



# The Joshua Tree

**December 20, 2022**

## TLC: ETHICS, CONFIDENCE & SQUARE DANCING



For the final Rotary meeting of 2022, the Club were honored to have three students who recently attended Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) and hear about their thoughts and experiences from the weekend. Two students, **Lydia Schaaf** and **Keith Johnson** (son of Rotarian Mike Johnson) were 8th grade attendees, and **Anya McEachron** (daughter of Rotarian Ryan McEachron) served as a Senior Advisor at Camp.

Some activities and exercises that made an impact on the students included a Harvard Debate on Ethics, a speech from a former bodyguard of Chuck Norris, a session on choosing the right friends called, "Show Me Your Friends, and I'll Show You Your Future", and understanding different personality types called "True Colors".



There is a noticeable change in students between the time they are dropped off at camp and the time they arrive home. This was made apparent by comments from the students on making great connections, building confidence, stepping out of their comfort zones, and learning attributes on becoming a leader.

On a final note, the TLC students spent one evening taking part in square dancing, and whether for the good or bad, they definitely will never forget that part of the weekend.



### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Mike Johnson  
**Flag Salute:** Don Lager  
**4-Way Test:** Ben Tafoya  
**Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron

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## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

*It was wonderful to feature students from the recent Teen Leadership Camp for our final*

*meeting of 2022. Thank you to Keith Johnson, Lydia Schaaf and Anya*



*McEachron for coming out and sharing their takeaways from this all important event.*



*We received a lovely thank you letter and Christmas card from the orphanage in Ensenada. Thanks to our team of Ben Tafoya, Dan Dever, Russ Stringham, Jon Hove and Steve Murray for making life a little better for them. Please see the story on this page.*

*Our 5th Tuesday evening Rotary meeting on January 31st will be at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Victorville at 5pm. Please make your plans to join us.*

*Although we had our final in-person meeting this week, please join us next week right here for our annual (half) year end issue.*

*Remember, "The Holiday Season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us".*

*Arsalee*

## A Visit to Ensenada



The Rotary team of **Ben Tafoya, Steve Murray, Dan Dever, Russ Stringham** and **Jon Hove** recently made their annual visit to Ensenada, Mexico to meet with the Rotary Club of Ensenada, visit the Water Tank Project and make the trip to the Orphanage.

The team took the orphanage administrators shopping, giving them \$500 from the Club, and **Jon Hove** donated his \$200 winnings from the 50/50 Drawing he won at Comedy Night, for a total of \$700. With the money they bought meat, eggs, flour and other essentials to take care of the children.

From there, the team presented the Ensenada Club a check for \$1,000 towards the Water Tank Project, and met with them to discuss projects for 2023. Of course, the trip would not be complete without a few nights drinking and enjoying the South of the Border.



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# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Big Blue Dice



*Mike Johnson had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked white and saved the opportunity for another Rotarian.*

*We will continue next week with 5 Dice and \$425 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Fine Session

**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master this week and began by doing a triple fine to **Dan Dever**, **Russ Stringham**, and **Ben Tafoya** for making rare appearances at a Rotary meeting which resulted in a \$30 fine, \$10 for each.

**Bob Basen** was asked how the real estate market was doing, and his response was that it is currently wavering and he is waiting to see where it is headed. His answer resulted in a \$50 fine.

## Raffle

Both **Ben Tafoya** and **Ryan McEachron** will enjoy some hot cocoa on Christmas morning with the Victor Valley Transit coffee mugs they won from **Chris Ackerman**. We will see the green thumb of **Bob Basen** with the spice grow kit he received from **Ben Tafoya**, and **Don Lager** gave away some Midway Home Solutions memorabilia that has a new home with **Russ Stringham**.

## Rotary Guests

Joining our students this week were parents **Sheree Schaaf** and **Sarah Johnson**, who is not only the parent of student **Keith Johnson** but also wife of **Mike Johnson**.

## World Polio Day



Rotary members and supporters took action on World Polio Day, October 24th, to raise awareness and funds toward eradicating polio. More than 4,200 Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in 118 countries participated in World Polio Day.

Donors contributed more than US\$740,000 online, which meant a total – with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 2-to-1 match of more than \$2.2 million raised.

Social media efforts tied to World Polio Day reached 31 million people, compared to 17 million in 2021.

Rotary International and the World Health Organization hosted the World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond conference that focused on a healthier future for mothers and children. At the event, held October 21-22 in Geneva, Switzerland, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, RI President Jennifer Jones, and health experts discussed the status of polio eradication and the potential of community-based solutions to improve global health.

Participants heard inspiring keynote speeches, explored case studies, and engaged in discussions with experts about maternal and child health. The conference was recorded, so you can still learn from it about the future of polio eradication and community health.

**Collected this week: \$16.00**

*Polio Pig: \$11 + Mike Johnson (Dice): \$5.00= \$16.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,362.52**

**Total equals: 99,813 Doses!**

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

# Rotary

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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 Spring Valley Lake Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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, 13165 Main St., Hesperia San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, <i>No Longer Meeting</i> 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

**Jan 9: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

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## Upcoming Programs

- Jan 3: OPEN**
- Jan 10:** Chet Hitt, Owner Town's End **Topic:**  
**"Moments with Chet - Lessons from an Entrepreneur, the Early Days to Town's End - I am Still Learning"** (Page)
- Jan 17: OPEN**
- Jan 24: OPEN**
- Jan 31: 5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting**  
5:00pm  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse  
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