



The Joshua Tree



July 16, 2024

A LESSON IN CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools in California represent a unique and rapidly growing sector within the state's educational landscape, offering alternatives that differ significantly from both traditional public schools and private institutions as was shared this week by Excelsior Charter School Superintendent **Dr. Derek King**.



Unlike public schools, which are typically governed by local school districts and state regulations, charter schools operate under a contract or "charter" granted by a chartering authority, such as a school district, county office of education, or the state board of education.

One of the key distinctions lies in their autonomy and flexibility. While charter schools must adhere to certain academic standards and accountability measures outlined in their charter, they have more freedom in curriculum design, teaching methods, and educational philosophies compared to traditional public schools. This flexibility allows them to experiment with innovative approaches

tailored to the needs of their student population.

On the other hand, charter schools are publicly funded and tuition-free, similar to traditional public schools. They cannot charge tuition and must accept all students who wish to enroll, typically through a lottery system if demand exceeds capacity. This makes them accessible alternatives for families seeking educational options beyond their neighborhood public school, especially in areas where traditional public schools may struggle with overcrowding or other challenges.

California has been at the forefront of the charter school movement since the late 1990s, with over 1,300 charter schools currently operating statewide. Their growth reflects a broader movement towards personalized learning and community-driven educational reforms across the state. Proponents argue that charter schools foster competition and innovation within the public education system, encouraging traditional schools to improve and adapt to meet the needs of students and families.

Overall, California charter schools offer a middle ground between the structure of traditional public schools and the autonomy of private schools, providing diverse educational choices within the public education system. As they continue to evolve and expand, charter schools play a significant role in shaping the future of education in California and beyond.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Mike Johnson

4-Way Test: Arsalee Morales



GILLESPIE'S GAB

Thank you to fellow charter school professional Dr. Derek King for coming by this week to give everyone

in the room an education on charter schools and how they are different from public and private schools for many reasons.



Thank you to everyone who attended "Movie Night at the Hove's" last weekend, and a special shout out to Jon & Linda Hove for opening their home to all of us. A number of people shared with me that it was the largest attendance ever. Great food, great friends and a great movie, a perfect night. Please see photos on this page.

On July 30th we will have another 5th Tuesday Rotary Meeting and once again meet over at Pancho Villas Mexican Grill in Restaurant Row in Victorville. The time will be 5:00pm and I hope to see many of you there for food and fellowship.

Finally, this week it was confirmed that our Congressman Jay Obernolte will speak to the Club on August 20th. Please invite guests and we'd like to fill the big room at the Bear Valley Country Club that day.

Bryan

Movie Night at the Hove's

It was a warm Saturday night for our annual "Movie Night at the Hove's". **Jon & Linda Hove** opened their doors once again to members, guests, family and friends for some delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ribs. Members brought sides, appetizers and desserts to make sure there was plenty for even the heartiest of appetites. The movie, "August Rush" was an excellent choice and was loved by all in attendance.

Thanks to all who attended, and if you didn't, there's always next time...



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Keith Metzler had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, and picked a green one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

We will continue next week with 3 chips and \$500 for the one lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Spoon of Exemption

Jim Murray had another week with the Spoon and shared, "Go to Bob's Tire and have tires, brakes and more done, because I want my rent check!" Specializing in services for passenger cars, light trucks, RVs, and medium & heavy-duty trucks, they have established a strong reputation in tire services, brakes, and alignments, while also offering a wide range of other services. For more information, you can call them at 760-245-3333 or visit their website at bobs-tire.com.

Rotary Guests



This week we welcomed **Dr. Murray Campbell** and **Margaret Cooker's** sister **Dr. Pasty Campbell** from Edinburgh University who came all the here to visit her. **Chris Ackerman** brought his

Marketing Assistant **Tisha Lopez** to the meeting and El Dorado Broadcasters Sales Manager **Walt Alvarez** joined us as well. President **Bryan Gillespie** had **Stefanie Montoya** and **Alexis Poohn** with him this week. Alexis is the Interact Advisor for the Options for Youth Interact club, which is coming soon.

Our only Stand-In this week was **Chris Nunez** for **Kirsten Acosta**.

Raffle



Visit us all the way from Scotland, and you go home with some Rotary raffle goodies! Margaret's brother-in-law

Dr. Murray Campbell will go home with a backpack from Red Rock RV, courtesy of **Russ Stringham** and a Victor Valley Transit bean bag phone holder from **Chris Ackerman**. **Keith Metzler** also won a phone holder and Chris left the meeting with a tote bag from Flagstar Bank, donated by **Mike Johnson**. Mike also gave away a pen set that went to **Arsalee Morales** and a 6-in-1 screwdriver that will be used by **Jim Murray**. Arsalee also took home a set of Bob's Tire glasses from Mr. Murray and Jim also will enjoy some homemade candy he won from **Margaret Cooker**.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. July 29 to President Bryan Gillespie.

Dr. Derek King

Excelsior Charter Schools

Superintendent

Classification: Charter School: Superintendent

Sponsor: Bill Scott

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$13.00

Polio Pig: \$8 + Chip (Keith Metzler) \$5 = \$13.00

Collected to Date: \$20,569.33

Total equals: 102,117 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	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	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

- Aug 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Aug 12: 2023-2024 ReadB4K Backpack Giveaway**
10:00am
VESD Family Resource Center
Located off Mariposa Road
Please join this celebration and show your support of this program

Upcoming Programs

- July 23:** Hilda Valenzuela Wendtland **TOPIC "My Escape from Communist Cuba"** (Cooker)
- July 30:** **5th Tuesday Evening Meeting**
Pancho Villas Mexican Grill • 5pm
11620 Amargosa Rd, Victorville, CA
- Aug 6:** Marisol Escalante **TOPIC "TBA"** (Page)
- Aug 13:** Jonathan Weldy, Silverwood Director of Development **TOPIC "Silverwood Development"** (Page)
- Aug 20:** **Congressman Jay Obernolte** (Page)

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