

# The Joshua Tree

**August 17, 2021**

## THE SHUT DOWN OF GOVERNMENT THROUGH OVER SPENDING

Although he may be a Freshman in D.C., Congressman **Jay Obernolte** is a veteran when it comes to politics, especially in the area of budgeting. He occasionally loves it, other times it can be quite challenging. When he spoke to the Club this week, Jay focused on our currently inflation crisis.

The reason for it quite simply all of the Stimulus checks that have gone out. Over the past year the Government has spent 4 trillion solely on Coronavirus relief, but the challenge is that what the Government usually spends normally for everything else! That means last year, it has doubled its spending. In the past sixteen months over 6 billion has been spent. When this amount of spending is going on, the rise of inflation is the next step. Prices for goods and services has to go up. This year has seen a rise of over 5%, the most rapid rise in the last 30 years.

This makes Jay very concerned. Prices are going up everywhere. The cost of raw materials rises, which is handed back to the buyer. This includes the recent rise in food costs, lumber and even gasoline.



When inflation is caused by Government, it increases the problem for the homeless and poor to climb out of their current situations. As Jay mentioned, he can afford a rise in the price of milk, but many other Americans cannot.

And it doesn't end there. Two Bills up for vote will increase the spending to heights not seen since the Eisenhower days. One of the bills is good in individual parts, such as free kindergarten, paid family leave and free Community College for two years, but put all together at once, our inflation will go through the roof!

The result will be 10% of everything the country makes to pay pack the National Debit, will not lower it, just pay the interest! Federal Law has a debit limit of 28 trillion... and we hit that last July.

There could be a government shut down this Fall, unless Congress votes to raise the National Debit. But that is only a band-aid, not a solution. The solution is to build prosperity in our county to grow the economy, and double the size over the next decade. On top of that they need to have a commitment to their fiscal responsibility and pay the debt down. The Government can't ask families to be smart with their spending, when their leaders cannot.

Thank you Congressmen Jay Obernolte for fighting the good fight in Washington for the people you represent.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation:** Chris Ackerman
- Flag Salute:** Keith Metzler
- 4-Way Test:** Steve Murray
- Fine Master:** David North

## HOVE'S HELLO



*It was great this week to see a room filled with guests and Rotarians from not only our Club, but Apple Valley as well, to hear our Congressman Jay Obernolte give an update on what is going on in*

*Washington. We cannot thank him and his wife Heather enough for taking time out of their busy schedule to join us.*

*While our High Desert children go back to in class learning, its time to begin raising funds for our Teacher Mini-Grants. On Average we raising anywhere from \$14,000 - \$17,000 for this project and I am asking for your help to once again accomplish this goal for the 2021-2022 school year.*

*Bill Edwards shared the possible date of Saturday, October 9th for a Bingo Fundraiser for the Club. Stay tuned for additional details as they become available.*

*See you next week!*



*Jon Hove*



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## Read B4K Graduation



Young children will go into kindergarten reading at a first grade level, thanks to our Read B4K program! This week, Coordinator **Colleen Calderon** was joined by **Bill Edwards**, and **Steve Orr** to graduate three students; **Muhammad Haida**, **Savannah Monquecho** and **Kash Moreno** with certificates, backpacks, and \$200 Walmart gift cards! One mother, **Ashley Moreno** shared how her son is now in kindergarten and is at the top of the class in reading!

## Rotary Guests

Having **Jay Obernolte** as our speaker led to many guests in attendance this week. Space limits mentioning who invited whom, so the following is a list of guests we had in attendance this week including, **April Love**, **Chris Scott**, **Robert Wyatt**, **Nick Schneider**, **Jim Carr**, **Harrison Hove**, **Larry Cusack**, **Trish Trumpler**, **Val Matteson**, **Dawn Quigly**, **Jim Hove**, **Ronnie Henderson**, **Kirk Mahlum**, **Al Andrews**, and City of Victorville Council Member **Elizabeth Becerra**, and Mayor **Debra Jones**.

From the Rotary Club of Apple Valley we welcomed **Dan Mittrovich**, **Jason Lamoreaux**, **Bob Tinsley**, **Scott Nassif** and **Peter Allan**.

Spouses in attendance included **Linda Hove** and **Diane Anderson**. Our only Stand-in was **Stephanie Montoya** for **Bryan Gillespie**.

Thanks to Club members **Stew Anderson**, **Bob Basen**, **Margaret Cooker**, **Bill Edwards**, **Jon Hove**, **Keith Metzler**, **Arsalee Morales** and **Mike Page** for invited guests this week.

# SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## Big Blue Dice



**Rob Kilpatrick had the chance to grab the Blue Dice and did it!  
Rob went home with \$350 more in his pocket!**

**We will begin again next week with 14 dice and \$200 for the  
Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.**

## Raffle

In This week's raffle, prizes given out included a \$25 Starbucks gift card from **Steve Orr** at Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, a bottle of wine came from **Oscar Garcia** from Elementum Services, a copy of "Men of Integrity", and multiple bottles of wine that were donated by **Dwight Johnson**.

## Presentation



Our Club made another investment for children in our local community this week as President **Jon Hove** presented Victorville Librarian **George Carter** a check in the amount of \$500 from the Club towards books for our speakers to sign.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Oscar Garcia** only had about 30 seconds due to time this week, and once again reminded everyone to have their HVAC Repair facility check their A/C unit condensation lines. These lines can cause water to build up and reek damage throughout your home, which will then require Elementum Services. Find out more at [elementumservices.com](http://elementumservices.com).



## Fine Session



**David North** was our Fine Master and only had one fine this week. David let City of Victorville Mayor **Debra Jones** know how sorry he was for **Keith Metzler** and gave him a \$20 fine.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$109.00**

*Polio Pig: \$89 + 11 Guests @ \$1 each: \$11*

**Collected to Date: \$18,207.63**

**Total equals: 97,529 Doses!**

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



## VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Grants.....	Margaret Cooker
Speech Contests .....	Jessica Perez
Scholarships.....	Esther Mears and Arsalee Morales
George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest .....	Ron Boyd
Membership.....	Dwight Johnson
Billing Officer .....	Esther Mears

**Members-at-Large:** David North, Esther Mears, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

### Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary .....	Marilyn Buttelwerth
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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 Spring Valley Lake Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville**

### Make-up Days and Locations

<b>MONDAY:</b>	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	High Desert/Hesperia Club meets 7:00 a.m., Cracker Barrel, 11612 Amargosa Rd, Victorville San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Apple Valley, ZOOM Meetings, 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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## Calendar Dates

- Sept 11: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:30 pm Meeting *In-Person or Zoom*  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Oct 23: Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 Annual Peace Conference**  
FREE via Zoom

## Upcoming Programs

- Aug 24:** Jason Lamoreaux, Owner/Broker Coldwell Banker Commercial and Residential Real Estate **Topic: Update on the Real Estate Market - What's Going On"** (Page)
- Aug 30: Evening Rotary Meeting at Chateau Chang**
- Sept 7:** Chris Romero **Topic: The Outreach program - Meal Packaging for Local Hunger"** (Meares)
- Sept 14:** Dr. Ron Williams, Superintendent, WVUSD **Topic: TBD"** (Page)
- Sept 28: Red Cross** (Meares)

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