

Be a gift to the world



THE JOSHUA TREE

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA



July 21, 2015

The "Road" to Recovery

After 25 years in the private sector, 33rd District Assemblyman Jay Obernolte has made quite a name for himself in Sacramento. A strong component for the people he serves, he is constantly working to better California with Bills that are being signed into law.

Jay Obernolte is the owner of FarSight Studios, a company located in Big Bear that makes family oriented video games. He is a certified pilot instructor, 3rd Degree Black Belt in Martial Arts and former Mayor of Big Bear.

His latest Bill to be signed, AB-868 deals with public employees retirement packages, and presently has his latest, AB-249 sitting on



the Governor's desk. Jay Obernolte has 4 more Bills right now that are past Assembly and are in the Senate.

His biggest challenges await him as he is about to go into two Special Sessions where he will truly have his work cut out for him to assist the people he serves from Temecula to Needles.

The first special session deals with healthcare. The tax on Medicare Insurance Plans is about to expire and California wants to tax ALL Health Care plans as a result. Jay is vehemently against this and will fight against it

The second Special Session deals with our California road infrastructure. Let's face it, our roads need help and the taxes used for road repairs are not in the funds they should be. California wants to either raise gas taxes again, raise Vehicle Licensing Fee taxes or start taxing electric cars. Our state has the second worst roads in the country and second highest gas tax. The question Jay will ask in this session is, "How is this disparity happening"? His solution is to change things. Commercial Vehicle Weigh Fees are supposed to go to roads, but right now are going into the General Fund. Sales Tax on diesel fuel is supposed to go 100% to transit, but instead it is going to the Cap & Trade Fund. Jay will work tirelessly to change this situation, and get our California roads back to where they need to be.

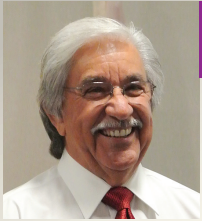


This Week's Functionaries

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| Invocation: | Brad Letner |
| Flag Salute: | Mark Taylor |
| 4-Way Test: | Dwight Johnson |
| Song: | Al Castellucci |



Be a gift to the world



Tafoya Talk...

This week's meeting was a great success with a full room, as well as many guests and visitors. Thank you all who took time out of your day to attend.

We had a great time at the Hove's on Saturday night for our Movie Night. Unfortunately, the severe weather outside kept some people away, and we had to move the get together indoors, but everyone who attended had a great time! Thanks to **Jon and Linda Hove** for opening your lovely home to us!

Dan Munsey addressed the group this week as Chair of this year's 15th Annual Wine Jazz and More. Dan is looking for more committee members to make this the best event we have ever put on! Event flyers will be available at next week's meeting, so we need all members to go out in the community to procure sponsorships! Dan also reminded us, that if you bring a raffle gift for Wine Jazz and More to our luncheon, then you will receive one free raffle ticket every time you bring something! We are looking for gift baskets, gift cards and specialty items. We usually get inundated with wine gifts, and this year we would like to mix it up a bit.

Margaret Cooker also let the membership know that we received a nice "Thank You" card from the Shelter Box, for our donation of \$500 to the Nepal Disaster. Thank you Rotarians for helping those truly in need!



Finally, the Foundation awarded a couple more Paul Harris Fellow pins to our deserving members. **Gary Adams** received his 4 Sapphire pin for donations of \$5000 and **Stew Anderson** received his 5 sapphire pin for donations of \$6000! Both are working on their next levels. Thank you both for your generosity!

Lucky Blue Dice



Margaret Cooker was our lucky winner this week to go after the blue dice, but alas, it is still in hiding for another week!

We now have \$450 and 4 dice left!!

Fine Session

Our Fine Master today was **Terry Caldwell**, and he went right after the political side of things! At first Terry excused **Mike Page** from fines for, as he calls it, excessive whining, but then fined him for apologizing to the membership for only having Republican candidates speak at Rotary! **Doug Robertson** was fined \$10 for not having a City of Victorville Sign visible from the 15 freeway, and then fined **Jim Cox** \$10 for encouraging Doug to hire a Public Information Officer! **Paula Porter** was fined \$5, for having a "weak-body" son who called in sick for the meeting. In regards to our speaker, **Kevin Kane** was fined \$10 for having all those large buses out in the community ruining our roads, and finally **Dwight Johnson** was given a whopping \$20 fine for turning his back on **Ben Tafoya** after he was challenged to the 4-Way Test from memory!

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$21.00

Collected to Date: \$12,532.22

Total equals: 87,129 Doses!

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



Rotary Guests

Once again **Rosanne Weathers** handled our guest introductions. **Steve Orr** welcomed his guest, **Casey Armstrong**, Owner of Armstrong Fairway Insurance. We also welcomed **Richard Hall** from Hesperia, **Doug Shumway**, as well as **Kathy Cortner** and **Yvonne Hester** from the Mojave water Agency, who were all guests of **Kirby Brill**. **Ricky Hampton** from ServPro brought co-worker **Julio Martinez** and **Kevin Kane** introduced his employee, **Aaron Moore** of the VVTA Foundation. We also had **James Quigg** from the Daily Press and **Matt Cage** through the efforts of Kevin Kane's PR Releases. Our last guest of the day, was the lovely **Charley Caldwell**, wife of **Terry Caldwell**.

Our stand-ins today were as follows: **Tony Cooker** was in attendance for **Dr. Hough**, Past President **Carl Coleman** for **Kirby Brill**, **Violette Roberts** for **Eldon Heaston** and **Steve Weister** was at the meeting for **Mark McKay**.

Free Stuff

Dan Dever has remodeled his offices and has 4 drawer filing cabinets and chairs to give away. If you know anyone that could use these please have them call Dan at 760-245-7970.

August Rotarian Birthdays

James Baxter	August 4th
Rosanne Weathers	August 5th
Don Lager	August 11th
Phyllis Fox	August 14th
Mark McKay	August 21st
Ben Tafoya	August 23rd
Manjita Patel	August 24th
Steve Flannery	August 25th
Craig Garrick	August 27th
Ron Hughes	August 31st

Raffle Prizes



Terry Caldwell handled duties at this week's meeting handing out our raffle prizes. **Dwight Johnson** donated a couple of Jack-In-the-Box gift cards which were won by **Gary Adams** (*obviously*) and Past President **Carol Coleman**. Dwight's kind act of donated was returned when he took home a lunch thermos set from **Rosanne Weathers** at Desert Valley Hospital. **Margaret Cooker** was the lucky recipient of the Midway gift card from **Don Lager** and finally **Kevin Kane** donated a shirt from the VVTA, which I'm sure **Victor Rocha** will be wearing in the kitchen at El Pescador as he cooks away!

Rotary About Town



Rotary members **Kevin Kane** and **Chris Ackerman**, as emcee "Crazy Chris" get caught at a rained-soaked Heritage Field.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
Treasurer	Donna Wells
Executive Secretary/Foundation	Margaret Cooker
Incoming President/Membership	Dwight Johnson
Publicity/Public Relations	Kevin Kane
Club Service & President 2016-17	Dan Munsey
Community Service	Brad Letner
Youth Service/Scholarships	Ginger Ontiveros
Vocational Service	Jim Barnes
International	Dan Dever

Members-at-Large:

Rob Kilpatrick • Mark Taylor • Russ Stringham

Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Sergeant At Arms.....	Gary Adams
SongMaster	Al Castellucci
Programs	Mike Page
Wine, Jazz & More	Dan Munsey
Cards and Calls	Pam Murray
Newsletter	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 Hesperia, 7:00 a.m., Denny's, 14165 Main St.
WEDNESDAY:	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, 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 Victor Valley Sunrise, Mimi's Cafe, Victorville, 7 a.m.
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES

Aug. 17: Past President's Meeting
5:30 p.m. at Green Tree Golf Course

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA PRESENTS

15TH ANNUAL WINE JAZZ & MORE

Saturday October 3 2015

SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
13325 SPRING VALLEY PARKWAY, VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

6:00 PM • \$40 PER PERSON • \$75 PER COUPLE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS • VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
LITERACY PROJECTS • POLICE FIRE ACTIVITY LEAGUE
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

WINE TASTING LIVE JAZZ MUSIC DINNER
SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS

For more information contact Dan Munsey, Chair at (760) 774-2569

Upcoming Rotary Programs

July 28: San Bernardino County Sheriff Department SWAT Team (Lucia)

Aug. 4: Open

Design & Layout By



Printing By



The Joshua Tree is a Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Victorville
P.O. Box 734 • Victorville, CA 92393 • www.victorvillerotary.org

If you are not receiving your newsletter, please contact Editor Chris Ackerman at chris@signifydesigns.com or 760-559-1686 to be added to the e-mail or mailing list.