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THE **JOSHUA TREE**

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The Repeal and Replacement of Obamacare

Recently the House passed a bill in an attempt to repeal and replace some aspects of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), and **Dr. Dennis Haghghat**, CEO of Victor Valley Global Medical Center was on hand to share some of the aspects of the proposed changes and how they may affect us not only personally, but in business as well.

One of the biggest changes would be the Individual Mandate. Under Obamacare, The Affordable Care Act requires everyone to obtain health insurance or face tax penalties. This was meant to keep insurance affordable for those who are older or sick.

The new version would eliminate the individual mandate, which means that people would not have to pay a penalty if they went without insurance. One possible effect, though, is that healthy people might be less likely to buy insurance, driving up prices for those

who need it most, like the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. To assist in this, the plan proposes a "continuous coverage incentive," which would charge people in the individual market a 30 percent penalty for lapses in health insurance coverage.

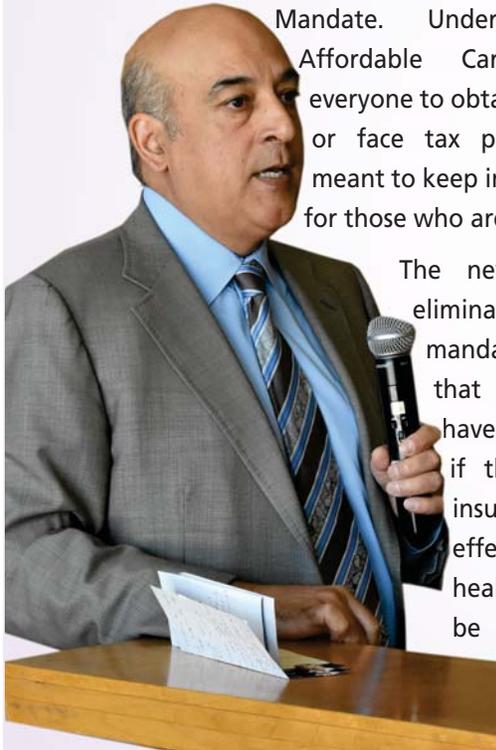
Another repeal would be subsidies for out-of-pocket expenses. With Obamacare, The federal government provides tax credits to help some people pay deductibles and make co-payments. In the new Bill, this cost sharing subsidy would end in 2020.

In the area of changes, one of the largest is overall health benefits. Since 2010, all insurers must offer 10 essential health benefits, including maternity care and preventive services, but that would change if the new version becomes law. In the new version, each state would define its own set of essential health benefits beginning in 2018, rather than making it a federal requirement.

Another change would be premium subsidies. Today, the federal government provides tax credits to middle-income Americans on a sliding scale according to income, to help offset the cost of premiums. The new version would change the way subsidies are distributed by using age, instead of income, as a way to calculate how much people receive. Tax credits would be available in full to individuals earning less than \$75,000 and households earning less than \$150,000, but they would be capped for higher earners. The subsidy would be \$2,000 for a person under 30, and double that for people over 60. The bill would also expand the health plans that qualify for subsidies. It would also allow people to deduct more health care expenses from their income taxes.

Of course all this is contingent on what happens when the Bill goes through the Senate next week. It could pass or go back and forth with changes for quite some time.

Sources: Dr. Dennis Haghghat and nytimes.com



This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Marie Langley
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Bill Edwards
Song:	Al Castellucci
Finemaster:	Terry Caldwell

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Dwight's Writes

After a wonderful week away in Atlanta at the International Conference with over 42,000 Rotarians from all over the world, it was wonderful to come home to a full room and an information-packed talk from **Dr. Dennis Haghighat** about the possible future of the Affordable Care Act and how it may change.

Speaking of the Conference, I took 20 Club banners to Atlanta and returned with the same amount of banners from Clubs all over the world, from as close as Menlo Park, CA to as far away as Mumbai, India! **Margaret Cooker** brought her own set of banners and will return with another set next week!



It is standard practice to bring back a gift for the Incoming President of our Club, but since I will be your President for another year, I gave myself a gift of a new Rotary tie! I wanted to keep the tradition alive though, and since our President Elect-Elect **Brad Letner** has already booked his lodgings for next year's International Conference in Toronto, I brought him a banner for his big Conference!

I am pleased to announce our Rotarian of the Month for May is none other than **Major Van Young** of the Salvation Army! Van does a wonderful job of doing our Invocation most week's luncheons, is an engaging board member and the Salvation Army is a great Rotary Foundation Partner! Congratulations Van on a well deserved honor.

Finally, my thought of the week is "Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight." - Benjamin Franklin

Lucky Blue Dice



Gary Adams does it again! Mr. Lucky reached into the bag with 8 dice left and pulled out the blue dice and went away with a whopping \$350! Congratulations!

We start over again next week with 14 dice and \$200 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. July 10 to President Dwight Johnson.

Dennis Haghighat

CEO

Victor Valley Global Medical Center

Classification: Administration: Medical

Sponsor: Mike Page

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$21.66

Collected to Date: \$14,295.21

Total equals: 89,637 Doses!

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



Spoon of Exemption

Bill Edwards returned with week with the Spoon and took his moment to talk about their upcoming school backpack outreach. Next month, the Victor Valley Rescue Mission will give away 1,000 backpacks full of supplies that will go to kids ranging from kindergarten through 6th grade.



Over 400 of those backpacks will be going to kids from the Adelanto School District alone, and with the cost of each filled backpack costing around \$12, they are looking for financial donors to partner with them, and volunteers to help stuff the backpacks. If you are interested in helping please contact Bill.

Raffle Prizes

This week the \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager** went home with President **Dwight Johnson**, the Alaska FCU Bag from **David North** went to **Victor Rocha** and a Beck Oil hat from **Corey Beck** will be worn by **Todd Sturges**.

Bill Edwards brought three large goodie bags from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission and the lucky winners were **Todd Sturges**, **Dr. Roger Wagner** and **Corey Beck**. Bill also gave a large candle holder that was won by **Mark Taylor**.

To file under "if you give, you receive", **Bill Edwards** won the best raffle gift of all, a 100 Year Anniversary Rotary Foundation tie! To go along with his tie, Dwight has promised every time Bill wears it to a meeting, he will be automatically fine free for that meeting!



Rotary Guests

This week, **Pastor Paul Earle**, brought two guests, **Robin Cackler** and **Franklin Rochelle**, and **Al Castellucci** had two guests as well, inviting **Joe Andreasen** and once again, **Reo Long** from Brandman University.

Jaime L. Allen came with **Todd Sturges** and finally **Marie Langley** brought **Dr. Tom Mogensen** from Desert Valley Hospital to hear our speaker.

Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was back as our Finemaster and began by fining **Bill Scott** for arriving late. When hearing Bill's excuse, Terry asked how much it was worth to him to not tell his wife...Bill offered \$5.

Dr. Roger Wagner had a very successful year at VVC it seems. Out of 480 graduates this year, 40% are going to a 4-year school and last week 165 of those students received scholarships! Dr. Wagner was fined \$25 for his great leadership.

Our President **Dwight Johnson** was asked who was the oldest Past President was that was still active in the Club. After a guess or two, he finally answered correctly that it is **John Kroencke**, which earned Dwight a \$25 fine. **Gary Adams** is the 2nd oldest, so Gary was fined \$15!

As mentioned above, **Al Castellucci** brought two guests to Rotary, and to make room for his guests, he up and moved **Marie Langley's** purse on his own to another table! That act cost Al a \$20 fine, and also earned Marie a \$10 penalty for rapping him out to Terry!

It appears **Don Lager** is making a ton of money at Midway, due to the large full color page ad Terry saw in the Daily Press this week, so Don left with \$10 less in his pocket!

Finally, **Jon Hove** was also late to the luncheon, but was only fined \$10 because of the hard work he and **Linda Hove** are putting into the Demotion Party this weekend.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2016-2018	Dwight Johnson
Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation/Administration ...	Margaret Cooker
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2018-2020	Brad Letner
Community Service	Victor Rocha
Youth Service/Scholarships	Van Young
Vocational Service	Club Directors

Members-at-Large:

Steve Orr • Mark Taylor • Dan Dever • Rob Kilpatrick • Jon Hove

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
Billing Officer	TBD
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Marie Langley
R.Y.L.A./TLC/Public Safety Awards	Teressa Coomes
Flowers and Gifts	Trish Johnson
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

- June 27: Program Committee Meeting**
1:00pm - 2:30pm • Following Regular Meeting
Please bring ideas for speakers
- July 20: Fireside**
5:00pm - 7:00pm • Home of Kevin & Pam Kane
13135 Meteor Drive Spring Valley Lake
- July 22: District Governor Appreciation Party**
4:30 - 6:30pm • Celebrity Car Showroom
7770 Dean Martin Dr., #301, Las Vegas, NV
Dress: Casual • \$20 advance, \$25 Day of Event
Dwight & Trish are going, contact them if you'd like to carpool.
- Sept. 30: Wine Jazz and More**
Chair Rosanne Weathers is looking for committee members and promises a real Jazz band this year thanks to Marie Langley!

Future Rotary Programs

- June 27:** Dwight Johnson, Rotary Club of Victorville President **TOPIC: "A Year in Review" & Treasurer Donna Wells "2016-2017 Fiscal Report"** (Johnson)
- July 4: DARK**
- July 11:** Dwight Johnson, Rotary Club of Victorville President **TOPIC: "Avenues of Service 2017 - 2018"** (Johnson)

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