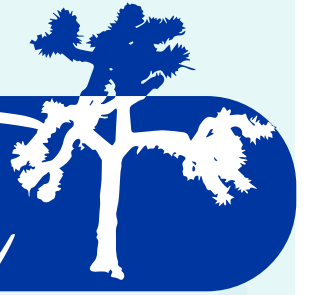




The Joshua Tree



May 19, 2020

A MESS WITH GOOD INTENTIONS

Beginning this week, the Club began utilizing its own members for our speakers while we are still separated but together via Zoom for our weekly meetings. This week we featured **David**

North from the Bank of George, who spoke to the attended Rotarians about the Paycheck Protection Program the Federal Government has put into place in wake of COVID-19.

This has been dubbed "a mess with good intentions" for

good reasons. Starting on March 13, the country started to see real change when President Trump announced a State of Emergency in regards to the Coronavirus. On the 17th, the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic, Security) Act was Implemented as a \$2 Trillion stimulus package for keep the economy going. Out of this money, \$349 Million was earmarked for the PPP (Payroll Protection Program) for small businesses and \$17 Billion for Payment Relief. The latter portion is used to keep the Lending Industry going, with any SBA Loan having the next 6 months of payments paid! These payments are not deferred, just paid with no strings attached. Even though the country seems to be on the downslide in terms of this pandemic, you can still get this relief on a new SBA Loan.

The Payroll Protection Program has brought on more questions than answers, such as how businesses were to actually use the money! The loan is for Employers, to put

money in the pockets of their employees. If the funds are used properly, then the loans are fully forgiven, but if not, then it changes to a 2-year loan at 1% interest. Loans are available up to \$10 Million and is calculated by 2.5 times the

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM



average monthly payroll costs and geared for small and mid-sized companies that have been impacted by COVID-19. To be forgiven, 75% of the funds are to be used solely for keeping staff on the payroll. In addition to paying staff their full pay while at home, this portion can also be used to pay for an employee's benefits such as healthcare, paid sick leave, medical, family leave and insurance premiums. The remaining 25% can be used for covering the costs of mortgage interest payments, rent, utilities and interest on debt obligations prior to February 15, 2020. As well as for profit businesses (W-2), which began on April 3, the loan was also made available to Tribal companies, non-profits, sole proprietorships and independent contractors on April 10. The Loans were made available until June 30 or when funds ran out. The funds ran out in 13 days.

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PAYCHECK PROTECTION

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On April 20 the Federal Government released another funding package, and this one was much larger. This second Bill allocated \$310 Billion for the Payment Protection Program, split between \$250 Billion for all lenders, and \$60 Billion for small lenders only, like the Bank of George. Good news is that this has slowed the whole process down a bit and as of this writing, funds are still available, with \$190 Billion used so far.

The challenge for David and his staff is that the rules are constantly unclear or are changing. When the second Bill started officially on April 27, they still had no idea on the exact parameters on how the loans could be fully forgiven by their clients! The guidance for these loans is almost updated daily and in the first three weeks, David and his staff worked 7 days a week, with only taking Easter Sunday off. In fact, just days ago, David got an email that more significant changes were coming. In these first two rounds of funds, companies had to use the loaned funds within 8 weeks of disbursement, and now that may be changing, to make it even more challenging to once again let all of their clients know the new information and how it will affect them.

And they have a lot of people to contact! In the first rounds of funds (or 13 days), David and his staff they gave out 170 loans in the total amount of \$43,332,900 which averages out to loans of \$254,899 per business. In the second round (as of May 18) with 151 loans at a total of \$16,112,900 which averages out to \$106,708 per business.

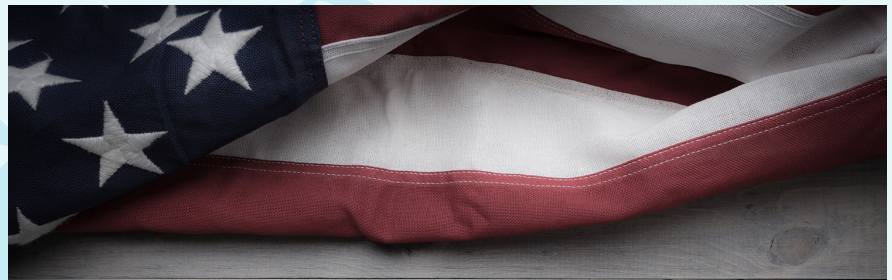
Now you understand why this is has been dubbed the "mess with good Intentions". Set up to help businesses and employees survive and provide during this pandemic, the uncertainty and constant rule changes, make this very challenging to lenders and business owners, as not to get stuck with having to pay it back or be accused or fraud.

2019 ART FOR PEACE COMPETITION WINNERS

Theme: Pieces to Peace



1st Place and Peoples' Choice
We Are, We Do, We Become
Haide Callejas
West Prep Academy, Las Vegas, NV



Memorial Day
REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED



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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 San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 1st, 2nd and 4th Thurs 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

June

End of Year Celebration

Home of Don and Pam Lager

Canceled

New Date and Location **TBA**



Upcoming Rotary Programs

- May 26:** Bill Edwards, Victor Valley Rescue Mission
Topic: Pandemic and the New Face of Food Insecurity (Page)
- June 2:** **OPEN** (Please Contact Mike Page)
- June 9:** **OPEN** (Please Contact Mike Page)
- June 16:** **OPEN** (Please Contact Mike Page)
- June 23:** **OPEN** (Please Contact Mike Page)
- June 30:** **OPEN** (Please Contact Mike Page)

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