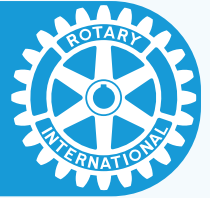




The Joshua Tree



September 3, 2024

THE GROWTH & SUCCESS OF READ B4K

This week the Club received a welcome visit by Read B4K Program Coordinator **Colleen Calderon** and **Jorge Escalante** who runs the Family Resource Center at the Victor



Elementary School District. Read B4K is an initiative started by the Rotary Club of Victorville at the Hook Community Center that is designed to promote literacy among young children. The program aims to ensure that children are reading at grade level by the time they enter kindergarten. This is typically achieved through various activities and resources, such as book distributions, reading sessions, and educational materials.

Children, as well as some parents, learn to read English by using the Funnix software to sound out words for both reading and writing as well as other reading tools to help them onto a path of success. Even 3-year old children have been able to learn to read by taking part in Read B4K.

Over the summer, seven parents took computers home to continue to work with their children so the learning



would be fresh in their minds heading into Kindergarten. According to Colleen, reading is the most important thing, as even math problems require reading.

Over at the VESD Family Resource Center, Read B4K is offered at multiple schools including Brentwood Elementary, Village STEAM School, Del Rey Elementary, Irwin Academy, Green Tree, Liberty, Mojave Vista and Lomas. When Jorge began running the Read B4K program in 2019, they had 16 graduates. This school year, he is estimating a total of 75 graduates.

By focusing on early literacy, Read B4K helps set a strong foundation for future academic success. The Rotary Club of Victorville, through this program, contributes to building better educational opportunities for children in their community.



This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Bill Edwards
- Flag Salute:** Darron Poulsen
- 4-Way Test:** Chris Ackerman
- Fine Master:** Ryan McEachron

GILLESPIE'S GAB



Thank you to Colleen Calderon and Jorge Escalante for coming by and sharing the remarkable growth

of the Read B4K Program! Well deserved



congratulations to Jorge on your title of "Honorary Rotarian". Welcome to the Club!

The Fireside on September 26th at 4:00pm is shaping up and will be co-hosted by three Rotary Clubs; Victorville, Apple Valley and Barstow. The food will be Mexican and our District Governor Michael Driebe will be in attendance! Attendance to this free event is a perfect opportunity for those with a Red Badge, looking to upgrade to a Blue one. Please make sure to sign up so we have an accurate headcount.

How would you like to help decorate the District 5300 Rose Parade Float? If so, please see myself or Margaret.

Please make sure you join us on November 5th for our annual Teacher Mini Grant event. We are still looking for Rotarians to donate monies towards the grants for our area teachers.

Bryan

Spoon of Exception

Chris Ackerman had his first week with the Spoon and shared news on the new Micro-Link zone coming to Apple Valley on October 28th. Victor Valley Transit's micro-transit service area will shuttle residents of Apple Valley from the Jess Ranch senior living neighborhoods in the south to the Tuscola medical area to the north. East to west will cover from Navajo all the way to Victor Valley College!



September Birthdays

Dan Dever	September 13
Teresa DeAtley	September 16
Kirsten Acosta	September 24
Paul Earle	September 25
Bob Basen	September 26
Ron Boyd	September 27
Michael Krause	September 30

September Anniversaries

Pat Mark	33 Years
Donna Wells	27 Years
Caroll Yule	23 Years
Jason Lamoreaux	19 Years
Alicia Anderson	16 Years
Bo Goulet	2 Years
Darron Poulsen	1 Year



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Big Blue Poker Chip



Brad Poiriez had a chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked Green and saved the chance for another Rotarian. We will continue next week with 11 chips and \$275 for the one lucky Rotarian who has their ticket drawn.

Raffle

Chris Ackerman donated a couple of VVTA eyeglass cleaners that will be used by Bill Edwards and Bryan Gillespie. Bryan also won a set of coffee mugs from Bill, as did Margaret Cooker. Ryan McEachron left the meeting with a Red Rocks RV backpack from Russ Stringham and a bottle of wine from David North.



Jorge Escalante donated water bottles from the VESD Family Resource Center that will be used by Ryan, Margaret and Mr. North. He also gave away coffee mugs that were taken home by Bryan and Mr. Edwards.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master and Brad Poiriez was given a \$10 fine for making a rare Rotary appearance, and Mike Page was charged the same for being done with family events. Finally, Darron Poulsen was given a \$25 penalty, due to when asked how things were going at the VVWRA, his response was, "Same shit, different day".



Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed Tisha Lopez, from Victor Valley Transit, who was invited to attend by Chris Ackerman and Stefanie Montoya who came to the meeting with Bryan Gillespie.

Our Stand-in this week was Penny Edmiston for Maureen Mills.

Honorary Rotarian



This week we welcomed a new "Honorary" Rotarian into the Club, Jorge Escalante who serves as the Program Director at the VESD Family Resource Center.

Jorge was welcomed by Past District Governor Margaret Cooker and joined by President Bryan Gillespie. Along with Rotary's Read B4K Program, Jorge and his team also teach English, Spanish, Nutrition, Budgeting, Sewing and more at the Family Resource Center, plus help VESD families with food and clothing.

The Polio Pig

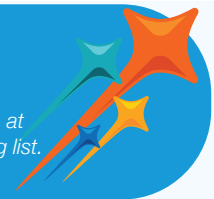
Collected this week: \$24.00

Polio Pig: \$9.00 + Brad Poiriez (Chip): \$5.00
+ Penny Edmiston: \$10.00 = \$24.00

Collected to Date: \$20,699.83

Total equals: 102,378 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	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

Sept 9: **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

HIGH DESERT VETERANS APPRECIATION BBQ
NOV 9TH 2024
11AM-3PM
LOCATION:
SINGH PERFORMING ART CENTER
22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308
TODAY, WE CELEBRATE YOU. LUNCH IS FREE FOR VETERANS.

FOOD PROVIDED BY **CLASSIC CAR SHOW** **LIVE MUSIC**

DOWN RANGE BBQ **GROOVE HUNTERS**

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Rotary Apple Valley, CA **POST 2924** **Rotary Victorville, CA**

Upcoming Programs

Sept 10: Carl Coles, Superintendent, VVUHSD
TOPIC "VVUHSD 24-25" (Page)

Sept 17: Non-Medical Rotoplast Team Member
TOPIC "Rotoplast" (Coker)

Sept 24: Jason & Chris Lamoreaux **TOPIC "CreekCut - Our Journey Birthing a Winery"** (Basen)

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