

The Joshua Tree



January 28, 2025

ROTARY MAKES MIRACLES MAGICAL

This week we heard from three Juniors from University Prep for our annual High School 4-Way Speech Competition. The contest was hosted and put together by **Mike Johnson**, featured Toastmaster judges **Ray Robles, Morris Anderson IV** and **Nancy Keller**. Timekeepers were **Arsalee Morales** and **Linda Hove**.

Finishing 3rd and taking home \$50 was **Eunsol Han** who shared that alone we may not get much done, but together we can do so much and help so many people improve their quality of life.

Taking 2nd place with \$100 was **Jasmine Evans**. Jasmine encouraged the crowd during her speech to take risks and do something bigger than themselves.

Winning the competition and taking home \$150 was **Kyla McFarlin**. Her powerful speech was concluded with a passionate statement, "The 4-Way Test is not simply four questions, but a way for Rotary to mold their moral principles that they both govern and live by."

Kyla will next compete at the Area Regional 4-Way Competition taking place on February 18th at our weekly luncheon that will feature winners from Clubs in Apple Valley, Antelope Valley and (possibly) Barstow.

We know who we will be rooting for...



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Bill Edwards**

Flag Salute: **Bryan Gillespie**

4-Way Test: **Arsalee Morales**

Fine Master: **David North**



GILLESPIE'S GAB

Thank you to all of our area students who took part this week at our annual High School 4-Way Speech Competition.



You all did a great job and congratulations to Kyla McFarlin for her passionate speech and we look forward to you representing the Club at the Regional Competition in three weeks.

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 sign up today.

Finally, we are currently collecting financial donations for the return of our Easter Food Baskets this coming April.

Until next week...

Bryan

February Birthdays

Colleen Calderon
Caroll Yule

February 17
February 19

February Anniversaries

Don Lager

25 Years

Wedding Anniversaries

Jon & Linda Hove

19 Years

Jorge & Marisol Escalante

18 Years

Partner Birthdays

Kris Dever

February 15

Ruth-Ann Metzler

February 24



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Angel Espino 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 10 chips and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!

Rotary Guests

Along with family members and teachers for our student speakers, we were also joined this week by **Alyy Martinez** from Raymond James attended as a guest of **Angel Espino**. We also welcomed our judges for the 4-way Speech Contest, **Ray Robles**, **Morris Anderson IV**, and **Nancy Keller**.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Kris Reilly** for **Carl Coles**.

Spoon of Exception

David North auctioned the Spoon for the month of February and there was only one taker. **Bo Goulet** got the Spoon for \$50 and we will hear more from him starting next week.



Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master and began by fining **Angel Espino** \$25 for changing companies from Edward Jones to Raymond James and making Dave update all of his stuff. **Kirsten Acosta** paid \$25 for taking part in another Spartan Race and **Mike Page** was penalized \$20 for being on the Mojave Water Agency Board and not turning the water on. **Jon & Linda Hove** were charged \$20 for vacationing in Canada and **Bo Goulet** was fined the same amount for rising interest rates.

Finally, **Arsalee Morales** had to pay up on last week's \$40 fine for not keeping up with "Dry January" at last Saturday's Motocross Race at Anaheim Stadium.

Raffle



David North donated a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by **Arsalee Morales**, and to go along with the wine **Arsalee** will savor the box of chocolates she received by President **Bryan Gillespie**. **Angel Espino** doubled up by winning both VTA microfiber

cloths from **Chris Ackerman**. **Bill Edwards** gave away a couple "Full Throttle" water bottles that will be used by **Angel** and **Jon Hove**.

The final prize of Girl Scout Thin Mints from **David North** were given to speaker **Kyla McFarlin**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$25.00

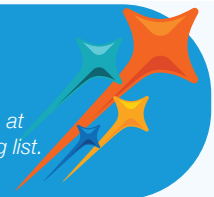
Polio Pig: \$15 + Chip (Angel Espino) \$5 = \$25.00

Collected to Date: \$21,050.83

Total equals: 103,080 Doses!

*One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!*

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER
NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 4TH**



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

- 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)
- Mar 4:** Nicole Orr and Katie Berrios,
Providence St. Mary **TOPIC**
"Coordinating Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in the High Desert" (Page)

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