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THE JOSHUA TREE

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Patriotism: Work it, Talk It, Build it!

This week we had our annual Patriotic program with our host **Brad Letner**. We began the program with an excerpt from President Regan's farewell address from January 1989. In his address he encouraged the Nation to keep their sense of Patriotism in the forefront of their minds and hearts. If not, it cannot be passed onto the next generation.

What is Patriotism exactly? It is devoted love, support, and defense of one's country; national loyalty and national pride. We are reminded that freedom for the USA over British Monarchs came from a small band of freedom fighters that was made up from farmers, shop owners and community leaders, like the members of the Rotary Club of Victorville.

Sadly, as the years have passed, true patriotism among Americans has waned. Of course, after the events of 9/11, there was a resurgence of Patriotism, but in 2016, it has fallen once again.

How proud are you to be an American? Gallup Pools from 2001, 2003 and 2016 show an interesting result. In 2001 55% of Americans answered as extremely proud. In 2003 after the events of 9/11 the same response shot up to 70% and now in 2016, it is back down to 52%. For young people in the 18 - 29 range, the sense of proud patriotism in '01 was 51%, in '03 was 60%, and in 2016, it is an extremely low 34%. College grads as well are now under the 50% range. It seems that a breakdown shows the lowest percentage of extremely proud Americans is youth, College students and Liberals

So what can we do and what is our responsibility to honor and grow Patriotism in our community, and families. The first step is to learn about it, be knowledgeable and know what you are learning. Next is to talk about it. Ronald Regan encouraged us to talk about patriotism, and we must not be afraid to do that. Finally, we need to care and build it. The Gallup Poll looks as a report card on how we are doing as a Nation. Obviously we need to work harder.



Hugh thanks to **Brad and Teresa Letner** on a fabulous Patriotic Program! With your example, we will continue to work, talk and build our Patriotism!

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Dan Munsey
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Kevin Kane
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

Welcome Rotarians to my column for the next year, Dwight's Writes! As a 4th generation Rotarian I am so honored to be your President to lead our Club of 66 years along, but to continue a family legacy. My Great Grandfather, Grandfather, Dad, and now myself, have all been Rotary Presidents!

I have been a member of this Club for 20 years, I sometimes feel like a newcomer, due to the great history of some of our members who have been integral to shaping our Club for many years. During my tenure, I will be continuing the rich work that has come before, but working on some new ideas as well.

Thank you to all who came out to this week's Patriotic program. Thank you to **Teresa Letner** for her great job decorating our tables!

We will partner with our new District Governor on a new project that will focus on youth internationally and we will focus locally on membership. The Ignite program has been very successful, but I will be asking for everyone to actively participate in bringing in new guests. We will be working hard to attract some new young professionals, as well as all leaders in our community. Not one board can do it alone, so if you have any suggestions and ideas on how to increase membership, please let me know.

A great way to do that is to invite guests, and there is no better time than right now! Next week we are honored to have 33rd District Assemblyman Jay Obernolte come to be our speaker. It will be a great opportunity for potential members to attend and see what we have to offer. Jay Obernolte will be talking about some of the Bills he has authored and others that he supports. If you know of guests in advance, please contact Margaret Cooker, to make sure we have enough seating.

Finally, please make note that our monthly Board meetings will be moving to the second Wednesday of the month. It will still be held in the DCB Board Room on the 2nd floor of the building at Hesperia Road and Silica Road.

Well, that is all for this first column, and I am honored to be aboard to lead you through this next year. I look forward to seeing you all at next week's luncheon.

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$3.00

Collected to Date: \$13,203.18

Total equals: 87,9474 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

This week, we had just a few guests. **Kevin Kane** brought his wife **Pam** and son **Brandon** to the meeting, and our speaker, **Brad Letner** had wife **Teresa Letner** by his side. Our single Stand-In this week was **Violette Roberts** for MDAQD.

Spoon of Exemption



It is new month, so that means a new spoon holder! **Rosanne Weathers** was the highest bidder, and began her month, talking about the upcoming 2016 High Desert Fitness Challenge! The event will be going on throughout September, and is a great opportunity for businesses to build teamwork and

workplace excellence. Some of the events returning from last year are the obstacle course, Texas hold'em tournament, flag football, bowling, billiards and basketball. Some new events this year, will be a full 18 hole golf tournament at Hesperia Golf Course, Crossfit and a 3 Gun Shooting Tournament at the Lucerne Valley Lions Club!

If you'd like to get your company or organization set up, please call 760-241-8000, extension 8568 or visit www.HDFitnessChallenge.com. So... who's up for a Club team?



Fine Session

Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master and chose to have an Independence Style fine session..or should it be a "firecracker" of a fine session? Discuss amongst yourselves...

First off, Al Castellucci, as our Song Master, leads our meetings with such standards as "God Bless America" and the like. For our special Patriotic program, Al chose to lead the singing of "I've Been Working on the Railroad"? That earned Al a \$10 fine.

Next up it was an American History quiz! Mark had a slew of questions and each wrong answer by a Rotarian earned them a \$5 fine. Here are some of the questions (not) answered correctly. Doug Robertson did not know the first 7 words of the Declaration of Independence, Stew Anderson was not aware of the year, our American Flag got its current 50 stars and 13 stripes, and Gary Adams did not know who was the first person to sign the Declaration, and no Kevin Kane, it was NOT Al Castellucci! Other Rotarians who went home with \$5 less in their pocket were Dr. Ron Boyd, Margaret Cooker, Rosanne Weathers, Dan Munsey, Kevin Kane, Steve Orr, Jennifer Starbuck and Brad Letner. The ONLY Rotarian to get their question correct, and remain fine free, was Jim Cox, who knew that the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence was that of John Hancock!

Raffle Prizes

This week it was combo gifts given out to our small gathering, and one person almost took the whole lot!

Dwight Johnson gave a Rotary Seoul Convention Pin, that was combined with a voucher for a pair of Mavericks Baseball tickets (that can be used for any game), from Steve Orr, that was won by Rosanne Weathers. Rosanne herself donated a pair of water infusers, that were combined with two more pairs of Mavericks game tickets. The first combo prize went to Gary Adams, and the second set went to... yep, you guessed it...Gary Adams!



Please continue to keep Rotarian Gene Gibbs in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover in the hospital in Brea, CA.

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH AT ROTARY



We are pleased to announce that 33rd District Assemblyman Jay Obernolte will be our guest speaker at our luncheon!

Please invite guests and potential members to this very special meeting.

Lucky Blue Dice



This week, Stew Anderson continued the quest for the lucky blue dice, but came up short, by picking another white one. Better luck next time Stew!

We continue next week with 13 dice and \$250 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Immediate Past President/International.....	Ben Tafoya
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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Song Master	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
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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 Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Maverick Stadium at 11:30 a.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wed. at Astro's Burgers, 11619 Rancho Rd, Adelanto at 8am. San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Los Domingo's 1520 Main St, Quigley's Outlet Center, Lenwood, noon University Prep, 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

July 13: BOD Meeting
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting
DCB Board Room, Hesperia & Silca

July 16: Going Away Party for Rikke Seji Biedsgaard
6:00 p.m. • Coomes Residence
14330 Las Flores Drive, Victorville
RSVP: 760-217-0169

Future Rotary Programs

July 12: Assemblyman Jay Obernolte

July 19: Ryan McEachron, Immediate past President SANBAG **TOPIC: "My Year as SANBAG President"** (Johnson)

July 26: Sue Moore, Moore Digital Marketing (Page)

Good Luck Rikke!!!

WE WILL MISS YOU!!

Saturday, July 16th, 2016 6:00p.m.

Coomes' Home
14330 Las Flores Dr., Victorville, CA 92392

It is already time for us to say Farewell to Rikke.

Come join us. Food and drink will be provided.

RSVP to 760-217-0169 (Teresa Coomes)



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