



# The Squeaky Wheel



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO MIRAGE

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Ron Costi

### The Rotary Foundation

Rich Dell'Acqua gave an update. The club has exceeded its' annual goal with \$3,071 donated to the Annual Fund and \$1,881 to Polio Plus. Our Annual Fund per capita is \$114 compared to the District per capita of \$87.

Sara Schmolke reports that our raffle ticket sales for the Tour de Palm Springs are almost \$1,400.

#### ROTARY

#### INTERNATIONAL

President-Holger Knaack

#### ROTARY DISTRICT

District Governor-Barry Valdez

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge Project scheduled for Saturday, February 20 has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 27. More details as we get closer to the date.**

Our speaker for Thursday, February 18 was Terri Bona, Director of Fund Development for the Family YMCA of the Desert. The Y promotes youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Family Y has been around since 1982 with programs available for people of all ages. It has grown to 400 staff serving more than 2,000 individuals at 41 locations throughout the Valley. Unfortunately those are pre-COVID statistics. A few programs were able to keep operating. Gradually more services are becoming available. There are several athletic programs open at this time—basketball, flag football and swimming is available. Terri is anticipating that there will be additional summer activities. Terri also serves as an Ambassador for the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce.



Our February social was held on Thursday, February 11th. Happy faces/sad faces as we say goodbye to Ana Maria and Peter Gregor. Peter has taken a "Less stressful" job in Lake Havasu City, Arizona—home of the London Bridge which was relocated from England. Peter shared some very interesting information about the Egbe Hospital in Nigeria where he worked in 1970. The hospital was extremely primitive at that time. Fortunately, with the help of Rotary, many improvements have been made. Peter has returned several times and plans at least one more trip. He had some harrowing experiences, including being held up by bandits twice.

We also learned that Ana Maria will be one of 100 people honored in Santa Ana, San Salvador this year for her humanitarian work.

From your Rotary family we wish you the best of luck. Visit us on our Zoom meetings — they are at 8:30 am in your new time zone.

Ana Maria and Peter pictured on their wedding day - October 5, 2019.

### MEETING LOCATION

We are currently meeting via ZOOM—please contact Marilyn Sanderson for ZOOM link information.

[marilynsanderson1617@gmail.com](mailto:marilynsanderson1617@gmail.com) or 619-694-7073

### Upcoming Speakers-

**Feb 25** Shannon Shea-  
Elder Love USA

**March 4** Dr. Dionicio  
Saucedo/How Thinking  
Impacts Behavior

**March 11** Chris Willi-  
son Riverside County  
Sheriff's Department

### FEBRUARY

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

David Hammer 2-11

Sue Ann Costi 2-20

### Rotary Anniversaries

Peter Gregor 2-19

Dean Singh 2-20

Both Peter and Dean belonged to other clubs and have over 70 years combined membership prior to joining us.

**What a treat! At our meeting we watched a video of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana (Canada) SING the Four Way Test.**

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

Doctor Seuss

### February is

**Rotary International  
Peace and Conflict  
Resolution/Prevention  
Month**