



The Joshua Tree



January 23, 2018

A Bright Future for DCB

The adjectives the staff at Desert Community Bank has used to describe their new partnership with Flagstar Bank include, "Overwhelming Awesome" and "Excellent", just to name a couple. This week our Club received the exclusive first public report from Flagstar Bank's Director of Branch Banking, **Todd McLaughlin**, on the future of DCB.



The great news is that all the staff are staying, the name is not going away, and more services will be added to the DCB brand!

Flagstar is a full service bank based in Michigan that offers such services as credit cards, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, money market accounts and IRAs. There

are currently 99 branches throughout the state and they have assets in the range of 108k in households and 15k in business relationships. Banking is just one part of the Flagstar family, as they also have another division of 48 Opes Advisors branches in California.

Opes Advisors is a mortgage bank and wealth advisory firm, which makes it a perfect fit with DCB. Opes is the 8th largest sub-servicer of mortgage loan nationwide and are currently servicing approximately 415k in loans.

Todd shared that Flagstar and DCB have a lot in common, as both organizations are community and employee driven. During the bank's years with East West, quite a bit of DCB's work within the community was pulled back, but now, people should expect to see the return of the DCB from the past, more heavily involved within the High Desert business and residential community. As for employees, people love to work for Flagstar. They were recently selected in part of the 101 best and brightest companies to work for nationwide.

Beginning March 17, there will be a seamless transition in services to DCB customers. Flagstar is bringing new technology, offering expanded services to the High Desert. In the meantime, there will be a lot of training taking place in the banks, as DCB will be converting to the Flagstar systems. Fourteen branch managers will be coming to California for two weeks to help get the system integrated.

Some the expanded services include mortgage lending, equity, and loans including home, auto and new construction among many others. As Flagstar expands its reach further into California, the future appears very bright for the City's beloved DCB, a true iconic business here in the High Desert.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Mike Johnson |
| Flag Salute: | Jon Schuler |
| 4-Way Test: | Ron Boyd |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | Kevin Kane |

Dwight's Writes



It seemed this week that a lot of people wanted to hear from **Todd McLaughlin** from Flagstar Bank, and hear first hand what changes are coming to our beloved DCB.

As **Steve Murray** reported, we want to make a huge showing at this year's Rotary Foundation Gala, so the Club has decided to pick up the \$119 per person fee to attend on

February 24th at the Queen Mary! Please sign up as soon as possible if you'd like to be a part of the event. Rooms are also available at the ship for \$149 a night, but you have to pay for those!



Before the Gala, we will gather on the evening of Tuesday, February 13th for our Annual Valentine's Dinner beginning at 6pm at El Pescador. **Dr. Roger Wagner** shared, just like our Christmas Dinner, there will be fun games and prizes to be won! Cost is \$49 per person.

Don't forget to make your plans to join us at the Letner's on February 4th for our Super Bowl Party. The fun and fellowship begins at 2pm for this no cost event.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Lord, where we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right, make us easy to live with." -

Peter Marshall

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Carol Miranda** from Bob's Tires that came to hear our speaker with **Steve Murray**, and **Marie Langley** invited **Lane Willhite** from Desert Valley Medical Group. **Arsalee Morales** also invited a co-worker and Rotarian with the Apple Valley Club (Victorville East), **Randi Coffman** from Apple Valley Communications.

From DCB to hear from their new boss, we welcomed **Esther Mears** and **Chris Vasquez**, who is also a Rotarian with the High Desert Club.

Our single Stand-in this week was **Kris Reilly** who attended for **Ron Williams**.

Celebration Tuesday



This week we celebrated the induction of our newest Rotarian,

Captain Joe Alvarez from the Salvation Army. **Mike Page** emceed the proceedings as Joe was joined by his sponsor **Dwight Johnson**. Welcome to the Club Joe!

Later on we honored two Rotarians by adding extra sapphire stones to their Rotary pins for their generous donations to the Rotary Foundation.



Don Lager was honored for donations in the amount of \$4,000 and President **Dwight Johnson** for gifts of \$5,000.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$12,00

Collected to Date: \$14,965.81

Total equals: 90,978 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Lucky Blue Dice



Big Winner! Ben Tafoya drew the Lucky Blue Dice out of the bag and left the meeting \$350 richer!

We begin anew next week with 14 dice and \$200 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Raffle Prizes

It's was the DCB package of goodies that began the raffle this week. **Mike Johnson** gave away groups of DCB tumblers, calendars and journals that were won by **Don Lager, Gary Adams** and **Dwight Johnson**. Speaking of Dwight, our President donated two gifts, first a bottle of wine that will be enjoyed by **Marie Langley** and a free 14" Oggi's Pizza that will be eaten by **Chris Ackerman!** Chris also took home a bottle of Pinot Gris from **Steve Murray**.

Jim Murray also took home a couple of prizes, starting with a cup of Valentine's candy from **Marie Langley** and a bag of Victor Valley Animal Hospital goodies from **Dr. Ron Boyd**. The final raffle prize of the day came from **Marie Langley** who donated a DVMG lunch bag that will be enjoyed by **Gary Adams**.

February Birthdays

Kevin Kane	February 14
Caroll Yule	February 19

Fine Session

This week **Kevin Kane** was our Finemaster and began by fining **Mike Johnson** \$10 each of his three guests from DCB for a total of \$30 in penalties for sucking up to Flagstar Bank.

Mike Page was asked what ranking Flagstar Bank got for the "Best and Brightest Company" award. Mike was not able to answer so **Ben Tafoya** did. Ben received a \$15 fine for answering a question he wasn't asked.. but Mike has to pay for it since he didn't know.

Next it was a game of "3 Truths and a Lie" and **Dr. Roger Wagner** was given a fine of \$5 for getting his answer wrong by thinking Tuesday was National Beer Can Day. **Steve Orr** was asked what movie Marlon Brando refused to accept his Oscar for, due to the unfair treatment of Native Americans, and what would have been \$5 for a wrong answer, turned into a \$50 fine, because his answer was, "Don't know, don't care".

Joshua Tree Editor **Chris Ackerman** escaped the final fine of the day by knowing that Dr. Bruce Banner, becomes the Superhero, The Hulk.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 5 to President Dwight Johnson.

Miguel del Muro
Manager

IHOP-La Paz, Victorville

Classification: Food Service

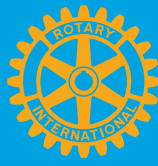
Sponsor: Al Castellucci

February Anniversaries

Jim Cox	48 Years
Don Lager	18 Years
Steve Orr	5 Years

CLUB ASSEMBLY: FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Please attend the February 13 Meeting as we will hold a Club Assembly to Select our 2020-2021 President and Board for the 2018-2019 Rotary year.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018 Dwight Johnson
 Immediate Past President Ben Tafoya
 Treasurer Donna Wells
 Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ... Margaret Cooker
 Publicity/Public Relations Kevin Kane
 Club Service & President 2018-2020 Brad Letner
 Community Service Victor Rocha
 International Service Ben Tafoya
 Youth Service/Scholarships Rob Kilpatrick
 Vocational Service Ryan McEachron

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove
 Rosanne Weathers • Steve Murray • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary Marilyn Buttelwerth
 Billing Officer Rosanne Weathers
 Sergeant At Arms Gary Adams
 Song Master Al Castellucci
 Programs Mike Page
 Wine, Jazz & More Rosanne Weathers
 Public Safety Awards Jon Schuler
 R.Y.L.A./TLC Ryan McEachron
 Dan Stover Music Contest Marie Langley
 George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest Ron Boyd
 Four Way Speech Contest TBD
 S.T.A.R. Students Robin Cackler
 Flowers and Gifts Trish Johnson
 Joshua Tree Editor Chris Ackerman

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Green Tree Golf Course Clubhouse, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., 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: High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m.,
 Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia
 Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room
 at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd
 and 4th Wed. at Budweisers, Adelanto Rd,
 Adelanto at 8am.
 San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,
 Barstow, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St,
 13853 Seneca Rd, 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY: Apple Valley, Apple Valley Country Club, 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

- Feb 4: Super Bowl Party**
 2:00pm • Home of Brad and Teresa Letner
 18501 Niagara, Spring Valley Lake
- Feb 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
 5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
 DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor
 Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Feb 13: Rotary Valentine's Dinner**
 6:00pm • El Pescador Restaurant
- Feb 24: Foundation Gala**
 Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA

Future Rotary Programs

- Jan 30: Public Service Awards**
 (Schuler, Coomes)
- Feb 6:** Panel Discussion "Tax Update"
Moderator- Dan Dever CPA,
Panelist - Donna Wells, CPA &
John Hulterstrom, CPA
- Feb 13: OPEN**
 S.T.A.R. Students
- Feb 20: High School 4-Way Speech Competition**

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