

# The Joshua Tree

**February 18, 2025**

## THE MAGIC OF WORDS AND MUSIC



...And Victorville takes the Area Competition!

This week the Club hosted the Area Competition in both the High School 4-Way Speech Contest and Dan Stover Music Competition. Unfortunately the Rotary Clubs from Lancaster and Barstow did not send any students, so the competition was between the Apple Valley Club and the Victorville Club.

The High School 4-Way Speech Contest portion was hosted by **Mike Johnson**, who was joined by timekeepers **Bo Goulet** and **Darron Poulsen**, and

judges **Ray Robles**, **Morris Anderson IV**, and **Nancy Keller**. The theme of the speeches were to discuss how the 4-Way Test connects with "The Magic of Rotary".

This year's runner-up from the Apple Valley Club was **Annamarie Bell**. Her speech focused on literacy as a way Rotarians help make the world a better place and how learning to read and write can make life magical for children. Annmarie also shared how each small change can make a big difference when everyone does the same.

This year's speech contest winner was **Kyla McFarlin** who once again gave her passionate speech that the 4-Way Test is not simply four questions, but a way for Rotarians to mold their moral principles that they both govern and live by.

Next up was the Area Dan Stover Music Competition, hosted by **Angel Espino**. Angel served as a timekeeper along with **Alyy Martinez** and judges **Bradley J. Brand**, **Bob Weiser**, and **Natalie Garton**.

**This Week's Functionaries**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Invocation:</b>  | <b>Chris Ackerman</b> |
| <b>Flag Salute:</b> | <b>Mike Johnson</b>   |
| <b>4-Way Test:</b>  | <b>Darron Poulsen</b> |
| <b>Fine Master:</b> | <b>Ryan McEachron</b> |

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## MIKE'S MIC

Thank you to all of our student competitors who competed this week to represent our region at the District Conference that will be held at the Disneyland Hotel April 11th!



Anmarie Bell, Kyla McFarlin, Liam Kelly and Jameson Perrine all did a fantastic job, but in the end Kyla will represent in the speech competition and Liam in the Dan Stover Music Competition. Good luck to you both.

Apple Valley Club President Peter Allen shared information on upcoming events including a half marathon, Breakfast for Vietnam Vets and a Chili Cook-Off! Follow their Club on social media for more info.



Our next service project will be making our Easter Baskets, which will take place on April 15th. There is still time to donate, so sign up, donate, and make these baskets our largest yet!

Mike

## Music and Words

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Runner up **Jameson Perrine** from Apple Valley High School took to the piano and performed "Where is My Mind" by The Pixies. He plans to be a firefighter with a minor in music.

The winner was **Liam Kelly** from University Prep, once again played "Bourrée I and II" on the cello. Liam plans to become a pilot and learn as many musical instruments as possible.

Congratulations to both Kyla and Liam who will compete against some 63 other Clubs at the District Conference on April 11th at the Disneyland Hotel. Good luck to you both and brings wins home for Victorville!



# THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

## Big Blue Poker Chip



*Bo Goulet had the chance to draw the Blue Chip but picked a green one and saved the chance for another.*

*We will continue next week with 13 chips and \$225 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!*

## Rotary Guests



Joining the family members of our student contestants this week were judges **Bradley J. Brand, Ray Robles, Nancy Keller, Bob Weiser, Morris Anderson IV,** and **Natalie Garton.**

From the Rotary Club of Apple Valley we welcomed **Dan Harley** and Club President **Peter Allan.**

Joining **Angel Espino** at this week's meeting was **Alyy Martinez** from Raymond James Financial.

Our only stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya** who attended in place of President **Bryan Gillespie.**

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER  
NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 25TH**

## Fine Session

**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master and began by giving Mike Johnson a \$15 fine for his barrage of bad dad jokes during the meeting. Although he actually couldn't penalize a guest, Ryan tried to give **Dan Harley** from the Rotary Club of Apple Valley a \$90 fine for him bringing nine students to RYLA. After conferring and getting the OK from Apple Valley President **Peter Allan**, the fine stayed intact.

## Spoon of Exception

**Bo Goulet** had the Spoon for another week and shared more information on Mojave River Mortgage.

Bo shared that mortgage rates are high at the moment, but he is looking for them to come down in the near future. To get more information, please contact Bo at 760-713-6137.

## Raffle

**Bo Goulet** was the big raffle winner again this week! First, he won a set of leather Rotary drink coasters from the Club and then received a package of Girl Scout Cookies from **David North.**

David also donated a bottle of wine, which was won by the mother of student speaker **Annamarie Bell.**



## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$41.00**

**Collected to Date: \$21,138.83**

**Total equals: 103,256 Doses!**

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

### Board of Directors

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| President 2024-2025 .....                    | Bryan Gillespie              |
| President 2025-2027 .....                    | Bill Edwards                 |
| President 2027 - 2028 .....                  | <b>Please be Interviewed</b> |
| 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 .....                     | <b>Please Volunteer</b>      |
| 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 <b>(TBD)</b> |
| Public Service Awards .....     | <b>Please Volunteer</b>   |
| Teacher Mini-Grants .....       | Angel Espino              |
| Dan Stover Music Contest .....  | Angel Espino              |
| Joshua Tree Editor .....        | Chris Ackerman            |
| Read B4K .....                  | <b>Please Volunteer</b>   |
| Foundation & Grants .....       | Margaret Cooker           |
| Food Baskets .....              | <b>Please Volunteer</b>   |
| Interact (Junior Rotary) .....  | <b>Please Volunteer</b>   |
| Programs .....                  | Mike Page                 |
| Fundraising .....               | Stefanie Montoya          |
| S.T.A.R. Students .....         | Angel Espino              |
| Club Learning Facilitator ..... | <b>Please Volunteer</b>   |

**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

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY:</b>    | San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon   |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>   | Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m.<br>Empire Lakes Golf Course<br>Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,<br>Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St,<br>Barstow, CA  |
| <b>THURSDAY:</b>  | Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple<br>Valley, Noon. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel<br>San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m.<br>Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon |
| <b>FRIDAY:</b>    | San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.   |

## Calendar Dates

**Mar 3:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship  
5:30pm Board Meeting  
Location: Robar Enterprises  
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

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Club of Victorville, CA



## Upcoming Programs

**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)

**Mar 11:** OPEN

**Mar 18:** OPEN

**Mar 25:** OPEN

**April 1:** **Junior High 4-Way Speech Contest** (Johnson)

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