



# The Joshua Tree

**October 25, 2022**

## THE PEOPLE, THE STATES, AND SLAVERY

The Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia from May 25 to September 17, 1787, and it appeared things worked out well. Nothing could be further from the truth. While legislative balance was finally achieved, it took two proposed national plans and several delegates coming together to hammer out a compromise that would be acceptable to most, but at the same time, leave us on the path to war.



Presenting this important part of American History this week was Victor Valley College adjunct History and Political Science Professor **David R. Wilkerson, M.A.** David has taught at several southland colleges since 1982. He currently teaches several History courses at VVC and serves on both American Federation of Teachers Executive Board and on the Academic Senate.

During the summer of 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia debated on what type of legislative body the new national government of the United States should have. Edmund Randolph of Virginia proposed what would be called the Virginia Plan. This plan called for a bicameral (two house) legislature. Membership in both houses would be in proportion to a state's population. Small states (in terms of

population) opposed this idea fearing they would be powerless against the large states. Large states favored this plan since they felt states with a larger population would contribute more financially through taxes to the new national government.

Therefore, large states should have a greater say in government.

Southern states wanted assurance that slaves would be counted for representation, but Northern states opposed this fearing it would give Southern states too much power. Therefore, William Patterson of New Jersey proposed the New Jersey Plan. Under this plan, there would be a unicameral (one house) legislature where each state would have equal representation regardless of its population size. Large states opposed this plan because it was a repeat of the weak Congress that existed under the Articles of Confederation. Small states favored the plan because it treated all states equally. The debate went on for weeks and the Convention became deadlocked over the issue. Some states even threatened to withdraw from the Convention. Finally, a committee consisting of one delegate from each state was formed to create a compromise.

This became known as the Great Compromise. It created a bicameral legislature. In the upper house, each state would have equal representation, meaning two senators per state. The lower house would have representation based on population, meaning one representative for every 30,000 people. The population count to be used to determine this would be all free inhabitants plus 3/5 of the slave population. The Great Compromise blended the Virginia and New Jersey Plans, easing the fears of the small states and appeasing Southern states that wanted slaves counted for representation purposes.

### This Week's Functionaries

**Invocation:** Chris Ackerman  
**Flag Salute:** Jim Murray  
**4-Way Test:** Mike Page  
**Fine Master:** Arsalee Morales



## ARSALEE'S AVENUE

*Thank you to Professor David Wilkerson who came and shared a*

*history lesson on the Great Compromise of 1787. It was so informative, I'm just glad we didn't have a pop quiz right after! In all seriousness, we would love to have you back at any time to share the rich history of the United States.*



*Please join us for our Comedy Night Fundraiser on November 19th. It will be held at the Victorville Elks Lodge and only 100 tickets are available (\$20 each), or you can be a \$250 sponsor and receive 4 tickets. Our comedians this year have played Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York, so you know its going to be hilarious! We are also looking for raffle prizes to raise a lot of money, because the community is asking us for money to give back to help those less fortunate.*

*Please make sure you invite as many people as possible to hear Congressman Jay Obernolte speak to our Club next week. So far we have 33 RSVP's, but are looking for 70+ to fill the room.*

*Finally remember, "Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress people".*

*Until next week...*

*Arsalee*

## November Birthdays

<b>Maureen Mills</b>	<b>November 1</b>
<b>Rob Kilpatrick</b>	<b>November 1</b>
<b>James Rightmire</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Terry Caldwell</b>	<b>November 8</b>
<b>Mary Teran</b>	<b>November 15</b>
<b>Kevin Porter</b>	<b>November 16</b>
<b>Bill Edwards</b>	<b>November 25</b>
<b>Margaret Cooker</b>	<b>November 28</b>

## November Anniversaries

<b>Bill Edwards</b>	<b>6 Years</b>
<b>Arsalee Morales</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Bryan Gillespie</b>	<b>3 Years</b>



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Big Blue Dice



*Jim Murray had the chance to grab the Blue Dice, but picked a white one and saved the opportunity for another Rotarian. We will continue next week with 12 Dice and \$250 for the lucky Rotarian who can grab the Blue Dice.*

## Fine Session

President **Arsalee Morales** filled in as our Fine Master and acknowledged everyone in attendance as “fine-free” for coming to the meeting. Those not wearing their Rotary pins were charged \$5 which included **Arsalee, Mike Page** and **James Rightmire**.

## Raffle

In this week’s raffle, **Steve Murray** gave away a bottle of wine what will be enjoyed by **Jim Murray**. Keeping it in the family...

## Canned Food Drive

It’s time to restock the pantry! We are back to collecting canned goods and non-refrigerated items that we can donate to local non-profits and help those less fortunate in Victorville. Please note that for each set of 5 cans you bring in, you will receive 2 raffle tickets in return for that meeting. We appreciate your help and generosity.



## Obernolte to Speak

Please join us on Tuesday, November 1 to hear Congressman **Jay Obernolte** speak to our Club at our weekly Luncheon. It is very important to inform your interested friends and acquaintances of Congressman Obernolte’s attendance which will be held at the Bear Valley Country Club in the large room. Cost for guests will be \$25.00.



Please RSVP to **Margaret Cooker** let her know if you are coming, and the names of your guests so that she can ensure that there is both enough food and seats by Friday, October 28 at 10 a.m. to [vwrotary@live.com](mailto:vwrotary@live.com) or call 760-243-5928 and leave a message.

Let’s fill the room and make it worthwhile to Congressman Obernolte to return to talk to us in the future.

## Spoon of Exemption

**Bryan Gillespie** had his final week with the Spoon and talked Options for Youth Sports! On one side, the 7-year undefeated Football team will not



make the Championships on Friday but the Softball team are currently in second place in softball and this Friday they will take on the Inland Empire Wolfpack.

## The Polio Pig

**Collected this week: \$13.00**

*Polio Pig: \$8 + Jim Murray (Dice): \$5.00= \$13.00*

**Collected to Date: \$19,227.52**

**Total equals: 99,543 Doses!**

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



**VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS**

**Board of Directors**

- President 2022-2023 ..... Arsalee Morales
  - President 2023-2024 ..... Steve Murray
  - President 2024-2025 ..... **Need Candidates**
  - President 2025-2026 ..... Bill Edwards
  - Immediate Past President ..... Jon Hove
  - Treasurer ..... Donna Wells
  - Executive Secretary ..... Margaret Cooker
  - Club Service ..... Steve Murray
  - Community Service ..... Bryan Gillespie
  - International Service ..... Ben Tafoya
  - Youth Service/RYLEA & TLC ..... Ryan McEachron
  - Vocational Service ..... Bill Edwards
- Members-at-Large:** David North, Mike Johnson, Rob Kilpatrick & Ron Boyd

**Positions & Committee Chairs**

- BOD Secretary ..... Pam Murray
- Billing Officer ..... Esther Mears
- Dan Stover Music Contest ..... **Need Volunteer**
- Flowers and Gifts ..... Linda Hove
- Foundation & Grants ..... Margaret Cooker
- 4-Way Speech Competitions ..... Mike Johnson
- Fundraising ..... Arsalee Morales
- George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest ..... Ron Boyd
- Joshua Tree Editor ..... Chris Ackerman
- Membership ..... Steve Murray
- Programs ..... Mike Page
- Publicity/Public Relations ..... **Need Volunteer**
- Public Service ..... Rick Bessinger, Teresa DeAtley,  
Jeff Armstrong and John Wickum
- Sergeant At Arms ..... Steve Murray
- Scholarships ..... David North
- S.T.A.R. Students ..... Maureen Mills and Michal Krause

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**

- 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, 13165 Main St., Hesperia  
San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon,  
Barstow, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** 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
- FRIDAY:** San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

**Calendar Dates**

- Nov 19: Comedy Night Fundraiser**  
Victorville Elks Club, 14041 Hesperia Road  
5:30pm • Tickets \$20 each  
Sponsorships \$250 + 4 Tickets
- Dec 1: Rotary Christmas Party**  
Bear Valley County Club
- Nov 14: Board of Directors Meeting**  
5:00pm -Fellowship  
5:30 pm Board Meeting  
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency  
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA



**Upcoming Programs**

- Nov 1: Congressman Jay Obernolte**
- Nov 8: Teacher Mini-Grants (Cooker)**

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