

The Joshua Tree

January 21, 2025

LET THE MUSIC DO THE TALKING



The Rotary Club of Victorville recently held its annual Dan Stover Music Contest, showcasing the incredible talent of young musicians from University Preparatory School. The contest, a cornerstone of Rotary's commitment to supporting youth and the arts, honors the memory of Dan Stover, a dedicated Rotarian and music enthusiast who believed in nurturing the next generation of musicians.

Dan Stover, a passionate advocate for music education, was a longtime member of Rotary who worked tirelessly to promote the arts within his community. After his passing, Rotary established the Dan Stover Music Contest in his honor, aiming to provide young musicians with a platform to shine and share their talents.



The competition featured five gifted students, each delivering remarkable performances that left the audience captivated. In fifth place was **Fernando Hinojosa**, who played

the trombone and performed "Concerino." **Mariana Serrano** secured

fourth place with her performance of "Paint It Black" by The Rolling Stones on the cello. Third place went to **Layla Kelly**, who played the violin and performed "Serenade for Strings," earning a prize of \$50.



Teodoro Reyes, playing the electric guitar, took second place with his rendition of "Tender Surrender" by Steve Vai and received a prize of \$100. **Liam Kelly** claimed first

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This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Bill Edwards

Flag Salute: Arsalee Morales

4-Way Test: Dr. Ron Boyd

Fine Master: David North



GILLESPIE'S GAB

Thank you to all of our area students who took part this week at our annual Dan Stover Music Competition.

Your talent is truly inspiring and song choices was perfection. Congratulations to Liam Kelly, who will represent our Club at the Area Competition coming soon.



The 35th annual Peace Conference is coming up on January 25th in Yorba Linda, and we will sponsor four Club members. Please see me if you'd like to attend.

Sign ups are now ready for our annual Super Bowl Party on February 9th at the home of Darron & Donna Poulsen with lots of food, lots of drink and football! All attendees are requested to bring a side dish or desert with pulled pork, chicken, tri-tip and mac n cheese already on the menu!

Our annual Valentine's Dinner is being planned for February 12th at Chateau Chang in Victorville. Please mark your calendars.

Until next week...

Bryan

Dan Stover

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place with his exceptional performance of "Bourrée I and II" on the cello. His outstanding performance earned him a prize of \$150 and the opportunity to represent the Rotary Club of Victorville at the Area level competition, where he will compete against the Rotary Club of Apple Valley in the coming weeks.

The event's success was made possible by a dedicated team of organizers and volunteers. Timekeepers **Darron Poulsen** and **Ryan McEachron** ensured the smooth flow of the competition. Judges **Bradley Brand**, **Barry Brand**, and **Darlene Velasquez** from the "B-OK Band" brought their expertise to evaluate the performances. **Angel Espino** served as the emcee, setting the stage for a seamless event with the assistance of **Bill Edwards**.

The Dan Stover Music Contest highlighted the remarkable musical talent within the community and underscored the Rotary Club's commitment to fostering the arts. The Club extends its gratitude to everyone who participated and supported this event, making it a memorable experience for all.

As Liam Kelly prepares for the next stage of competition, the community rallies behind him, eager to see his continued success and musical journey. The Rotary Club of Victorville looks forward to another year of celebrating young talent and keeping the spirit of Dan Stover alive through music.



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Big Blue Poker Chip



Bill Scott had the chance to draw the Blue Chip, but drew green and saved the chance for another next week! We will continue next week with 11 chips and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!

Rotary Guests

This week **Aly Martinez** from Raymond James attended as a guest of **Angel Espino**. We also welcomed our judges for the Dan Stover Music Competition; Bradley Brand, Barry Brand and Darlene Velasquez.

Joining our student competitors made up of **Fernando Hinojosa, Mariana Serrano, Layla Kelly, Teodoro Reyes** and **Liam Kelly** were joined by family members **Emily Reyes, Angelica Hinojosa, Consuelo Mercado, Sarah Kelly,** and **Alma Serrano**.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 3 to President Bryan Gillespie.

Dr. Terry Walker
Adelanto Elementary School District
Interim Superintendent
Classification: Education
Sponsor: Angel Espino

Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



Fine Session



David North was our Fine Master and asked **Chris Ackerman** what time Rotary started, as he was more than 30 minutes late. His tardiness cost him \$20 in penalties. David then gave a waived fine of \$40 to **Arsalee Morales** who is taking part in "Dry January" and consuming no alcohol for 31 days. If she is successful, she will pay no amount, but if not...It's Fine City for her!

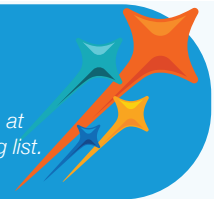
Finally, **Bill Edwards** got busted for re-gifting a pair of cups from High Desert Pace during the raffle which cost him \$20.

Raffle

David North donated a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by **Stew Anderson**, while **Ryan McEachron** brought a large bag of Peanut M&Ms that will be eaten by **Bill Scott**.

As mentioned in the article above, **Bill Edwards** donated a couple of drinking cups from High Desert PACE that will be used by Ryan and Mr. Scott.





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Youth Services/Ethics Essay	Ron Boyd
Club Service & Membership	Bill Edwards
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
Vocational Service	Please Volunteer
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Member At Large, Young Leaders Contact.....	Arsalee Morales
Member At Large, Special Projects	Rob Kilpatrick

Members-at-Large: Bob Basen, Darron Poulsen, Angel Espino

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD/PP Secretary.....	Pam Murray
Special Billing	Esther Mears (TBD)
Public Service Awards	Please Volunteer
Teacher Mini-Grants	Angel Espino
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Angel Espino
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Read B4K	Please Volunteer
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
Food Baskets.....	Please Volunteer
Interact (Junior Rotary).....	Please Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Fundraising	Stefanie Montoya
S.T.A.R. Students	Angel Espino
Club Learning Facilitator.....	Please Volunteer

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, 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:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, 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

- Feb 9:** **Super Bowl Party**
2pm
Home of Darron & Donna Poulsen
18841 Nowata Rd, Apple Valley
- Feb 10:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Jan 28:** **High School 4-Way Speech Contest**
(Johnson)
- Feb 4:** Col. Tony Marshall USAF Retired **TOPIC**
"Millionaire Minds Kids Aviation Club" (Page)
- Feb 11:** Rob Kilpatrick, Sr. Project Manager,
Dave Evans & Associates **TOPIC**
"History of the High Speed Rail from LA to Las Vegas" (Page)
- Feb 18:** **Area High School 4-Way Speech Contest** (Johnson)
- Feb 25:** Melanie Ajanwachuku **TOPIC "Fueling Life: How Smart Nutrition Choices Empower Health and Longevity"** (Page)

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