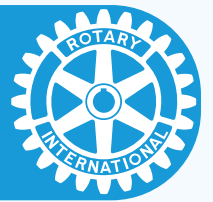


The Joshua Tree



November 5, 2024

TEACHER MINI- GRANTS

This week the Club held its annual Teacher Mini-Grant program, honoring 68 educators with grants totaling over \$20,000. Districts receiving Grants included the Adelanto Elementary School District, Helendale School District, Oro Grande School District, Victor Elementary School District, and the Victor Valley Union High School District. Educational Programs that received grants included Math, STEM, Science, Artificial Intelligence, Reading, Writing, and Mental Health.

The event was hosted by President **Bryan Gillespie** and President-Elect **Bill Edwards**, with special thanks to Committee Chair **Angel Espino**, **Jim Murray** and **Darren Poulson** for their hard work and dedication to the event. Finally, as a former educator and Rotarian, this year's Teacher Mini-Grant was dedicated in loving memory to **John Kroencke**.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Bill Edwards**

Flag Salute: **Arsalee Morales**

4-Way Test: **David North**

Fine Master: **Ryan McEachron**



GILLESPIE'S GAB



Thanks to all of the teachers, school administrators, and superintendents who came out for this week's Teacher Mini-

Grant program. We were honored to hand out 68 Grants totaling over \$20,000. We look forward to giving away even more Grants in 2025.



Coming up this weekend will be the High Desert Veterans Appreciation BBQ at the Singh Performing Art Center from 11am - 3pm including a Veterans Ceremony, Classic Car Show and live music.

Please join us from December 13 - 15 for an annual visit to the orphanage and water tank project with our sister Club in Enseñada. There is a hotel special 2-night special with the third free. Please see Russ Stringham or Steve Murray for more information.

Until next time...

Bryan



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
		

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

		
Rotary Apple Valley, CA	 Town of Apple Valley	Rotary Victorville, CA

EVENT PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

		
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THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Big Blue Poker Chip



Bob Basen had the chance to draw the Blue Chip, but he drew green and left it for another Rotarian to try next time.

We will continue the opportunity next week with 7 chips and \$350 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!

Raffle

Chris Ackerman donated a limited edition VVTA water bottle that will be enjoyed by **Rob Kilpatrick**, an eyeglass microfiber cloth to **Brad Poiriez**, and a bean bag phone holder that will be used by a teacher.

Bill Edwards donated a copy of his brother's book, "Stopping Pain" that will be read by **Nancy Noble**, plus a bevy of donated patriotic decorations that were taken home by Ackerman, **Jim Murray**, **Bryan Gillespie**, and a host of teachers in the room.

Speaking of Nancy, she brought a Bath & Body Works set that will be enjoyed by Mr. Kilpatrick, a cutting board to **Stew Anderson**, plus a baking dish and a bluetooth speaker that were won by a couple of teachers.

Finally, Rob won again with a bottle of wine from **David North** and a bar of Italian chocolate will be enjoyed by an educator.

Rotary Guests

In addition to the many teachers, school administrators and superintendents who came out this week also had **Stefanie Montoya**, who attended with **Bryan Gillespie** and **Kris Reilly** joined as guest of **Carl Coles**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Tanya Benitee** for **Maureen Mills** and **Alexandra Martinez** for **Angel Espino**.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master and began by fining **Angel Espino** \$10 for having his Stand-In **Alexandra Martinez** hand out flyers to Rotarians when he didn't have the Spoon of Exemption. **Rob Kilpatrick** was also penalized \$10 for complaining about CalTrans, and another \$10 to **Arsalee Morales** for posting photos of her and her daughter at the Dodgers Parade in Los Angeles.

Brad Poiriez shared that the air quality is good and would be better if there were no more cars on the road, so **Chris Ackerman** suggested putting all car owners on VVTA Electric Buses. Both received \$10 fines. Finally, **Bob Basen** was penalized \$10, just for showing up.

Spoon of Exception

Bill Edwards had his first week with the Spoon and announced the Rescue Mission Alliance Victor Valley Gala, entitled "Pursuit" coming up in March 13, 2025 celebrating their 25th Anniversary! The event will feature dinner, live music and auction items. It will be held at the VVC



Education & Event Center. Bill is looking for event sponsors, as well as table sponsors for the event. Get more information at vvrescuemission.org/fundraiser.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$55.00

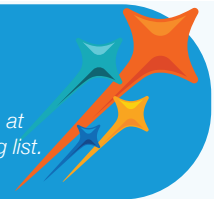
Polio Pig: \$50 + Chip (Bob Basen) \$5 = \$55.00

Collected to Date: \$20,884.83

Total equals: 102,748 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

- Dec 2:** **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA
- Nov 9:** **High Desert Veterans Appreciation BBQ**
11:00am - 3:00pm
Singh Performing Art Center
22311 Bear Valley Road
Apple Valley, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Nov 12:** **Supervisor Paul Cook** (McEachron)
- Nov 19:** Mark Creffield CEO and Shannon Shannon, President, Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce **TOPIC "Update on the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce"** (Montoya)
- Nov 26:** Lt. Col. Tony Marshall, USAF Retired **TOPIC "More Stories as a Fighter Pilot and my Time in the USAF and Vietnam"** (Page)
- Dec 3:** Bobby Clemmer, Fire Chief, City of Victorville **TOPIC "My Background and Vision for the Victorville Fire Department"** (McEachron)

Dec 10: **OPEN**

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