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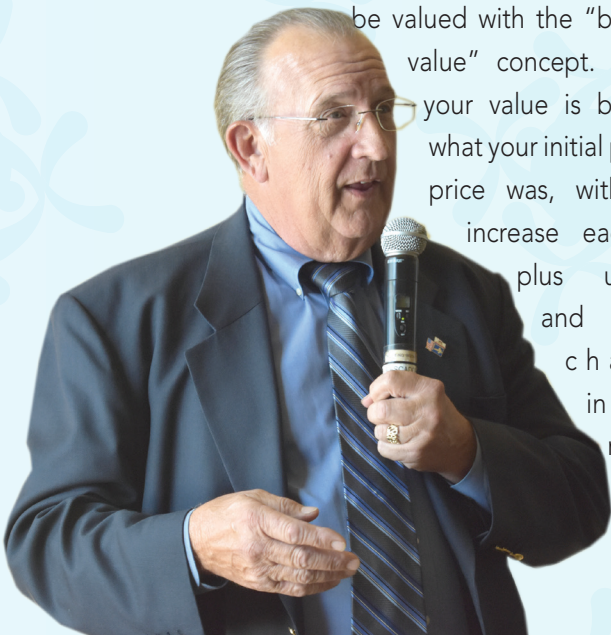


November 12, 2019

WHAT IS THE SPLIT ROLL?

If the Split Roll comes to fruition, San Bernardino County Assessor **Bob Dutton** is going to be a very busy man! Being in Real Estate for over 50 years, Bob knows the value of a parcel. In the County they have over 800,000 properties that need assessing each year and with only 65 appraisers in his office of 220 people, they are already quite busy. For the whole of the fiscal year they reassess parcels for new owners, upgrades and more to determine its value.

In 1978 with the passing of Prop 13, property value could be valued with the "base your value" concept. Basically, your value is based on what your initial purchase price was, with a 2% increase each year, plus upgrades and dramatic changes in the market. With the 2008



recession came the Prop 8 Review, where you could get a review of your property if you feel is less now than the value of what you paid initially.

Now, with the proposed "Split Tax", it would change everything and, in many cases, worse for the business/property owner. Split Roll amends Prop 13 to raise taxes on business properties by requiring a re-assessment every 3 years and splits the property tax roll between residential and business properties. Now there would be 2 separate assessments. For Residential properties would be appraised at the time of purchase and new construction, but Commercial & Industrial would be every three years regardless!

It's officially called the "California Schools and Local Community Fund Act" (sounds nice doesn't it?), and whenever you put wording with "Schools" and "Community" in it, a lot of people will automatically vote "Yes", and be caught after the fact with a higher tax. The reason they can get away with calling it this is because the proposed revenue of 6.5 – 10.5 Billion (based on a growing commercial real estate market) is to be shared with monies going into the General Fund, the Assessors office to cover administration costs, 40% to schools and community college property tax fund and 60% to cities, counties and special districts. Bob says that this would see a tax increase paid by many businesses, thereby increasing the cost to run a company in California and could see a return to businesses moving out of state as we saw a few years ago.

Of course, there are exemptions, such as no taxation on equipment and fixtures, and other allocations to try and make it "small business friendly".

For the Assessor's office, this will be very challenging if it passes on the 2020 ballot. More than 900 new appraisals will

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This Week's Functionaries

- Invocation: **Chris Ackerman**
- Flag Salute: **David North**
- 4-Way Test: **Brad Poiriez**
- Finemaster: **Ryan McEachron**

ORR'S ROARS



If you weren't here this week, and judging from our light crowd, it was many of you, Assessor Bob Dutton gave a great presentation on the Split Roll tax that will be on the ballot in 2020. Please make sure you are well informed on this issue if you are a business owner or commercial property owner.

You may have forgotten about them, but we found them! We have plastic Rotary cards to hand out to people you'd like to invite to one of our meetings. These cards give the time and location of our meetings, plus a place to put your name. Please take some and give them out to someone you think would make a great Rotarian!

With the holiday season, just around the corner we have LUCI Lights that make a wonderful gift



to staff, friends and loved ones \$18 for frosted and \$23 for colored. Your purchase supports the Victorville Rotary Foundation and funds our service projects.

As a reminder, next week is our annual Teacher Mini Grant Luncheon and we WILL have a full house (unlike this week), so please make sure you arrive early enough to get a seat. Lunch will be ready at 11:30am to make sure everyone has food by the time we begin.

Have a great Rotary week!

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Raffle

Donna Wells was our big winner in the raffle! She will be enjoying a meal at El Pescador courtesy of **Esther Mears** at DCB, and will spend a couple hours, along with Esther, how to work the Heritage Victor Valley Medial Group Pop Sockets they won from **Steve Orr**.



Fine Session

Jim Barnes was our Fine Master this go around, and did not have a lot of time for fines, so first gave President **Steve Orr** a \$20 penalty for not giving him a proper amount of time, and also presented **Terry Caldwell** with a \$10 hit to his wallet for not wearing his badge. Also getting a \$10 fine was **Oscar Garcia** for the simple reason that Jim never had the honor of fining him before! Final fine went to **Chris Ackerman**. What started out just as a compliment Chris does herding the kids for photos at our S.T.A.R. Student presentations, changed because Chris piped up and said it was more like "herding cats". That quip cost him \$20.

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be needed and with his staff already working at full capacity they will need hire 45 new trained workers, but the process to be trained and certified takes a couple years, much longer than they need to be in place to handle the workload. Additional costs of training, upgraded technology, and admin costs would range from \$527-\$639 million annually in the first 10 years, plus assessment appeals will dramatically increase causing a backlog of years to resolve. On top of that, L.A. County, who supports this has already let Bob know that they will try to take whomever they hire away from them for the 500+ they need!

The San Bernardino County Assessor's office makes no official stance on the Split Roll matter but want taxpayers and especially business and commercial/industrial property owners know all the details when the vote comes around next year.

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Big Blue Dice



Esther Mears got the chance for the Blue Dice and big money, but drew a white dice for another next week.

We will continue next week with 10 dice and \$300 for the Rotarian who can pick the Blue Dice out of the bag.

Rotary Foundation



The week Rotarian **Stew Anderson** was honored to receive a Ruby Pin from the Rotary Foundation for giving both nationally and internationally, over \$6,000! **Margaret Cooker** presented the Pin to Stew along side President **Steve Orr**. Thank you Stew for your dedication to helping others through Rotary.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 5, 2019 • 5:30pm
El Pescador • Victorville
\$45 Per Person
Salmon or Prime Rib

Teacher Mini Grants

There are 43 recipients of Teacher Mini Grants to be presented Nov 19th.

Thank you all for your donations. Be note that part of your charitable contributions are used for this. Total over \$12,000!

The Polio Pig

Collected this week: **\$33.00**

Polio Pig: \$13.00 + Bob Dutton: \$20.00 : Total: \$33.00

Collected to Date: **\$16,818.72**

Total equals: **94,809 Doses!**

One dollar equals 2 doses of vaccine!

\$500 pays for a Polio Clinic!

Rotary

Club of Victorville, CA





VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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Grants/Speech Contests	TBA
Scholarships.....	David North
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Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD Secretary	Marilyn Buttelwerth
Programs	Mike Page
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S.T.A.R. Students	Jim Barnes/Robin Cackler
Fundraising/Flowers and Gifts	Steve Orr
Joshua Tree Editor	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
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 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, Rositas, 540 Main St, 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, AV, 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 14: 2019 Peace Conference

8:30am - 1:30pm
Treasure Island, Las Vegas
Sign up on DaCDB.com

May 1-3 2020: Assembly and District Conference

Assembly May 1, Conference May 1-3
Westin Pasadena
191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 792-2727

Upcoming Rotary Programs

Nov 19: Teacher Mini Grants

Nov 26: Southern California Edison, Account Manager
Maria Serret **TOPIC: "Energy Solutions
for your Business"** (Lager)

Dec 3: Kevork Kazanijian, Victor Valley College
Adjunct Faculty-Political Science **TOPIC:
"Modern Slavery and Open
Borders"** (Acosta)
Elementary 4-Way Speech Contest (Mills)

Dec 10: OPEN
S.T.A.R. Students + TLC Students

Dec 17: Christmas Program (Johnson)

Dec 24: DARK (Christmas Eve)

Dec 31: DARK (New Year's Eve)

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