



The Joshua Tree



August 29, 2017

What do YOU Know about Zzyzx Road?

Our Club was honored this week to welcome County of San Bernardino Assessor-Recorder and former State Senator **Bob Dutton** with us to speak about the current values in the High Desert as well as some history of the County.

Bob's job is mainly to make sure that property owners in the County are not over assessed and in turn not over taxed. He determines the value of a property and then the Tax

Collector determines the tax. In

2014, when Bob took over the office, a lot the senior staff retired which was good and bad. On the negative side,

he lost years of knowledge but on the plus side he was able to rebuild the office on his

task of making sure property

owners were not overcharged.

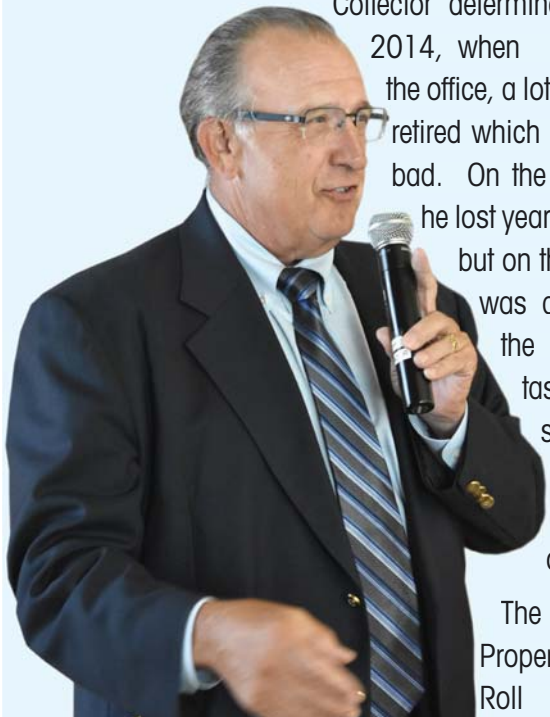
The 2017 Annual Property Assessment Roll contained

810,304 taxable parcels which were valued at a whopping \$206,576,804,207. The average real estate values in San Bernardino increased by 6.1% and the High Desert region was increased by 5%. In fact, of the 58 counties in California, San Bernardino ranked number 7 in real estate values.

Bob also serves as the Recorder for the County and gave the Club a Clerk update from last year. In 2016, there were 571,671 documents recorded, over 14,000 fictitious business names were filed, 10,868 marriage licenses issued, and 4,700 marriage ceremonies conducted. On top of that, they also opened a new office in the Joshua Tree District.

In the final part of his presentation Bob discussed his passion - history. The County has a vast library of historical archives and have created a Throwback Thursday video series on their website that highlights local history as a way of preserving and protecting the history of San Bernardino County. Such videos include the story of Helendale, Route 66, and George Air Force Base and more.

One of the highlighted videos shared at our meeting was the history of Zzyzx, CA. The town was originally called Soda Springs, which was a natural spring found 7 miles south of Baker, CA. In 1944 Curtis Howe Springer filed a mining claim for 12,000 acres surrounding the springs. From there he established a health spa and named it Zzyzx, as a marketing tool to say that they were truly the last world in health. In time he built a hotel, a church a radio studio, and airstrip and even a castle, but in the 70's, the federal government discovered he had no legal rights to the land and he was evicted and Zzyzx was reclaimed by the federal government. Today, California State University manages the land in and around Zzyzx. For more information on the County of San Bernardino visit sbcounty.gov.



This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Bill Edwards**
- Flag Salute: **Jon Schuler**
- 4-Way Test: **Alicia Anderson**
- Song: **Al Castellucci**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

Dwight's Writes



As the Club is filled with many property owners, it was great to have County Assessor **Bob Dutton** speak to us this week, so we have a better understanding of the workings

in the County.

Jon Hove shared another "Membership Moment" with the Club this week and encouraged members to invite individuals from their larger customer base. Jon once did it, and because of it, **Jim Mettler** is now a member!



Congratulations to **Rosanne Weathers** for being named our Rotarian of the

Month! Rosanne is our Wine, Jazz & More Chair, has perfect attendance, and will be our upcoming Billing Officer!

I am proud to announce the birth of my Grandchild! **Brooklynn Marie Johnson**, who was born this past weekend at 8lbs 10oz., and 22 inches to my



son Shea and his wife Kymm. I had to pay \$100 for the announcement, but it was worth every dime!

Finally, my thought of the week is "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lucky Blue Dice



President Dwight Johnson thought he had it "in the bag", but the Blue Dice even eluded our own President!

Next week we will continue with 6 dice and \$400 up for grabs for one lucky Rotarian!

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. September 11 to President Dwight Johnson.

Michael Johnson

Position: Customer Service Manager

Company: DCB- La Paz Branch

Classification: Services: Banking

Sponsor: Louise Bavilacqua

September Anniversaries

Dwight Johnson	21 Years
Donna Wells	20 Years
Jesse Tafoya	16 Years
Caroll Yule	15 Years
Pat Mark	14 Years
Alicia Anderson	9 Years
Jim Barnes	7 Years
Ron Williams	3 Years

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$20.00

Polio Pig: \$15.00 + Dice (Dwight Johnson): \$5.00 = \$20.00

Collected to Date: \$14,415.21

Total equals: 89,877 Doses!

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

Raffle Prizes

This week **Robin Cackler** was back with us and once again was a big winner at the raffle! Robin went home with a bag of Wasabi Macadamia Nuts from **Ryan McEachron**, a Cal Portland hat and shirt from **Jim Mettler**, a pair of movie passes & a Y102 shirt from **Dwight Johnson**, and a tumbler from **Bill Edwards** from the Victor Valley Rescue Mission.

Bill also gave away a bag of orange golf balls that will be lost on the course by **Chris Ackerman**, and a canister of tennis balls that was won by **Dwight Johnson**. In a reversal of prizes, Bill then took home 4 rodeo tickets and a Kat Country shirt from Dwight.

In the final round of goodies, an Alaska bag went to **Louise Bevilacqua**, a DCB bag will be used by **Dwight Johnson** and a jar of Trader Joe's Pecan Pie Filler from **Ryan McEachron** will be enjoyed by **Chris Ackerman**.

September Birthdays

Steve Orr	September 5
Dan Dever	September 13
Teresa Coomes	September 16
Paul Earle	September 25
Bob Basen	September 26
Ron Boyd	September 27

Wine, Jazz and More Update

Rosanne Weathers shared with the Club this week that at this year's event, our own **Chris Ackerman** will be producing a video that will tug at the heartstrings and give our visitors a better understanding of where their money goes within our community.

The committee is still needing alcohol for their Booze Basket, as well as event sponsors and auction items. Don't forget to invite a potential member to WJM 2017!

Spoon of Exemption



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In his final week **Chris Ackerman** originally planned to share about the fourth (and most important) aspect of his life, his family, but felt the need to share once again about his company Signify Designs.

Chris has now been designing professionally for 22 years. From logo designs, brochures, flyers, ads, magazine layouts, vehicle wraps, apparel design and so much more, Chris will make your company or organization look top notch.

It was then time to auction the Spoon for the month of September, and the only taker was **Jim Cox** at \$50, so we will hear from Jim over the next 4 weeks.

Fine Session

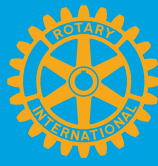
Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week, and began by giving a \$15 fine to **Corey Beck** because he heard that gas prices would be going up 15¢ due to Hurricane Harvey. Perfect Attendance fines were given out next to **Dwight Johnson** (\$21), **Mike Page** (\$25), **Margaret Cooker** (\$28), **Gary Adams** (\$38) and **Al Castellucci** (\$57)! The final fine of the day was given to **Terry Caldwell** in the amount of \$20, due to his wife Charley, sicking the Lewis Center on Ryan for a donation. Terry promises the fine "payback" will be huge!

Rotary Guests

Our guests this week were **Thomas Halin** from ITM Mobile, who attended as a guest of **Rosanne Weathers**, with **Daniel Sanchez** and **Robbie Broedow** from Assessor Dutton's office.

Our Stand-In this week was **Robin Cackler** for **Pastor Paul Earle**.

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Four Way Speech Contest	TBD
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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, 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.

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA PRESENTS
The End of an Era...
17TH & Final
WINE JAZZ & MORE
Saturday September 30 2017
SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE, CA 92395
5:00PM : WINE TASTING • 6:00 PM : DINNER
\$50 PER PERSON
WINE TASTING LIVE JAZZ MUSIC DINNER
SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS
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Future Rotary Programs

- Sept. 5:** Bill Larson, VP Marketing, Cal Portland Cement, **TOPIC: "Cal Portland Cement Manufacturing"** (Mettler)
- Sept. 12:** Janie Lynch, Recreation Supervisor and Healthy Communities Coordinator, City of Victorville, **TOPIC: "Ka BOOM Let's Play"** (Cooker)
S.T.A.R. Students
- Sept. 19:** Col. Tony Marshall (USAF Retired)
TOPIC: "The Hanoi Hilton- Vietnam before it was Fashionable" (Taylor)

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