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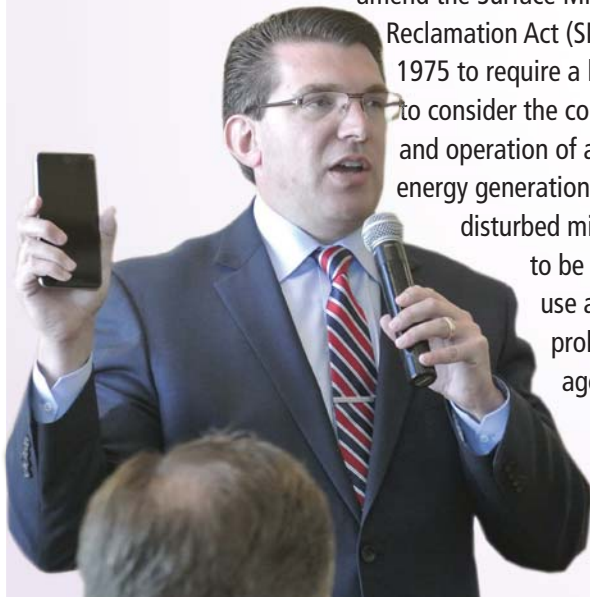
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The Budget, Bills and More!

Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte** was first elected to the 33rd Assembly District in December 2014. In the 2015 legislative session he had 8 bills sent to the Governor's desk and 7 were signed into law. Now in 2016, he is just as busy as ever, as he shared with a full room this week at our Club meeting.

The bill he is most proud of from 2015, AB 809, received high marks for from taxpayer protection organizations and small business advocacy groups. For any proposed local ordinance that imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, AB 809 would require that the ballot statement include the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied. He is also very proud of AB 1034 that would

amend the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) of 1975 to require a lead agency to consider the construction and operation of a renewable energy generation facility on disturbed mined lands to be an interim use and would prohibit a lead agency from



requiring an amendment to an approved reclamation plan if specified criteria are met.

In 2016 Jay Obernolte became the Vice Chair for the State Budget Committee. The road to a final approved budget begins from budgets from different offices, the Administrative Budget from the Governor's desk, the Assembly and from the Senate. From there the Chair and Vice Chair from all three offices meet and hash out the budget for the coming year and in June of this year, passed a budget.

The good news in this year's budget is that there will be an increased investment in education to our high schools and community colleges, and \$2 billion will be put into the Budget Stabilization Account; the Rainy Day Fund. On the other side of the coin, Jay could not stop the increase in State spending, which will be increasing 6% from last year. Sadly, that is 3 times the rate of inflation in California versus the Government revenue spending. If we hit another recession, the state will financially be in dire straights! Right now, by 2019 - 2020, we will have a \$4 Billion deficit at the State level, and if we hit another recession, that will increase to a whopping \$43 billion!

This year Jay Obernolte has 15 bills in the Senate. His PUC Transparency Act seeks to reform the Public Utilities Commission to show more transparency to their customers who are paying a lot for their utilities. He is also working hard to extend net metering to joint power authorities to allow small joint cities to work together to get solar, wind and wastewater treatment plants.

Jay shared one final bill that he will be working hard to pass in 2016. That bill is AB 1776 that clarifies existing law so that the removal and recycling of any spent ammunition at active outdoor shooting ranges does not change the regulatory characterization of any soil that is temporarily moved or processed onsite during recycling operations.

With that, Jay Obernolte continues to work hard for our District and fight the good fight for his constituents up in Sacramento.

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Ron Williams
Flag Salute:	Mark Taylor
4-Way Test:	Steve Orr
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

First off, thank you to everyone who brought family, guests and potential members to this week's meeting. It was great to see a full room. Let's keep it up! Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte** did a

fantastic presentation and gave us a lot of information on just what takes place behind closed doors with the State Budget.

The month of July is starting to fill up with a lot of great activities and times for fellowship, so please make plans to join us. This weekend, July 16 we have the going away for Rikke at the home of **Teressa Coomes**. It will be a great event and a fond farewell as she returns home with memories of her time in America.

The following Saturday, bring your lawn chair and a big appetites as the Hove family has another Movie Night in their backyard! This time they will be screening the original Jurassic Park! Time for arrival is 6pm, and will be a great night of fun and fellowship.

To round out the month, I am calling on Past President's in the Club and Succession Presidents to join us on Monday, July 25 for our Past President's Meeting at El Pescador, where we hold our weekly luncheons. Please make plans to join us there.

Finally this week, our Ignite program once again gifted the Rotarian with the most points for bringing potential members to our meetings and inviting them to join. For the month of June, the winner was **Jon Hove**, who was the sponsor of new member **Jim Mettler** of CalPortland Cement. Jon received a \$25 gift card to John's Incredible Pizza in Victorville! **Van Young** took second and received a \$5 Starbucks gift card. Honorable mentions include, myself, **Don Lager**, **Al Castellucci**, and **Pastor Paul Earle**! Great job everyone!

Please join us next week as we will feature our own **Ryan McEachron** as he will talk about his year as SANBAG President. It will be interesting to hear all of the good and bad of the 15 Project firsthand.



The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$17.20

Polio Pig: \$12.20 + Dice (Teressa Coomes): \$5.00 = \$17.20

Collected to Date: \$13,220.38

Total equals: 87,9508 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

This week, **Caroll Yule** invited **Buck H.** and **Irwin Bloxham** from Shear Realty for a special presentation and **Steve Orr** invited **Catherine Abbott** (from the Apple Valley Club) and **Kirsten Acosta** from the VVC Foundation. **Brad Letner** invited **Mark Austin** from C-Me Promotions and **Jon Hove** brought along his son **Harrison Hove** to the meeting. We also had **Rosie Hinojos** from the Rotary Club of Big Bear, and our speaker **Jay Obernolte** had his staff of **Amanda Meere** and **Ross Sevy** in attendance. Our Stand-Ins this week was **Violette Roberts** for **Brad Poirez** (Eldon Heaston's Interim) and **Yvonne Hester** for **Kirby Brill**.

Spoon of Exemption

This week, **Rosanne Weathers** continued to speak about the 2016 High Desert Fitness Challenge coming in September. Last year, from the generosity of WalMart, the gifted sponsorship was given to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department so they could participate at no charge, and this year they are doing the same to the SB County Fire Department, but are actively looking for another \$2000 sponsor so they can give the same to the Sheriff's Department this year. If you or another company you know would like to be involved with this, please contract Rosanne.

If you'd like to get your company or if you are a small company and would like to partner up with a service organization, please call 760-241-8000, extension 8568 or visit www.HDFitnessChallenge.com.



Fine Session

Mark Taylor was back as our Fine Master but due to time constraints only had time to give out one fine. **Craig Garrick** was given a \$13 fine in honor of his 13 years as a Rotarian.

Raffle Prizes

This week it was more combo gifts given out to our members and guests. Water Infusers from **Rosanne Weathers** at Desert Valley Medical Group and pairs of Mavericks tickets from **Steve Orr** at Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group were won by **Jon Hove** and **Ben Tafoya**. Ben also went home with a Gentiva Hospice gift bag, courtesy of **Mary Hennessy**, as did **Kevin Kane**.

Kevin himself had another bicycle USB thumb drive to give away that will be used by **Jim Murray**, as well as one of the VVTA Bus thumb drives (along with another pair of Mavericks tickets) that was gladly received by **Don Lager**. Finally, **Don Lager** gave away two gift cards to Midway Home Solutions, one that went to **Catherine Abbott** from the Victor Valley College Foundation and to **Gary Adams**.

Thank You Dr. Hough!



Even though she may be gone, **Dr. Hough** continues her generosity to our Club. Associates of **Carroll Yule**, **Buck H.** and **Irwin Bloxham** shared that while **Dr. Hough** has moved to South Carolina they were left to the task of selling her house in Oak Hills. She did leave one item behind and commissioned them to bring to Rotary... a 100lb jar of pennies for the Polio Pig!

Tony Cooker in return has been commissioned by Margaret to count all the pennies!

CONGRATULATIONS!



This week, **Dwight Johnson** presented immediate Past President **Ben Tafoya** with a Presidential Citation from Rotary International for his great work last year as our Rotary President!

Lucky Blue Dice



This week, **Teresa Coomes** got the chance to draw for the blue dice, but took home a white one and \$5 for the effort. She promptly gave

her money away into the Polio Pig!

We continue next week with 11 dice and \$250 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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 16: Going Away Party for Rikke Seji Biedsgaard**
6:00 p.m. • Coomes Residence
14330 Las Flores Drive, Victorville
RSVP: 760-217-0169
- July 23: Movie Night with the Hove's Screening Jurassic Park (original)**
6:00 p.m. • Hove Residence
18970 Appaloosa Road • Apple Valley
760-954-8186
- July 25: Past President's Meeting**
5:30 p.m. • El Pescador

Future Rotary Programs

- July 19:** Ryan McEachron, Immediate past President SANBAG **TOPIC: "My Year as SANBAG President"** (Johnson)
- July 26:** Sue Moore, Moore Digital Marketing **TOPIC: "The Digital World"** (Page)



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