



The Joshua Tree

January 30, 2024

2024 TAX UPDATE

As we head into another tax season, it was a great opportunity this week for **Faith Maldonado** from H&R Block to stop by the Club and give Rotarians an update on 2024 tax changes.



For 2024 taxes, the Inflation Reduction Act unlocks several exciting new tax credits:

Clean Vehicle Boost: Get up to \$7,500 for new electric cars and \$4,000 for used ones, now transferable to dealers for instant savings.

Renewable Energy Power Up: Enjoy a 30% tax credit for wind, solar, and other clean energy investments, with bonus points for low-income communities and coal transition areas.

Advanced Manufacturing Jumpstart: Receive up to 30% tax credit for investments in clean energy manufacturing, particularly in areas affected by fossil fuel closures.

These credits not only benefit your wallet but also accelerate the clean energy transition and create good-

paying jobs. Don't miss out on these green savings!

Secure Act 2.0 reshapes the tax landscape for retirement savings in several ways:

Delayed Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs): You can now hold off tapping your retirement accounts until age 73 (2023) and 75 (2033), giving your nest egg more time to grow tax-deferred.

Reduced Penalties: Penalties for missing RMDs and excess contributions soften, dropping from 50% to 25% and offering a 10% penalty for timely correction.

Roth Expansion: Roth contribution options increase, with high earners (>\$145,000) allowed Roth catch-up contributions and employers able to offer Roth versions of certain contributions.

Emergency Savings: Employers can establish optional Roth emergency savings accounts within retirement plans, allowing tax-free withdrawals for qualified emergencies.

Student Loan Matching: You can treat student loan payments as retirement plan contributions, potentially triggering employer matching, though the tax benefit on the contributions still applies.

Overall, Secure Act 2.0 offers tax advantages for both savers and employers, encouraging greater retirement savings and flexibility.

Find out more at hrblock.com.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation: Chris Ackerman

Flag Salute: Brad Poiriez

4-Way Test: Ben Tafoya

Fine Master: David North



MURRAY'S MINUTE

Thank you to Faith Maldonado from H&R Block who came by this week to share updated tax information for

2024 and in some cases, beyond. We appreciate all of the important information



shared to not only be correct in our taxes, but hopefully get some money back too.

The Rotary Super Bowl Party on February 11 at the home of David and Carrie North is FREE for all Rotarians and guests. Pulled Pork sandwiches and more will be on the menu and betting squares will be ready as well! Please see more info on page 4.

We have our Gift Basket raffle tickets now available for \$10 each! We will give you a pack of 25 to sell at work, to friends and family members! Please continue to donate to the gift basket so we can sell many more tickets.



Congratulations to Darron Poulson for obtaining his Blue Badge in record time!

Have a great Rotary week...see you next time!

Steve

Rotarian of the Month



Congratulations to **Ben Tafoya** who was honored as our December Rotarian of the Month. Ben was instrumental in organizing and implementing our shopping trip in Enseñada, Mexico in December to make sure the children at the El Sauzal Orphanage had presents to open on Christmas morning. On top of all that Ben handled all of the arrangement for the trip which included meeting with our partners in the Rotary Club of Enseñada and much more. Ben received a pin and special pen from President **Steve Murray**.

Spoon of Exemption

Jon Hove had his final time with the Spoon this week and shared that Robar Enterprises has begun their Strategic Planning for their new year, which runs from April 1, 2024 though May 31, 2025. The management group Jon brought in will do an overview of Robar Enterprises, then move on to the separate companies under the Robar umbrella, then to the individual branches of locations.



It was then time to raffle the Spoon for the month of February. Being tax season, **David North** created a battle for the Spoon between **Donna Wells** and **Dan Dever**, starting at \$100. After a few backs and forths, Dan took the Spoon for \$125.



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Big Blue Poker Chip



Rob Kilpatrick had the chance to pick the Blue Poker Chip, but picked green and saved the chance for another next week. The pot will continue to grow with 2 chips and \$500 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Poker Chip.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining both our speaker **Faith Maldonado** and **Dan Dever** for still having their Christmas decorations up! David asked **Keith Metzler** if he was coming to David's Super Bowl Party, and he said no and would rather be fined, so he was for \$40! **Stefanie Montoya** left with \$20 less for not planning to attend either. Finally, **Chris Ackerman** was penalized for being inducted into the Hot Shoe Hall of Fame in Las Vegas last weekend, as a result of his 15 years as a professional sports announcer in the motorcycle racing industry. His fine was \$15.

**Please Note:
There will be No Newsletter
the week of February 13th**

Proposed Member

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

Angel Espino

Edward Jones

Financial Advisor

Classification: Financial Advisor

Sponsors: Mike Page & Stew Anderson

Raffle



Jon & Linda Hove were the big winners this week taking home a soap dispenser from **Mike Johnson** and two sets of Cinnabon Latte Mix & chocolates from **Bill Edwards!** Arsalee also took home some Cinnabon mix from Bill and Mike donated a mini waffle maker that will be used by **Ben Tafoya**. Ben also received a sleeve of golf balls from **Jim Murray**. **Bill Scott** will use a Bob's Tire tumbler and **Darron Poulson** will enjoy the Rotary Frisbee he caught from **Russ Stringham**. Guest **Angel Espino** donated a Edward Jones mug and tote bag that was won by **Rob Kilpatrick**, and **Steve Murray** will enjoy his bottle of Merlot from **David North**.

February Birthdays

Colleen Calderon

February 17

Caroll Yule

February 19

February Anniversaries

Don Lager

24 Years

Captain John Wickum

3 Years

Rotary Guests

This week, we once again welcomes **Angel Espino** from Edward Jones, who attended as a guest of **Mike Page**. Our only Stand-In this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$8.00

Polio Pig: \$3 + Dice (Rob Kilpatrick) \$5 = \$8.00

Collected to Date: \$20,246.33

Total equals: 101,471 Doses!

**One dollar equals 2 Doses of Vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!**



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2023-2024	Steve Murray
President 2024-2025	Bryan Gillespie
President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President/Special Projects.....	Arsalee Morales
Treasurer/Scholarships	David North
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Club Service/Membership	Bryan Gillespie
Community Service/Speech Contests	Mike Johnson
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC/Ethics Essay.....	Ron Boyd
Vocational Service	Bill Edwards

Members-at-Large: Rob Kilpatrick & Bob Basen

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Pam Murray
Billing Officer	Esther Mears
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Bill Edwards
Flowers and Gifts	Linda Hove
Foundation & Grants	Margaret Cooker
Fundraising.....	Arsalee Morales
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Membership.....	Bryan Gillespie
Programs	Mike Page
Publicity/Public Relations	Rob Kilpatrick
Public Safety.....	Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley, and John Wickum
Sergeant At Arms.....	Steve Murray
Scholarships.....	David North
S.T.A.R. Students	Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

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, Thursday various meeting locations and times. 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 11: Super Bowl Party**
Home of David and Carrie North
13484 Capella Rd, AV 92308
Fellowship 2:00pm
Counts as a Fireside
- Feb 12: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
Location: Robar Enterprises
17671 Bear Valley Road, Hesperia, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Feb 6:** Kevork Kazanijian, Victor Valley College
Professor **TOPIC: Without the Rule of
Law, What's Left?** (Acosta)
HSD S.T.A.R. students
- Feb 13:** Scott Webb, City Planner, City of
Victorville **TOPIC: Victorville Wellness
and Recuperative Care Facility**
(Metzler)
- Feb 20:** **San Bernardino County Sheriff**
Shannon Dicus (Page)
- Feb 27:** **Dan Stover Music Contest** (Edwards)
- Mar 5:** **Junior High 4-Way Speech Contest**
(Johnson)
- Mar 12:** **OPEN**

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