

The Joshua Tree

February 7, 2023

TAXES AND CONSEQUENCES

Everything you do has tax consequences. If you buy a car, get a new job, get married, have children, open a business, there will always be taxes to pay and sometimes credits. **Faith Maldonado** from H&R Block shared some of the new tax changes for 2023 and moving forward.

Faith first shared information on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 which provides credits for clean air vehicles. There are \$3,750 credits for vehicles that meet the critical mineral requirement components and those that meet battery component requirements. There are also tax credits available if you choose to have a battery charging station built at your house for your clean air vehicle.

The Previously Owned Clean Vehicle Credit will provide a \$4,000 credit for clean air vehicles sold for \$25,000 or less. In addition, the model year must be no more than two years old at the time of sale. The credit applies to qualified vehicles purchased anytime in the 2023 calendar year.

Included is the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit which will give a credit for 2022 of up to \$500 to individuals



for non-business energy property. For 2023, the annual credit limit will be increased to \$1,200 per taxpayer and \$600 per item of qualified energy property.

For those thinking of installing solar in 2023, it will provide a 30% tax credit (over 26%) through 2032. After that, the credits will decrease by a smaller amount each year. Also in 2023, taxpayers may claim a credit for qualifying battery storage technology with a capacity of at least three kilowatt hours.

For businesses that buy clean air vehicles, there is a 15% credit available for cars that run on both electricity and gas. In addition, there is a 30% credit for a strictly electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicle. For contractors and manufacturers, there are deductions for electric lighting, HVAC systems and more. In addition, for newly constructed homes, the New Energy Efficient Home Credit has been extended.

Additional tax law changes include educator expenses increased to \$300, the Secure 2.0 Act, and Federal Student Loan Relief, which is currently in litigation. The Secure Act 2.0 addresses employer retirement accounts, credits, and catch-up contributions. In addition, there are more exceptions to the 10% penalty for early retirements, plus credits for public safety officers and employees.

If you deal Cryptocurrency and NFT's, the Government will get their fair share and you will be taxed on those type of currency this year. In addition, if you get paid for your business through PayPal, Zelle and others, there will be a tax levied there too.

There was more information shared, more than there is room for in this article. To find out more, please contact **Faith Maldonado** at H&R Block at (760) 241-9168.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Mike Johnson
Flag Salute:	Bill Edwards
4-Way Test:	Dan Dever
Fine Master:	David North



ARSALEE'S AVENUE

Thank you to Faith Maldonado from H&R Block for taking time out of her busy schedule to

share all of the new tax information for this year. It was very informative and will prove very helpful when we do our taxes this year and for the foreseeable future.



Twenty four couples have signed up to join us on Thursday, February 9th as we hold our annual Valentine's Dinner, once again at Chateau Chang's in Victorville. Fellowship begins at 6:00pm and dinner will be at 7:00pm. The cost for this event is \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. Hope to see you there!

This weekend will be our annual Super Bowl Sunday at the home of Steve & Pam Murray. The party starts at 2:30pm and is located at 15306 Pirinda Court in Apple Valley. This is a great opportunity to bring family and visitors to enjoy Rotary Fellowship. Steve has promised plenty of wings and places to sit to watch the Big Game. He also encouraged everyone to bring lots of 1's and 5's as Ben Tafoya will be hosting betting opportunities throughout the game. You can RSVP by calling 760-946-1346 or 760-954-2893.

Finally. "It is often the small steps, not the great leaps, that brings about the most lasting change".

Arsalee

A Flag for Arsalee



Over this past weekend, **Steve Murray** attended the P.E.T.S. (President Elect Training Seminar) to prepare for his upcoming Rotary year. As part of his duties, Steve presented President Arsalee Morales with her official Rotary Flag for her 2022 - 2023 Presidency.

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Big Blue Dice



Ben Tafoya had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the chance for another Rotarian.

The pot continues to grow next week with 11 Dice and \$275 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.

Raffle

Bill Edwards brought a bevy of prizes this week including an oven mitt/sugar cookie mix that will be



enjoyed by **Ben Tafoya**, a set of wine charms to **Craig Garrick**, a Go Lunchtime Kit to **Arsalee Morales**, a set of hot sauce to be used by **Mike Johnson**, a set of Star Wars shot glasses for **Donna Wells**, a "cookie gun" for **Linda Hove**, and a hydrating water bottle, also won by Ben. As well, Ben also will enjoy a mini bottle of Merlot from **David North**, plus Arsalee will read a copy of "Call to Perseverance" that was donated by **Ryan McEachron**.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed **Jeff Bontue** and **Amalia Zavala** who attended as guests of **Mike Johnson**.

Our Stand-ins this week were **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie** and **Linda Hove** for **Jon Hove**.

Fine Session

David North was our Fine Master this week and began by fining both **Donna Wells** and **Dan Dever** for all the money they will make this year as Tax Preparers. Sheriff Captain **John Wickum** was supposed to be penalized \$10 for his 2 year Rotary anniversary, but left the meeting fine free over David's imaginary agreement of "No Tickets, No Fines". Instead, **Keith Metzler** was told to pay it for him!

Ryan McEachron didn't show up for his birthday party at the 5th Tuesday Evening Meeting, so he got a bill of \$50 to pay. Even though **Jon Hove** wasn't at the meeting he was hit with a \$17 fine for his 17th Wedding Anniversary, but it was doubled to \$34 since he sent **Linda Hove** in his place.

Finally, **Steve Murray** was ordered to pay \$60 for wearing shorts in February, giving a \$10 minute speech as to why he was wearing shorts, and bringing the Rotary Flag for the Presidency of **Arsalee Morales** 6 months late!

Spoon of Exception



With the Spoon back home, it was up for auction with **Mike Johnson** taking possession of it for the price of \$50. Mike shared that currently at Desert Community Bank, they are offering \$500 for opening a business account and if you put in \$10,000 for a new CD, they can offer a 13-month, 4% back (apy).

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.00

Collected to Date: \$19,559.52

Total equals: 100,207 Doses!

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

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- President 2022-2023 Arsalee Morales
- President 2023-2024 Steve Murray
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- International Service Ben Tafoya
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- BOD Secretary Pam Murray
- Billing Officer Esther Mears
- Dan Stover Music Contest Dawn Quigg
- Flowers and Gifts Linda Hove
- Foundation & Grants Margaret Cooker
- 4-Way Speech Competitions Mike Johnson
- Fundraising Arsalee Morales
- George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest Ron Boyd
- Joshua Tree Editor Chris Ackerman
- Membership Steve Murray
- Programs Mike Page
- Publicity/Public Relations **Need Volunteer**
- Public Service Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley,
Jeff Armstrong 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:** High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m.,
Mile High Cafe, 8832 Orange St., Hesperia
San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,
Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** Apple Valley, *No Longer Meeting*
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 9: Valentine's Dinner**
Chateau Chang
15425 Anacapa Rd, Victorville
6:00pm -Fellowship 7:00 pm Dinner
\$50/person • \$90/couple
- Feb 12: Super Bowl Party**
2:30pm at Home of Steve & Pam Murray
15306 Pirinda Ct., Apple Valley
- Feb 13: Board of Directors Meeting**
5:00pm -Fellowship
5:30 pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA

Upcoming Programs

- Feb 14:** Keith Metzler, City Manager, City of Victorville **Topic: "Five Years as City Manager"** (Page)
- Feb 21:** **4-Way Speech Contest** (Johnson)
- Feb 28:** Carl Coles, Superintendent, WUHSD **Topic: "TBA"**
STAR Students - Adelanto Elementary School District (Johnson)

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