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Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA 

THE **JOSHUA TREE**

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Lasting Damage to California

This week we were honored to have the 33rd District Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte** as our speaker. Jay spoke to

a packed room of Rotarians and guests, and spoke on quite a few topics going on in Sacramento.

Jay began by sharing a few of the

many Bills he authored or helped author last year, that have now been passed and signed by Governor Brown. One such Bill will allow the Victor Valley Reclamation Water District to become energy neutral by installing solar, when it was unable in the past due to regulations. This Bill will save Victor Valley residents \$400,000 a year!

Another Bill that made it past the Governor's desk was for the motorcycle riders of California. When a motorist gets a ticket, they have the opportunity to attend traffic school, and have the infraction erased from their record. The same opportunity was not offered to motorcycle riders, until Jay Obernolte got involved.

Of course, with the good comes the bad, and people wanted to hear about SB1, the new gas tax that has been passed

by the California Senate. First off, Jay wanted to let everyone in the room know that he voted an emphatic "NO" on this Bill.

Jay Obernolte truly feels that this Bill will have lasting damage to residents of

California. Jay voted no on the Bill for a couple of reasons. First, he felt that he could not tell his constituents that the gas tax increase would 100% go to the Transportation Fund and road improvements, when he knows it actually won't. Over and over again Jay has seen money that has supposed to go to road improvements, go into the General Fund instead.

The other reason Jay voted no is that he believes that it will drive more Californians into poverty. The gas tax will increase by 20¢ a gallon and a whopping 25¢ for Diesel! Sadly, it won't stop there. Vehicle registration will also go up in price. Costs will go from \$25 for an older car, to an incredible \$175 for cars worth \$60,000 or more. Most people in California need to commute to make ends meet, and this will cause big damage over the long run because there is no sunset on the tax and it will continue to go up year after year as inflation rises in the State.

Finally, **Jay Obernolte** wanted to wrap up with a positive message. Even though he can't win every battle, his only mission is to represent all of his constituents in the 33rd District to the State of California, and we in the Club are proud to have Jay fighting for us.



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	David North
Flag Salute:	Brad Letner
4-Way Test:	Stew Anderson
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

A huge meeting with a sold out room this week, as we heard about the latest happenings at the Capital from Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte**, as well as honoring a host of students from the

Victor Valley Christian, Mojave Vista and West Palms.

It's that time of year again to nominate someone for Rotarian of the Year! It can represent an individual's achievements from this past Rotary year, or for their multiple years of service and dedication to the Club. Please contact **Margaret Cooker** for specific guidelines and more information. Nominations are due by April 28th.



Mike Page reminded all Past Presidents that we will be having a dinner on April 20 and the next Past Presidents meeting will be on Monday, April 24, beginning at 5:30pm at El Pescador.

Assistant to the District Governor **Steve Murray** let the Club know that the deadline to book a hotel at the special rate for the District Conference is Monday, April 17 and if you want to put an ad in the event program, the due date is April 15.

RYLA is only two weeks away, and we need you to have your Rotary Moment by being a facilitator! Shockingly, we are still 14 people short! Please give your time to our youth and be part of this incredible event!

First Lady **Trish Johnson** made another batch of cookies for birthday boy **Tony Cooker**! Enjoy the treats young man!

Reminder, our friends at the Rotary Club of South Pasadena will be holding their "Taste of South Pasadena" event on Wednesday, April 19th from 6-9pm. Visit www.southpasadenarotary.org for more information.

Finally, my thought of the week is "*It's easier to adjust our kite than fight the wind.*" - Gail Lynne Goodwin



Lucky Blue Dice



Alicia Anderson had a 25% chance for big money, but drew another white dice, so next week someone has a 1 in 3 chance of winning the big money!

Next week, we continue with 3 dice and \$475 for another lucky Rotarian to win the big money!!

Raffle Prizes

The raffle began with a hat from Bob's Tire, that went to **Steve Orr**, and a \$25 Midway gift card that was won by **Corey Beck**. **Robin Cackler**, will be possibly going out onto the course with her new Alaska USA golf towel from **David North** and **Jim Mettler** will enjoy the water bottle he won from **Kevin Kane** at VVTA.

Brad Poiriez took home an Coffee Air Pot from **Dwight Johnson** and **Chris Ackerman** will enjoy coffee in his own home with the VCA mug he received from **Dr. Ron Boyd**. The final prize of the day was a 4-pack of Dodgers Baseball tickets, that was donated by **Jim Mettler**. The lucky winner was guest **Dr. Dee DeBruhl**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$19.10

Polio Pig: \$14.10 + \$5 Alicia Anderson = \$19.10

Collected to Date: \$14,091.55

Total equals: 89,229 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption



Pastor Paul Earle was back from his mission trip overseas, and returned to Rotary to share a special message before Easter Sunday. Paul encouraged us to be motivated by the Lord in all of our actions, and do things in His Name, not for our own agenda. There is a lot of intimidation in the world, and we need to be motivated in the strength of Christ.

Sunday Easter services this year will consist of a sunrise service at 6:30am and indoor services at 9:00am and 11:00am.

S.T.A.R. Students

At our latest Rotary meeting we honored S.T.A.R. students from Victor Valley Christian, Mojave Vista and West Palms Conservatory. As always, the students received certificates,



but as a rare treat, Assemblyman Jay Obernolte gave his own certificate out! Students also received certificates from Victorville Mayor Gloria Garcia, Susan Drake from Supervisor

Robert Lovingood's office, Wasey Noori from Representative Paul Cook's office and Amanda Meere, who assisted Senator Wilk's office.



Kylie Crowe was the lone student honored by Victor Valley Christian Principal Deb Clarkson and VESD's Jackie Jauregui honored Jacob Gutierrez, Jerzy Molina, Rickey Petty and Johnny Toombes from Mojave Vista. West Palms Conservatory, honored students Aiden Navarro, Esther Rios and Davia Serrano.

Rotary Guests

This week Corey Beck brought his wife Cheryl Beck and their friend Michell Kazzbon from Kazz Music, and Jon Hove not only had his son Harrison Hove in attendance but also had Brian Patterson from Robar Enterprises and Toni Manness from Endura Steel at his table.

Although usually a stand-in, Robin Cackler was a guest this week of Pastor Paul Earle and Kevin Kane invited two guests, Bill Thomas and Garner Morris. Other guests who attended were Bob Wyatt, who was a guest of Mike Page, and Shane Shubert & David Evans, who came with Rob Kilpatrick. Our President Dwight Johnson brought Susan Harrison from the Apple Valley Airport and Dr. Dee DeBrule from Imagine Kids Imagine Museum and former member of the Club.

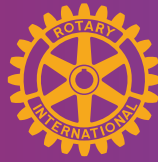
Finally, Al Castellucci had two guests at his table including Mike Soloro from G.E. Aviation and Amy Pack from the Daily Press.

Fine Session

Fine Master Terry Caldwell came out first in defense of Pastor Paul Earle. While Pastor Paul had the Spoon, President Dwight Johnson sent Kevin Kane over to bring Terry up to the front. Terry asked Pastor Paul to name their punishment for the interruption. He chose \$25 each!

One message that Terry wanted everyone to know, that he is Terry Caldwell, NOT Jim Cox! This week, Margaret Cooker got hit with a \$10 fine for saying "Hi Jim" to Terry at the start of the meeting. Next, Gary Adams was fined \$37 for having perfect Rotary attendance for an incredible 37 years!

Finally, Don Lager, is having a Big Tent Sale and Terry asked Don what he felt his fine should be for putting a big tent up in his parking lot. Don gave himself a whopping \$100 fine!



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BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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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

- April 22: District Assembly**
8:30am - Check In
Sitting Bull Academy
19445 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley
- May 6: Super Build**
1-day Home Building in Tecate, Mexico
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- May 19: District Conference
thru 21**
Hilton Hotel, Palm Springs
Register at www.DaCDB.com
- June 10: International Conference
thru 14**
Atlanta, GA

Future Rotary Programs

- April 18:** David Wilkerson, Victor Valley College
Professor of History, TOPIC: "California in
the Civil War" (Page)
- April 25:** Linda Bertuzzi, Rotary Club of Downtown
Las Vegas, TOPIC: Polio Update from
India (Johnson)
- May 2: RYLA students talk about their
experience**

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