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SERVING OTHERS: BETTER HEALTH AND INSPIRATION



The Rotary Club of Victorville proudly hosted the annual Francis G. Beatty Jr. High 4-Way Speech Competition this week. This esteemed event was sponsored by **Pat Mark**, former Club Rotarian and past Superintendent of the Victor Valley Union High School District.



Rotarian **Mike Johnson** from Providence St. Mary Hospital served as the event's host, welcoming four talented students from Hook Junior High. Their dedicated teacher, **Nancy Noble**, was also in attendance to support them.

The competition was made possible through the efforts of our esteemed judges: **Ray Robles**, **Morris Anderson IV**, and **Nancy Keller**, who had the difficult task of selecting the winners from



a pool of impressive speeches. is to help those around us, and though lending a hand may be challenging, it ultimately pushes us toward greatness.

Third place and a \$50 prize went to **Ever Antunez**, who likened serving others

a pool of impressive speeches.

In fourth place, earning a \$40 prize from the Rotary Foundation, was **Alyson Lopez**, who spoke about "The Magic of Serving Others." She emphasized that our purpose in life



to taking a leap on a zip-line—daunting at first but ultimately rewarding. Her speech highlighted how small acts of kindness create meaningful connections and improve overall well-being.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**

Flag Salute: **Jon Hove**

4-Way Test: **Mike Page**

Fine Master: **David North**

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Our President was unable to be in attendance this week, so I was asked to fill in, which I was happy to do!



Congratulations to all of our participants of our Frances G. Beatty 4-Way Speech Contest, you all did a fantastic job, including Japjeet Kaur who took top honors. Also thanks to Nancy Noble for a terrific class of students!

Just few weeks until our next service project 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! We are also looking for volunteers to help pass out the baskets in teams. Please sign up and see lives changed right before your eyes!

As was mentioned at the meeting, this will be my last time with the Club as I will be moving over to the Victorville East Club (Apple Valley) to provide more coverage for Providence St. Mary throughout our High Desert. I'm sure Dan Harley will have me come back to visit from time to time, so this is not goodbye, but see you soon!

Mike

4-Way Speech Competition

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Shaylyne Hairston secured second place with a \$75 prize. She delivered a compelling speech about being a vessel of hope, reinforcing the idea that helping others benefits both the giver and the receiver. Her speech focused on the importance of communication, collaboration, and emotional support in service.

The first-place winner, **Japjeet Kaur**, took home a \$125 prize for her inspiring speech on the benefits of serving others. She discussed how service enhances physical health, inspires others to follow suit, and teaches invaluable life skills.

Each student incorporated powerful quotes from influential figures such as **Mother Teresa**,

Nelson Mandela, **Winston Churchill**, the **Dalai Lama**, and **St. Peter**, underscoring the timeless value of service.

Congratulations to these outstanding students for their incredible performances! Their thoughtful speeches and dedication to service truly embody the spirit of the Rotary Club's mission.



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Chris Ackerman had the chance to draw the Blue Chip but picked green and saved the chance for another. We will continue next week with 7 chips and \$375 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip!

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and started by giving **Chris Ackerman, Mike Johnson, Dr. Derek King** and **Nancy Noble** each a \$20 fine for their terrible "Dad Jokes" at the meeting. **Angel Espino** was given a \$20 penalty in honor of his one year Club Anniversary, and **Jon Hove** was also fined the same amount for the broken foot Linda Hove received from dancing!



Ackerman shared information about Victor Valley Transit's upcoming Earth Day activities which cost him another \$20, while Dr King was also levied another \$20 fine for promoting Excelsior's successful beauty class.

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Rotary Guests

Joining family members of our student speakers, we welcomed **Nancy Noble**, VVTA Marketing Assistant **Tisha Lopez**, who attended with **Chris Ackerman** and **Rosie Hinojos**, who attended as a guest of **Carl Coles**. We were also introduced to **Lee Bayless** from Scouting America, who was in attendance as a guest of **Dan Harley** from the Apple Valley Club. **Alyy Martinez** joined **Angel Espino** at the meeting this week as well.



Our Judges who assisted with the Francis G. Beatty 4-Way Speech Competition included **Ray Robles, Morris Anderson IV**, and **Nancy Keller**.

Our Stand-in this week were **Penny Edmiston** for **Maureen Mills**, **Kris Reilly** for **Carl Coles** and **Stefanie Montoya** for President **Bryan Gillespie**.

Raffle

Arsalee Morales won a Victor Valley Transit Earth Day stress ball and bean bag phone holder, both provided by **Chris Ackerman**. Our guest this week, **Rosie Hinojos** left the meeting with a bottle of wine from **David North**, a bag of candy and \$15 Target gift card from **Bill Edwards** and a Providence St. Mary notepad from **Mike Johnson**. **Dr. Derek King** also went home with a Sgt. Mary notepad.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$22.00

Polio Pig: \$7 + Penny Edmiston: \$10
+ Chip (Chris Ackerman) \$5 = \$22.00

Collected to Date: \$21,324.83

Total equals: 103,628 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

April 7: Board of Directors Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

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Upcoming Programs

April 8: Collin Rowe, Assistant Superintendent
of Admin Services, VESD **TOPIC**
"VESD Facilities Update" (Page)

April 15: Service Project: Easter Baskets
Eggstravaganza for Families

April 22: OPEN

April 22: Evening Meeting at Havanazucar
Cuban Restaurant
5:30pm at 15550 Main St c14,
Hesperia, CA 92345

May 6: Ryan McEachron **TOPIC**
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