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THE JOSHUA TREE

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Rotary
Club of Victorville, CA



Budget Deadline, Social Security and Trump

Letitia White is a Principal of Innovative Federal Strategies who served as a key staff member in the House of Representatives with 22 years of federal service. Having worked in both the House and the Senate, she has a unique and comprehensive understanding of the federal legislative process. As a result, she has long-standing relationships with a number of Members of Congress, their staff, and professional staff members on many Congressional Committees.

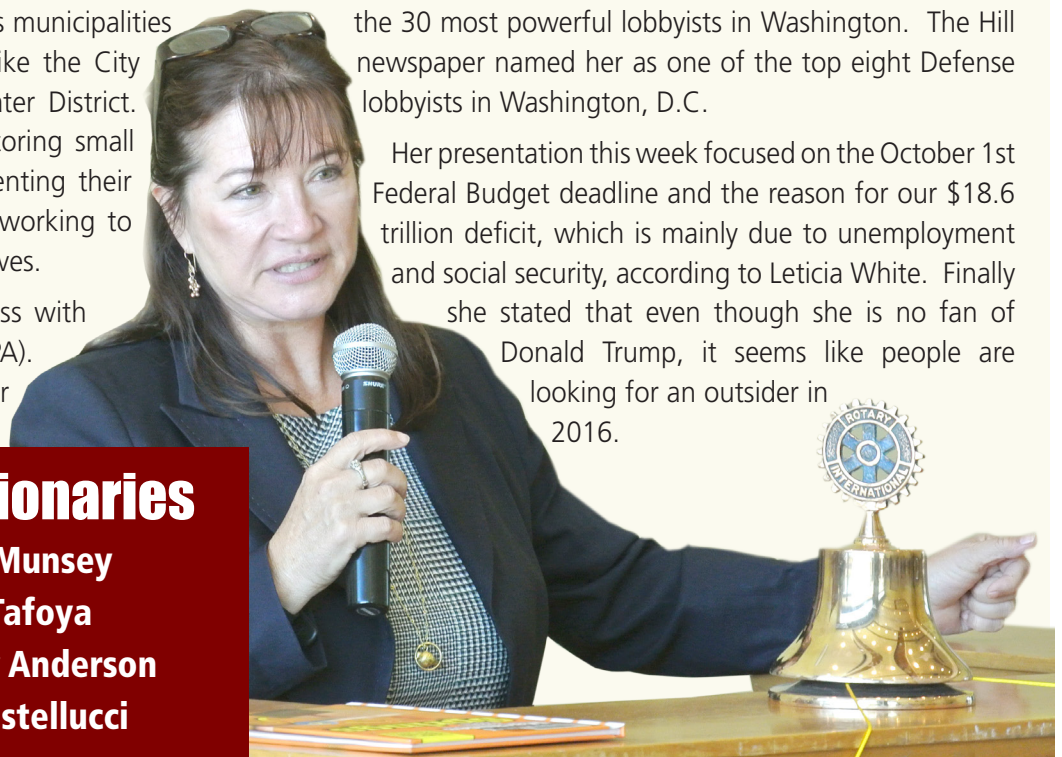
As a principal of Innovative Federal Strategies, she represents, before Congress and the Executive Branch, a number of major corporations as well as a significant number of smaller high-technology companies and non-profit organizations to include the Battelle Memorial Institute. She also represents various municipalities and local governmental agencies like the City of Redlands and the Hi-Desert Water District. Letitia has a keen interest in mentoring small businesses, to include both representing their interests and assisting them in networking to achieve synergy on common objectives.

She began her career in Congress with the late Senator John Heinz (D-PA). For many years she worked for

Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA), the former Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Within Congressman Lewis' office Letitia served in most of the functions typically found in a Congressional office. When Congressman Lewis served in a leadership position in the Republican Party in the early 1990s, Letitia served as his Senior Policy Advisor for the House Republican conference. Since very few of the 435 Members of Congress attain House leadership positions, she was afforded a valuable and unique perspective on not only appropriations, but the entire legislative process.

Letitia has strong relationships with members of both parties. In December 2013, Defense News mentioned Letitia's work in their 100 Most Influential People in U.S. Defense. The First Street Research Group named her one of the 30 most powerful lobbyists in Washington. The Hill newspaper named her as one of the top eight Defense lobbyists in Washington, D.C.

Her presentation this week focused on the October 1st Federal Budget deadline and the reason for our \$18.6 trillion deficit, which is mainly due to unemployment and social security, according to Letitia White. Finally she stated that even though she is no fan of Donald Trump, it seems like people are looking for an outsider in 2016.

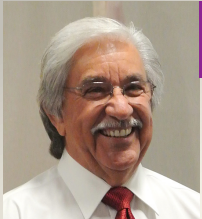


This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Dan Munsey
Flag Salute:	Ben Tafoya
4-Way Test:	Stew Anderson
Song:	Al Castellucci



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Tafoya Talk...

Today was another fun and informational meeting. Please make sure you get the most out of your Rotary experience by joining us at our Tuesday luncheon's.

Wine, Jazz and More less than a week away and we are still looking for members to purchase cases of wine for the event. The club has a incentive for you to purchase 2 cases and donate one to the event. Cost per case is \$70 or for higher quality wine the cost is \$103 per case. Please purchase a set and help us out. Auction items are starting to come in **David North** brought in a Cleveland Browns helmet, signed by hall of famer Jim Brown! If you know of any football aficionados, please invite them to the event for a chance to bid on this!



Calling all chili lovers! On October 10th, we will once again be participating in the Happy Trails Chili Cook-off with a booth of our Rotary chili, and need volunteers throughout the day to man the booth, hand out samples to patrons and invite them to our meeting. You will have fun while meeting your Blue Badge requirements. Please sign up with **Dan Dever**.

On Saturday, October 17th there will be a off-road trip to Calico Hills! Some Rotarians will be leaving Thursday and camping for the weekend, or just show up on Saturday for a day of fun! Please sign up with Dan Dever and let him know if you need a ride or can give a ride.

Don't forget members about the upcoming Foundation Dinner on January 2, 2016. The Club will pay half of the cost for a couple, and the Rotary International President will be attendance, so if you are to receive a Paul Harris Fellow, he will present it to you.

Fine Session

Terry Caldwell was back as our Fine Master today and was waxing nostalgic after Leticia White's presentation, which put him in a good mood...sort of. First off, there is the issue of **Caroll Yule's** no shows this month after having the Spoon of Exemption. Since, in essence, her spoon was purchased by **Dan Munsey**, Dan will be receiving a fine. **Jim Cox**, **Doug Robertson** and **Ryan McEachron** will all be receiving fines of \$10 since word is that the speed train from Victorville to Vegas will NOT be stopping in Barstow, where Terry is from. **Gary Adams** and **Ben Tafoya** will be sharing a fine for the raffle ticket mess up last week and **Steve Murray** was fined \$15 for not knowing when his dad **Jim Murray**, was Rotary President, Rotarian of the Year or Citizen of the Year. **Margaret Cooker**, on the other hand was fine not fined and shown off as a true example of a Rotarian as she has served as a Rotary President, District Governor, Rotarian of the Year AND Citizen of the Year on multiple occasions. **Bill Scott** was also given a fine free pass as being from the same alma mater as Terry (Go Spartans!) and for being a great entrepreneur to our community.

We full expect to have Terry back to his old self next time he is up for a fining session...

WE ARE IN NEED OF SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION ITEMS FOR WINE , JAZZ & MORE PLEASE DONATE A GIFT!

The Polio Pig....

Collected this week: \$7.00

+ 1 Tootsie Roll

Collected to Date: \$12,681.08

Total equals: 87,427 Doses!

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

Lucky Blue Dice



Ben Tafoya was grinning like a Cheshire Cat this week as his ticket

was once again drawn to win the big money! Even though he was sure he would win it for a third time in as many months, Margaret Cooker had other plans! After a first draw where she hid the blue dice, she gave Ben a fighting chance, and he came up as a non-winner!

8 Dice remain and \$350 up for grabs!



Apple Valley Rotary Club
Town of Apple Valley

Looking for Rotarians to help assist in our Chili Booth!

Have Fun and Earn Your Blue Badge Requirements!

Please See Dan Dever to sign up!

14th Annual HAPPY TRAILS CHILI COOK-OFF EST. 2001

Raffle Prizes

Terry Cadlwell handled this week's raffle giveaway. Two Mugs from B&B Cycles both went to **John Kroencke** and lunch kits from **Rosanne Weathers** went to **Donna Wells**. **Dwight Johnson** donated a pair of tickets to the Woodstock music festival, where **Stew Anderson** will now be attending, complete with Tie Dye Shirt and bandanna!



Rotary Club of Victorville, CA 

PRESENTS

15TH ANNUAL
WINE JAZZ & MORE

Saturday **October 3** 2015

SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
12975 ROLLING RIDGE, VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

5:00PM : WINE TASTING • 6:00 PM : DINNER
\$40 PER PERSON • \$75 PER COUPLE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
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SILENT AUCTIONS LIVE AUCTIONS

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

Rotary Guests

Bob Basen handled the introduction of our guests today....

Steve Orr brought Darrel Courtney from HD Events to Rotary today as his guest and **Ron Williams** brought Jerry Crafford, the Director of Transportation from VVUHSD. Matt Cabe from the Daily Press was in attendance again, thanks to the marketing efforts of **Kevin Kane** and Darrell Reynolds from Mojave Water Agency was a guest of **Kirby Brill**, who had a wonderful stand-in today in the form of **Yvonne Hester**. Finally **Tony Cooker** once again stood in for **Dr. Hough** at today's meeting.

VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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President	Ben Tafoya
Immediate Past President	Steve Murray
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International	Dan Dever

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Positions & Committee Chairs 2014-2015

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttlerwerth
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

- Oct. 3 Wine Jazz & More**
5:00 Wine Tasting
6:00 Dinner
SVL Community Center
12975 Rolling Ridge, Victorville
- Oct. 10: Happy Trails Chili Cookoff**
10:00am - 3:00pm
Lenny Brewster Sports Park, Apple Valley
- Oct. 17: Off-Road Trip: Calico Hills**
Sign Up with Dan Dever
- Jan. 2: Foundation Dinner**
Double Tree Hotel, Ontario, CA
Rotary Intl. President in Attendance
Club will pay 50% of ticket cost.

Upcoming Rotary Programs

- Sept. 29:** Dr. Adam Gerstein, VMD & Annie Moyer, Territory Manager, Hills's Pet Nutrition, Inc. **TOPIC: "Common Pet Food Myths"** (Boyd)
- Oct. 6:** Tim Andersen, General Manager/ Regional Vice President, El Dorado Broadcasters **TOPIC: "Sirius, Pandora & More: Their Impact on Local Radio."** (Yule)

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