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THE JOSHUA TREE

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My Year as SANBAG President

Rotarian **Ryan McEachron** has had a very busy year. As the President of SANBAG for the 2015-2016 year, he had to deal with a lot of complaints and accusations, but also finished his term to much success.

One of those huge successes in Ryan's legacy was the opening of the Devore Interchange. The commute is now faster for High Desert residents to commute between work and home. During this time, Ryan received a lot of flack for the construction that made the commute a couple hours on some days, but gladly accepted it, even from those who refused to hear the facts that CalTrans was causing the delays, not SANBAG. The good news is that the commute is now back to 30-40 minutes each way, and now the building industry is interested in investing in the High Desert again, due to the open roadway, and not just the improved economy.



One of Ryan's biggest success's is the passing of AB914 that allows the go-ahead



on the I-10 and I-15 Express Lanes project. This bill authorizes to conduct, administer, and operate a value-pricing program, for express lanes on the Interstate Highway Routes 10 and 15 in the County of San Bernardino. At this point in time, the I-10 portion is in the environmental process and the credit worthiness of the project at this stage. New President **Robert Lovingood** will continue the vision set forth by Ryan.

As an organization, SANBAG is a Transportation Agency and a COG (Council of Governments) to work with such entities as the HERO Program which provides affordable home improvements and solar energy expansion for San Bernardino residents. Right now in Legislation is Senate Bill 1305 which will change SANBAG from a Transportation Agency to a Transportation Authority, in thus protecting cities and counties to be affected in lawsuits.

Finally, another area that Ryan McEachron is very proud of is after years of meetings, arguments and threats of lawsuits, on July 15th, Ontario Airport is now back in the hands of San Bernardino County! Over the next couple of years, Ontario Airport will go through some dramatic changes, to make it the leading hub of air travel in the County.

Years ago, **Terry Caldwell** challenged Ryan McEachron to be part of SANBAG over one simple thought. "Ryan wants to build roads...Let's see him do it"! well, it appears that Ryan has done it, and quite successfully!

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Sam Lucia
4-Way Test:	Dwight Johnson
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

I begin this week with a heavy heart. I am saddened to announce the passing of Rotarian Gene Gibbs. Gene was a great member and valued friend. Your thoughts and prayers are so appreciated to the family at this very difficult time. Please stay tuned to this column for more information.

Please bring your lawn chairs and big appetites this weekend as the Hove family hosts 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.



This week Van Young returned so we were finally able to award him his \$5 Starbucks Gift Card for finishing second in the June Ignite program. Congrats Van!

Thank you all who came out

to Rikke's going away party last Saturday. It was a fun event and thanks go out to the Coomes family for opening their home for the party. As Rikke is now back home in Denmark, she left one more gift, and Tuesday Brad Letner presented it to the Club, a Rotary banner from her home Club in Denmark. It was a thank you gesture for the Letner's on being her host family in the U.S.



Finally, my thought of the week comes from Abraham Lincoln, "The best thing about the future, it comes one day at a time".

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$23.10

Polio Pig: \$18.00 + Dice (Cackler): \$5.00 + .10 Hough = \$23.10

Collected to Date: \$13,243.48

Total equals: 87,9554 Doses!

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

Rotary Guests

This week, we only had two guests in attendance, **Jose Luis De Rugama** from New York Life Insurance, who was a guest of **Dwight Johnson**, and **Liam Ackerman**, teenage son of **Chris Ackerman** Our Stand-Ins this week were **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle** and **Leslie Martija** for **Mary Hennessy**.

Spoon of Exemption



This week, **Rosanne Weathers** spoke once again about the 2016 High Desert Fitness Challenge coming in September. Rosanne shared up update from last week that WalMart has now gifted \$500 towards the sponsorship to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department but they are still in need of companies or individuals to make up the remaining \$1500.

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.

In Loving Memory **Gene Gibbs**



Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Rotarian Gene Gibbs. Gene passed on July 15, 2016.

Memorial Service information will be sent out when received.



Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was back as our Fine Master so you know it was going to be interesting! Terry started off by calling out **Doug Robertson**. Doug was not fined for choosing to not sit with any current or former Victorville Council Members in attendance, but accepted a \$10 fine for his colorful socks!



Carroll Yule gave herself a \$25 for coming in late by the side door, and **Donna Wells** was given a \$15 in absentia in honor of her birthday. **Russ Stringham** was punished with a \$20 fine, for making money here in the High Desert, but chooses to spend his time and his money at his second home in Utah! **Jon Hove** was punished \$20 for saying the upcoming roadwork on Bear Valley Road would shut down his business.

Finally, **Kevin Kane** was given a \$20 fine because the VVTA is shutting down bus service to the Mall of Victor Valley, which Terry helped bring to the Victor Valley, but **Robert Lovingood** said he would gladly pay Kevin's fine because of his great work in providing bus service in Barstow and Needles.

Raffle Prizes

This week **Rosanne Weathers** gave away a couple more Water Infusers that will be used for better health by **Doug Robinson** and **Terry Caldwell**. **Jim Murray** won a bottle of wine from Caldwell, Kennedy and Porter, and **Van Young** took away a pair of Polaroid sunglasses from **Kevin Kane**. **Russ Stringham** and **Robin Cackler** were the big double-winners of the day. Both Russ and Robin will use their new coffee mugs from **Van Young**, Russ also went away with a VVTA USB thumb drive and Robin also received a pair of Dixie Chicks tickets from **Dwight Johnson**.

Gary Adams was a winner as well (if you even had to guess), and added a sleeve of golf balls from the Salvation Army to his pile of goodies!

New Member



This week, we were honored to welcome a new member! **Jim Mettler** from CalPortland Cement, was officially installed in as our newest Rotarian. **Mike Page** handled the installation duties and Jim was joined by his sponsor **Jon Hove**.

Jim has been married for 27 years, and has 2 children. Jim started at Cal Portland as a Laborer in 1978 and through education and determination has now been their District Cement Sales Manager since 2006. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Victorville Jim!

Lucky Blue Dice



Robin Cackler received a chance to draw for the big money, but drew white and \$5 for her effort which she gave back into the Polio Pig.

We continue next week with 10 dice and \$275 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.



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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 Budweisers, Adelanto 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 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 23: Adelanto Club Demotion Party

4:00 p.m. • Gehrke Residence
 10079 Valle Vista, Phelan

July 25: Past President's Meeting

5:30 p.m. • El Pescador

Future Rotary Programs

July 26: Sue Moore, Moore Digital Marketing
**TOPIC: "Social Media...that's not
 communicating!"** (Page)

Aug 2: Akilah Kamaria, Cybersecurity
 Consultant/Instructor
TOPIC: "Get Cyber Healthy" (Coomes)



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