a Tip in the amount of \$300 for their incredible service



to our Club each Tuesday this year. Happy Holidays and enjoy!

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Big Blue Dice



BIG WINNER! Kevin Kane drew the Blue Dice and headed into the Holidays with an extra \$400 in his pocket! In January, we will start anew with 14 dice and \$200 for a lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Giving Back

Last week Rotarians were asked to bring toys and money to assist our own **Bill Edwards** and the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, and this week, President **Steve Orr** presented Bill a check in the amount of \$1,480 that was raised by members at their Toy Drive event. Bill was very touched, as he told Steve that this money was already used to purchase toys for their free toy raffle as the highlight of their event! Thank you, Rotarians, for your generosity!



Rotary Guests

It was a family affair this week with **Don Lager's** daughter **Lora Battee** in attendance along with Midway Bookkeeper **Bernadette Mickevich**, and **Terry Caldwell** had his wife **Charley Caldwell** at his table. **Dr. Ron Williams** brought **Antoine Hawkins**, **Ramiro Rubalcaba**, and **Fal Asrani**; all from the VVUHSD. Also in attendance was **Dr. Rita Ramirez** from the City of Victorville and **Jacob Soares** from Victorville Chevrolet.

Our stand-in this week was **Ian Rapier** from Life Church for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

New Rotarian



A new Rotarian is among us! This week, **Mike Page**, along with sponsor President **Steve Orr**, inducted **Bryan Gillespie**, the 18-year Principal of Options for Youth School. Bryan grew up in the High Desert in the HD and graduated from Apple Valley High in 1991. The school believes in both partnering with the local community and preparedness for their students. Bryan, along with **Stefanie Montoya** are a welcome addition to the Club!

Spoon of Exemption

Ian Rapier had the Spoon for Life Church this week and spoke again about the "Come Alive High Desert!" Event happening from June 28 - July 4, 2020. Something will be going on every day that week and will culminate at the Fairgrounds July 4th Celebration. Get more information at ComeAliveHD.com



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$29.50

Polio Pig: \$26.50 + Dr. Ron Williams: \$3.00: Total: \$29.50

Collected to Date: \$16,960.55

Total equals: 95,032 Doses!

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



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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 24:** DARK (Christmas Eve)
- Dec 31:** DARK (New Year's Eve)
- Jan 7:** Bryan C. Dunn, MA, CHt, Hypnotherapist, Havening Practitioner, **Topic: "Havening, a Factory reset for your Brain. Healing Anxiety and PTSD"** (Orr)
- Jan 14:** STAR Students
- Jan 21:** OPEN
- Jan 28:** OPEN
- Feb 4:** STAR Students

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