



Rotary



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# The Joshua Tree



September 11, 2018

## HAPPENINGS IN SACRAMENTO

On Patriot's Day this week, Rotarians were honored to hear from our State Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte**, who gave the attended members and guests and update on what is happening in the State Capital.

Along with being our Assemblyman, Jay is also the Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee that brings its own sets of challenges. This year the State actually had a surplus and the problem that accompanied it was whether to give it back to Californians, save it, or give more to existing programs.

In fact they did a little of all of everything with the \$9 Billion surplus. This year the BSA Reserve was fully funded. Funding has been increased 9% to schools and community colleges due to this.



Speaking on Bills passed, Jay spoke about SP100, which will make California 100% reliable on renewable energy by the year 2045. Jay is against this. He feels he owes it to constituents that the State needs to actually have a plan to do this. With more and more houses going to solar energy, we over generate energy during the day and under generate at night when people turn on their lights. In fact we make so much energy during the day, sometime we have to try and pay other states to take the extra energy! What we need is to build more energy storage units in California.

Jay also voted against a new Bill that will do away with monetary bail, which not only allow more people get away from being held accountable for misdemeanor crimes, but will in fact kill the Bail Industry altogether.

This year Jay shared that he did something that he will never do again. He has 15 Bills on the Governor's desk and it has been exhausting and taxing to him and his staff. Of the 15 Bills, 7 have been signed, one has been vetoed, and the rest are still on the Governor's desk.

His favorite Bill is still on Brown's desk, that he hopes will be signed. This Bill will eliminate the fee that Veterans have to pay to have their Branch Designation on their Driver's License, which gives them benefits. Jay suspects a battle, as the DMV will lose a big source of revenue and will fight tooth and nail to make sure it doesn't pass.

Our Country is divided right now and there is a lot of hatred on both sides, but rest assured that our Assemblyman **Jay Obernolte** is doing his best for Californians to work together regardless of party lines and make this State a better place for all.

### This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Brad Letner**
- Flag Salute: **David North**
- 4-Way Test: **Jim Doltar**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

## LETNER'S LETTER



We had a great meeting Tuesday with our **Assemblyman Jay Obernolte** sharing an overview from the past legislative session. He reminded us that his staff can assist in resolving any issues his constituents have with Sacramento bureaucracies. He was joined by his wife,

Heather, the regional vice-chair of the California Republican Party, and his acting district director, **Christopher Scott**.



Our Victorville Rotary Mardi Gras celebration is only two weeks away! Do you have your tickets yet? Don't wait til the last minute as we will be setting up tables and chairs based on sold tickets and confirmed RSVPs in order to maximize our space.

I hope you've taken time to reflect on your Rotary story. Who we are; what we do; why we do it – all make up an important part of why our Victorville Rotary club is one of the oldest active organizations in the High Desert. Our mission is to identify unmet needs in our community and through our combined time and treasure, to help meet those needs. Through our example, we have the awesome opportunity to inspire the next generation of Rotarians to take up the baton and continue the race. Every project we support is another step toward making our community even better.

Thank you for all that you do to support our community and for being a part of the Victorville Rotary Club. If we all do a little, together we can do a lot!!



## PRAYERS

Rotarians, please keep **Stew Anderson** in your prayers, as he is recovering in a hospital down the hill from a medical procedure. He will be OK, but nevertheless, keep him in your thoughts. We will keep you updated.

## SPOON OF EXCEPTION

**Bill Edwards** shared a lot this week with the Spoon. First Bill gave out invitations to the Victor Valley Rescue Mission's Donor Appreciation Banquet entitled "Momentum", as well as another opportunity to be an event sponsor. From there Bill gave out copies of their latest newsletters and encouraged members to



read the inspiration stories contained within, but his biggest message this day on 9/11 was about Heroes. Bill shared about the events of 17 years ago, the many killed and injured; but his personal hero of that day was his mom, who passed away, far from New York, from a heart attack on that fateful day.

That day, Bill resolved many things about his life that put him on a path that would lead him to who he is today with the Victor Valley Rescue Mission.

## THE POLIO PIG

**Collected this week: \$24.00**

*Polio Pig: \$19.00 + Dice (Brad Letner): \$5.00 = \$24.00*

**Collected to Date: \$15,602.10**

**Total equals: 92,252 Doses!**

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

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## LUCKY BLUE DICE



*Our President Brad Letner was the lucky Rotarian chosen to get some big money, but took another White Dice out and donated his \$5 winning to the Polio Pig!*

*We will continue next week with 11 Dice and \$275 for one lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice!*

## ROTARY GUESTS



This week we welcomed upcoming new member **Dr. Breda Leach**, who invited **Miriam Munoz** from Valley Hi Honda and **Bill Scott** was joined by his wife **Linda Scott**. **Brad Letner** invited Read B4K Coordinator **Colleen Calderon**, **David North** brought **Allen Williams** from Desert View Memorial and **Mike Page** had **John Kozyra** from St. Mary with him at the speaker's table.

**Jay Obernolte** brought his lovely wife **Heather Obernolte** and **Chris Scott** from his local Hesperia Office.

Our only Stand-in this week was **Jason Montana** from Midway, who attended for the vacationing **Don Lager**.

## RAFFLE PRIZES

Once again there were very few raffle prizes this week, but the lucky winner of the Midway \$25 gift card from **Jason Montana** went to **Bill Edwards**, and Bill's bags of goodies went home with President **Brad Letner**, **Donna Wells** and **Brad Poiriez**.

## FINE SESSION

**Ryan McEachron** was our Fine Master again this week, and first set his sights on our Speaker **Jay Obernolte** by giving him an honorary fine of \$20 for forgetting to introduce his wife Heather, and then fined **Bill Scott** \$10 because after Ryan returned Bill's phone call last week, has not earned a call back. **Jim Doltar** was also given a \$10 fine for encouraging guests not to talk to the Fine Master.

The biggest fines of the day first went to our President **Brad Letner** because he had **Russ Stringham** drive all the way from Utah to Victorville for the monthly Board Meeting, which was then canceled due to lack of a Quorum, and **Arsalee Morales** for bragging that she is a graduate of Victor Valley High School at this year's Bell Game, where the Jackrabbits were decimated by the Sundevils. Both earned \$50 fines each.

A vibrant poster for a Mardi Gras event. At the top, it says "Rotary Club of Victorville, CA" with the Rotary logo. The central focus is a large, ornate gold and purple Mardi Gras mask. Below the mask, the words "Mardi GRAS" are written in a stylized font. Underneath that, it says "DINNER AND AUCTION" and "\$50 PER PERSON". The date and location are "SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 | SVL COMMUNITY CENTER" and "5PM WINE TASTING | 6PM DINNER | 12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE". At the bottom, it lists "WINE TASTING LIVE MUSIC DINNER" and "SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS". The very bottom line says "FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DWIGHT JOHNSON AT 760-964-6131".

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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

<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., Denny's, 14165 Main St., Hesperia Adelanto Club meets 2nd Wed. at Chamber Room at Adelanto 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 Domingos, 1520 E Main St, 12:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

## CALENDAR DATES

- Sept 29:** **Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction**  
5:30pm • SVL Community Center
- Oct 8:** **Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm Fellowship • 5:30pm Meeting  
DCB Board Room, 2nd Floor  
Hesperia and Silica Roads
- Feb 23:** **Rotary Peace Conference**  
8:00AM • LA Verne College  
Registration now open

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

- Sept 18:** Robin Smith **TOPIC: "Rotary Super Build"** (Cooker)
- Sept 25:** Jason Lamoreaux, President, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Solutions **TOPIC: "High Desert Real Estate Cycle Forecast"** (Page)
- Oct 2:** Roger Schulte, Rotaplast Chair Rotary District 5300 **TOPIC: "Saving Smiles....Changing Lives"** (Anderson)
- Oct 9:** **Off-Site - Apple Valley Communications: 21845 Hwy 18, Apple Valley** (Morales)

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