



The Joshua Tree



February 6, 2018

Who Will Benefit from the New Tax Laws?

With so many new tax laws for 2018, it took three Rotarians to help us to understand how they will affect us, not only as business owners, but also as employees and individuals.

Moderated by **Dan Dever** from H&R Block, our panelists consisted of **John Hulterstrom**, CPA and **Donna Wells**, CPA, to share their knowledge with some of the new laws and fielded questions from the packed room. The new tax law, called the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" is the largest federal tax law change in over 30 years.

For employees, work deductions will not be allowed anymore so please make sure you are reimbursed through your employer for any work expenses you have paid for on your own.

For small business owners, you can deduct up to 20 percent of your qualified business income from a partnership, S corporation or sole proprietorship.



In the individual area, the standard deduction will be essentially doubled, from \$6,350 for individuals to \$12,000, and from \$12,700 for married couples filing jointly to \$24,000. You won't see this change until you file your taxes in April 2019.

On the other side, alimony will not be able to be used as a deductible or as a source of income in 2018, and itemized deductions for home equity interest will no longer be allowed.

When it came time for audience questions, Mike Page asked what everyone was thinking,



no matter what side of the political spectrum you are on, are these new tax laws a good or bad thing? The overall response from our panelists was both good and bad. In a final word moderator **Dan Dever** shared that for businesses the tax law is good, and for "Middle America", those making \$100,000 or less should get a nice return on their 2018 tax returns. Those who make more will lose, but with a good tax professional, shouldn't notice much of a change.

This Week's Functionaries

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| Invocation: | Mike Johnson |
| Flag Salute: | Jon Schuler |
| 4-Way Test: | Maureen Mills |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |
| Finemaster: | David North |

Dwight's Writes



A new Tax Season is upon us and it was very informative to find out from **Dan Dever, John Hulterstrom** and **Donna Wells** on what may happen in terms of not only business, but individual taxes over the coming year.

I want to thank everyone who came out to the Super Bowl Party last Sunday at the home of **Brad and Teresa Letner**. We had members from four local Clubs and our District Governor **Raghada Khoury** in attendance.

Speaking of Brad, he shared a letter from the parent of one of our ReadB4K students, and thanked the volunteers for the success her child has had by making the Kindergarten Honor Roll in her school during the first quarter because of her advanced reading capabilities.



As a reminder **Dr. Roger Wagner** will host our Valentine's Dinner on Tuesday, February 13th beginning at 5:30pm at El Pescador. Speaking with Dr. Wagner, he has promised 3 surprise prizes for a few lucky individuals next Tuesday evening!

Finally, my thought of the week is "Be happy with what you have. Be excited about what you want."

- Alan Cohen

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Guests

This week we had a room full of Rotarians, but just a few guests to hear from our panelists. **Don Lager**

brought one of his staff members **Bernadette Mickevich, David North** invited **Joseph Schaffer** from Wells



Fargo Mortgage and **Marie Langley** brought the Cath Lab Director **Christine Bethell** to the meeting.

Membership Moment



Jon Hove gave a Membership Update and had some good news to share. We are doing well at this point in our Rotary year with 22 invited guests and 13 applications filled out. Our Club have welcomed 6 new members, and although we set an initial goal of 30, Jon has revised the goal to 10 or more new members by June 30, 2018.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$24.64

Polio Pig: \$19.64 + Dice (Jon Hove): \$5.00 = \$24.64

Collected to Date: \$15,015.25

Total equals: 91,077 Doses!

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!
\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Lucky Blue Dice



Jon Hove was the next Rotarian up for a chance at some big money, but took another white dice out of the bag! We continue next week with 12 dice and \$250 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!

Fine Session



This week **David North** was our Finemaster and started the fine session by asking **Mike Page** why he was absent from the MWA Board Meeting vote, as reported in the Daily Press. Due to the fact that there are 7 Board members, Mike was fined \$7.

Next, David asked who played in a Super Bowl Pool this past weekend and won. All lucky winners were given a \$5 penalty as a donation to the Club from their winnings.

Then it was time for Olympic trivia time! Any wrong answers would be given a \$10 fine. Those not fined were **Chris Ackerman**, who knew where the Olympics would be held, **Mike Johnson** who knew the most "nonathletic event" was Curling, **Russ Stringham**, who correctly guessed the games will be on NBC, and **Dwight Johnson** was aware that the Korean Mascot names meant "White Tiger and Black Bear".

Those who did get \$10 fines for wrong answers were **Dr. Ron Boyd**, **Steve Murray** and **Kevin Kane**. Kevin's fine was doubled to \$20 because of his phone going off during the meeting.

Raffle Prizes

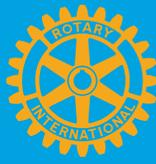
This week **Bill Edwards** was a double winner, taking home a Mug full of dark chocolate from **Marie Langley** at DVMG, and a Bob's Tire gift pack from **Steve Murray** that contained a hat, calendar and koozie. Another double prize winner was **Chris Ackerman** who took home a copy of the book "15:17 to Paris" from **Kevin Kane** and a Hi-Grade Material koozie and pen from **Jon Hove**. Not to be outdone, **Don Lager** received a Lawry's gift card from the Las Vegas South Club and a mug full of Snickers from **Marie Langley**.

Rob Kilpatrick won an Alaska USA cup and clip from **David North**, and both **Gary Adams** and **Donna Wells** took home the DCB gift pack of cup, date book and journal from **Mike Johnson**.

Spoon of Exemption

Marie Langley began her month with the Spoon and invited her guest Cath Lab Director **Christine Bethell** to speak to the Club about the upcoming 2018 Heart Chase at the Victor Valley Mall on Saturday, February 24th. The event is free and will run from Noon - 3pm and teams of 3-5 people will compete in puzzles, trivia and physical activities to promote heart health and awareness. There will also be complimentary glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure screens to the public and much more. The top three teams will win prizes for each member, and the top participating school will win a \$5,000 CPR in School Training Kit! Please call 951-384-7740 for more information.





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Four Way Speech Contest	Ryan McEachron
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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 13: Rotary Valentine's Dinner
6:00pm • El Pescador Restaurant
(Fellowship at 5.30)

Feb 24: Foundation Gala
Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA
Black tie optional - club will reimburse you
the \$119 cost. Register on DaCDB

Future Rotary Programs

Feb 13: Gem Munro, Founder and Director of Amarok Society **Topic: "Teach a Mother, Change the World"** (Cooker)
S.T.A.R. Students from Endeavour and Lomitas Club Assembly 2018-19 BOD; President 2020-2021

Feb 20: High School 4-Way Speech Competition

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. February 26 to President Dwight Johnson.

Valene Vetack

Director of Member & Provider Services

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