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We Are the Leavers...

The United Kingdom's decision by the voters to leave the European Union has been quite the story over the last few months, and here at home, a lot of people are wondering what will be its impact here in the States. Rotarian **David North** from Desert Community Bank, helped us all understand this week exactly what it is and some financial changes we will see.

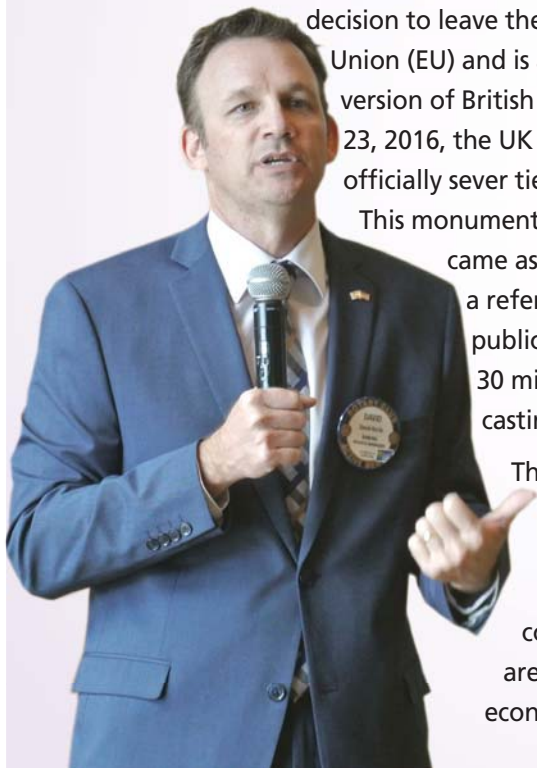
political alliance. This political understanding led the way for the use of the euro (the currency used in 19 EU countries) and permits citizens in the EU to travel and settle across borders without a passport. The EU even employs its own parliament and makes decisions regarding things like trade, transportation, and environmental policy.

The EU allows the countries within it to function largely as a single entity. It was initially put in place to allow for the free movement of people, goods, and money under what it termed a "single market."

I asked a friend of mine from Wolverhampton, UK where his vote went on Brexit. "I am in favor of it", he said, "Europe has too many unelected officials. I believe countries should be self-governing, yet looking out for each other. The union has gone to five and that's what the British people voted for."

Financially, the UK never moved to the euro, the currency of the EU, so they are in a perfect spot to exit. The UK never left using the pound, there is no issue developing a new currency. On the downside The British pound will buy fewer euros or dollars. Spending will be a significant negative impact as the pound is expected to stay 10% below where it was prior to the Brexit vote. If that is true, imported goods will get more expensive – which means food, clothing and household are all likely to get pricier.

The UK is still subject to the laws of the EU until Britain's exit becomes legal. In order for the UK to make its break official, the country needs to invoke Article 50. It is unclear exactly what this process will entail or how long it will take as Britain is the first country to take its leave of the EU. Once Article 50 has been formally invoked, the UK has two years to negotiate its departure with the other member states.



Brexit is the term used to refer to the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU) and is a shortened version of British Exit. On June 23, 2016, the UK decided to officially sever ties with the EU. This monumental decision came as the result of a referendum—or public vote of nearly 30 million people casting a ballot. The European Union is a group of 28 European countries that are tied by an economic and

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Van Young
Flag Salute:	Brad Poiriez
4-Way Test:	Dr. Keith Beeman
Song:	Al Castellucci

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Dwight's Writes

Wine, Jazz and More has come and gone and what a great event it truly was! This year's extravaganza would not have been possible without the great leadership and dedication of Chair **Brad Letner** and his

committee. **Dan Munsey** did a brilliant job as auctioneer, great auction items and good fellowship.

This week our M.I.A. Past President **Ben Tafoya** stopped by for the luncheon and I was finally able to thank him for his great year of service to those at our weekly meeting.



Our Club was honored this week to present the San Bernardino County Sheriff PAL Program a check for \$1000 to **Deputy Marvin Wickie** for the great work they do with our local youth!



First Lady **Trish Johnson** had the last of the September birthday cookies this month for **Dr.**

Ron Boyd! As you can see from the next column, she is going to be doing a lot of baking next month!

As a reminder, our next off-site meeting is coming up very soon with **Kevin Kane** at VVTA and we are also still looking for financial donations for this year's Teacher Mini Grants.



Finally, my thought of the week is "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another" - Charles Dickens.

Spoon of Exemption

Don Lager had his final time with the spoon this week and shared a little bit going from Midway's humble beginnings to their present location, 86,500 sq. ft. on Atstar in the old K-mart. They are the last of the true Independent appliance and furniture retailers in the High Desert. While most other local shops have closed down over the years, Midway has survived the competition from the national and online retailers.

The month was completed and now it was time to auction the spoon for another Rotarian. **Dwight Johnson** auctioned the spoon and took the first bid for himself at \$50, due to a busy October for El Dorado, but **Dr. Roger Wagner** is not a man to mess about and upped the bid to \$100 and won the spoon. Starting next week, we will hear all about Victor Valley College or whatever Dr. Wagner wishes to share.

October Birthdays

Victor Rocha	October 7
Mark Taylor	October 11
Stew Anderson	October 11
Ron Wilson	October 12
Jon Hove	October 14
Kirk Riding	October 16
Keith Beeman	October 16
Jim Cox	October 19
Gary Adams	October 20
Mary Hennessy	October 21
Brad Poiriez	October 25

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: \$31.50

Collected to Date: \$13,554.15

Total equals: 88,166 Doses!

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



Fine Session

This week **Terry Caldwell** was our Fine Master and first hit **Mike Page** with a \$10 fine for begging too much for him to be the Fine Master when he came in. And in true fashion, Mike began to argue his case which drove it up to \$20!

When **David North** asked if anyone had any questions after his presentation, staffer and guest, **Louise Bevilacqua** asked a "planted question" she read off a piece of paper. This shenanigan cost him \$15. **Dr. Roger Wagner** took one for the team this week... the VVC Rams Football team. The team beat Santa Ana by 32 points last week, so Roger was relieved of \$23!

Terry noticed that **Brad Letner** had arrived very early to the meeting, then left and came back, due to forgetting "something". Brad threw himself on the mercy of the court for \$10.

Finally, with **Jim Cox** leaving early, **Doug Robertson** was left to answer why if the City has been touting an improved quality of life, did Terry had to deal with the awful noise from last weekend's Marijuana festival at the fair grounds. While Doug would have left with a \$10 fine, it went up to \$15 because Doug said, "Terry, if you had gone to the festival, after an hour you wouldn't have cared about the noise"!

Lucky Blue Dice



Always the comedian, Kevin Kane had his chance to get some big money, but the Blue dice got the last laugh.

Next week we will have 8 dice and \$350 up for grabs for the one lucky Rotarian who can select the blue dice.

Rotary Guests

This week **David North** invited both **Teri Ortega** and **Louise Bevilacqua** from DCB to assist in his presentation, and **Don Lager** had **Chandra Jones** join him at his table. **Mona Rios** from Victorville Motors was in attendance, after being invited by **Steve Murray**, who failed to show.

Our "Stand-Ins" this week were **Jimmie Smith** for **Mark McKay** and **Cathy Caruso** for **Mary Hennessey**.

October Anniversaries

Marie Langley	2 Years
Cynthia Burden	6 Years
John Hulterstrom	27 Years

Raffle Prizes

This week's raffle began with some combination gifts in the form of Air Show tickets from **Dwight Johnson** and VVTA water bottles and a VVTA van shaped stress relievers that went to **Jon Hove** and **Jimmie Smith**. **Rosanne Weathers** also won a combo gift as well, with Air Show tickets and a VVCA mug from **Dr. Ron Boyd**.

A \$25 Midway gift card from **Don Lager** was happily accepted by **Steve Orr**, Victor Valley Concert Association tickets from **Al Castellucci** went to **Rob Kilpatrick** and a VVTA travel bag will be used by **Donna Wells**.

Pairs of tickets to the VV Concert Association, donated by **Rosanne Weathers** were won by **Ben Tafoya** and **Steve Orr**, who gave his away to one of our guests.

Speaking of **Ben Tafoya**, even after his long absence, he comes back and luck is still on his side! Ben won two of the day's biggest prizes: a Bunt Cake from Wine, Jazz and More and a large baseball card collector case (with cards) from **Dwight Johnson**!



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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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, 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
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

Oct 18: Offsite Meeting - Victor Valley Transit Authority
Noon • 17150 Smoke Tree St., Hesperia

Future Rotary Programs

Oct. 4 : Shannon Shannon, SaddleRock Reverse Mortgage **TOPIC: "Debunking Myths about Reverse Mortgages"** (Letner)

Oct. 11 : Jeff Crider, Author **TOPIC: "History of Water in the High Desert"** (Page) STAR students from Challenger and Irwin Academy

What is Rotary?

The "better answer"

We're a leadership organization of local business, professional and civic leaders.

We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships, and through that, we're able to get things done in this community.

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