

# Rotary



## Club of Rancho Mirage

### Club Meeting Information

Rancho Mirage  
Meets at Brookdale Mirage Inn  
72750 Country Club Drive  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92211  
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

### Events

July 2nd  
[Rancho Mirage Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### Birthdays

KATHERINE SINGH PhD  
August 29th



Tuesday, August 4, 2020

## Rotary International Director Vicki Puliz 2021-2023



Vicki joined us at our Zoom meeting on July 30 and told us a little about herself and about what she would be doing to represent us with Rotary International as a Rotary International Director. She will serve the "Big West", which is a combination of Zones 26 & 27. The "Big West" consists of 14 U.S. States, 1 Canadian Province, 1,700 Rotary Clubs and 71,000 Rotarians! She is a member of the Rotary Club of Sparks, Nevada.

Vicki's "why" in Rotary is to make a positive difference-whether in Youth Service, Public Image, Polio Eradication, Leadership Development, Education, or growing Rotary through new clubs and supporting Rotarians and Rotaractors.

She graduated from the University of Utah with a Marketing degree and Master of Business Administration, and went on to own a commercial electrical contracting firm in Northern Nevada. Vicki and her husband, Tim, live in Reno, Nevada at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. One of their interests is general aviation and they belong to the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

## RCRM Awards Joan Boiko a Paul Harris Fellowship

Joan Boiko, the Communications Manager of the Palm Springs Unified School District, has been a friend of the Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage for many years. She has helped us with publicity for some of our events, has joined us in programs associated with students from both elementary school through high school, and has given us some good guidance in how to work with the school while trying to help the youth of our community. It was our pleasure to present her with her Paul Harris Fellowship Certificate and Pin, and it was especially nice to have the R.I. Director-elect, Vicki Puliz on hand to make the presentation. Thank you, Joan, for your continuing support of the Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage.



## Honors to Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage and President Sue Dell'Acqua

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Dear Fellow Rotarian:

Today was District 5330 Awards Ceremony via Zoom. THANK YOU to ALL for your efforts resulting in the Rotary Club of Rancho Mirage being awarded "The BEST SMALL CLUB in the DISTRICT".

It doesn't end there! Our club also received:

1. The best small club award for "MEMBERSHIP RETENTION".
2. The best small club award for "MEMBERSHIP GROWTH".
3. A certificate for donating a portion of our District Designated Funds to "POLIO+".
4. A certificate for donating a portion of our District Designated Funds to "The Covid-19 Relief Fund".
5. Public Image Award for "SOCIAL MEDIA" (Facebook).
6. "VOCATIONAL SERVICE" Award.
7. Rotary International "PRESIDENT'S CITATION".
8. "DISTRICT 5330 ROTARIAN of the YEAR...Sue Dell'Acqua".

We are deeply appreciative and grateful for our WONDERFUL Rotarians!! Invite your friends to join our winning team!

Fasten your seat belts for an exciting 2020-21 Year.

Warm regards,  
Rich Dell'Acqua  
2019-20 Secretary

## The Starkey Foundation

By Ron Costi on Thursday, June 18, 2020



Many of us have heard about The Starkey Foundation through our own members, Patsy and Joe Manhart. Their daughter and son-in-law, Tani and Bill Austin, started The Starkey Foundation in 1984, following many years of giving the gift of hearing to thousands in need throughout the United States and the World. Tani, who is the Chief Philanthropy Officer and Elizabeth Sweet, the Chief Operations Officer, were our speakers at our meeting on June 18. Tani explained to us how **Rotary** has played a major roll in their philanthropic work all over the world by providing the necessary mobilization support in the countries in which the mission is being provided. Here in the United States, the HEAR NOW program provides the hearing aids through local professionals as a program also part of the Starkey Foundation.

466 million people around the world suffer debilitating hearing loss. One of the guiding principles of Starkey is:

**How we Walk with the HUMBLE  
Speaks louder than how we Sit with the GREAT**

They have had Hearing Aid Missions in over 70 countries around the world. The help to the hearing impaired does not stop with giving the hearing aids, it also provides after-care contact...230,000 after-care contacts by the end of last year.

Another part of the Starkey mission is to provide training and education to locals in order to continue the safe and continuing operation of the hearing aids. The Starkey Foundation established the Hearing Institute in Zambia, Africa, to accomplish that goal. There have been five classes that have grauated from the Institute.

Tani explained the four steps in preparing/planning for a mission:

1. Identify need and prepare for action
2. Distribute the hearing aids - the magic happens
3. After-care and training locals to maintain
4. Integrating into the normal world

Bill and Tani believe that "everyone deserves to hear". Tani said that her family's involvement in the hearing aid business and The Starkey Foundation includes FOUR GENERATIONS of her family! She believes that "caring is God's love in action".

***Thank you Tani and Elizabeth for the awesome presentation.***

## Club Leaders



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