

Rotary



The Joshua Tree



June 23, 2020

A VISIT FROM JAY OBERNOLTE



Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, who serves as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, gave an update on the budget the State of California will be approving. First and foremost, he was happy the legislature rejected the Governor’s proposal to close the Barstow veterans’ home. The Budget Committee also adopted budget language Assemblyman Obernolte wrote that guarantees that not a single veteran in this home may ever be involuntarily displaced, and to ensure that in the future the usage of this home may be changed only after extensive input from stakeholders.

Unfortunately, the budget the Legislature will adopt closes a \$54 billion deficit using a combination of budget deferrals, billions in borrowing, a \$4.4 billion tax increase on businesses, and depletion of most of our reserves. These budget gimmicks merely defer difficult decisions about reducing state spending and will only create larger budget deficits in the future.

This Week’s Functionaries

- Invocation: Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute: Jim Cox
- 4-Way Test: Mike Page
- Finemaster: Jim Barnes

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COOKER'S CORNER



Thanks to everyone who came out to hear Assemblyman Jay Obernolte give us an update on the latest activity in Sacramento and our great Dan Stover music contestants

. Congratulations to Julieta Martinez, and we look forward to you representing our Club at the Regional Competition.



As you have been hearing, we have Movie Night at the Hove's coming up on July 25th. In addition to film, fun and fellowship it will also be a fundraiser, taking the place of our annual Fall fundraising event (formally Wine, Jazz and More). We are looking for large raffle prizes for the event to raise much needed funds for the Club. One of these prizes will be a "Wagon of Booze" provided by President Steve Orr. Please bring something to donate to the Wagon! Also, please take this opportunity to invite friends and potential members, so they can see first hand why this Club is so special.

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Dan Stover Music Contest

It was music to everyone's ears this week as the Club once again held its annual



Dan Stover music competition, with three recent graduates playing beautiful pieces of music for prize money and the chance to represent our Club at the Regional Competition.

Second Runner-up

Julia Saenz from Adelanto High School played a piece called "Fantasy" on the clarinet. She will next be attending El Paso Community College before attending University. She has been playing the clarinet for the past 4 years.



Accompanying Julia was **Rolando Lopez**, who then played by himself as the next contestant and walked away as first runner up. Rolando is self taught and also a recent graduate of Adelanto High School. Both Julia and Rolando went home with \$50.



The winner of our Club competition and taking home \$200 was **Julieta Martinez**, a recent graduate of University Prep. Julieta plays the violin and performed "Czardas" by composer Vittorio Monti, a well known folk song written in 1904. Self taught, she will be attending UCLA in the Fall, majoring in Music Education.

Next Julieta will represent the Club at the Regional Competition which will be held from 9am - 12 noon on June 30th at the Romana Convent located at 1701 West Romana Road in Alhambra.

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Big Blue Dice



Ryan McEachron received the chance for the Big Money but drew white and donated his \$5 back to the Polio Pig!

We will continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

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Special thanks go to timekeepers **Bill Edwards** and **Marilyn Buttlewerth** plus Judges **Captain Rick Bessinger**, **Rob Kurth** and piano instructor **Debbie Erftenbeck**.

All three contestants did a fantastic job and everyone in attendance was enthralled with their performances.

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. June 29th to President Steve Orr.

Jessica Perez

Position: Tax Preparer/Process Servicer/Notary

Company: MRGroup

Classification: Service: Tax Preparation

**Sponsors: Bryan Gillespie
(and Stefanie Montoya)**

Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master but due to time restraints, only fined **Jim Cox** and **David North** each \$10, just for general purposes. During the raffle, Jim also fined himself \$10 for wasting time and not looking at his ticket numbers when he was actually winner.

Raffle

Chris Ackerman gave away a Victor Valley Transit travel bag that went home with our Dan Stover Music winner **Julieta Martinez** and a couple of VVTA USB buses will be used by **Jim Barnes** and **Corey Beck**. **Don Lager** is back and so is the \$25 Midway Home Solutions gift card, that will be used by **Dwight Johnson**.

Rotary Guests

Along with the families of our Dan Stover Music contestants, we welcomed a variety of guests to hear our speaker, Assemblyman Jay Obernolte. Those guests included **Joe Brady** from the Bradco Companies and **Bob Wyatt**, both who were invited by **Mike Page**. Joining **Arsalee Morales** was Apple Valley Communications staff member **Taylor Valdes**. Jonathan Hove had heir apparent **Harrison Hove** and **Brian Patterson** from Hi-Grade Materials at his table, and **Charles Gehrke** from the closing Adelanto Club was in attendance as well.

Accompanying our speaker, was one of his staffer's, **Christopher Scott**, who also wrote this week's cover story.

Our Stand-in this week was **Stefanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$19.00

Polio Pig: \$14.00 + Dice (Ryan McEachron): \$5.00= \$19.00

Collected to Date: \$17,256.48

Total equals: 95,624 Doses!

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



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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 25 Past Presidents' Dinner
Mama Carpino's Restaurant
22010 HWY. 18, Apple Valley, CA
Social: 5:30pm • Dinner: 6:00pm

July 25: Movie Night and Fundraiser at the Hove's
5:30pm. Home of Jon and Linda Hove
Movie: Notting Hill (1999)
Please Bring Side Dish or Dessert and Lawn Chairs or Blankets

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Upcoming Rotary Programs

June 30: Greg Benson/Rick Bessinger **Topic:**
Emergency Response in the Age of COVID 19 (Page)

July 7: Matt Cabe, Editor, Daily Press **Topic:**
A Journalist's Perspective of COVID-19 (Page)

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