



The Squeaky Wheel



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO MIRAGE

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CHANGE IN MEETING SCHEDULE

Our regular meeting next week is cancelled. Instead we will have a Farewell Social for Peter and Ana Maria Gregor. We are sad they are moving to Lake Havasu City, but are very happy for the career move that will be so positive for them both. Let's raise a glass and toast their new adventure. Link will be sent next week.

Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge Project

Saturday, February 20 our club will participate in the Sahara Mustard weed abatement program. We will meet at 9:30 am and work for 2 hours. After a break, those who wish to work longer can stay for a few more hours. Please refer to David Hammer's e-mail/Feb. 4th for details and instructions. A great kick off to our involvement in the new Rotary area of focus—The Environment.

Thursday's speaker, Ken Wheat, Senior VP/CFO of Eisenhower Health shared important information about our 5 Star Rated Medical Facility. Opening Mid March is a new Labor/Delivery facility. There has been a major shift to out patient care/surgeries. Eisenhower is a top employer with 4,000+ employees. The strong philanthropy component (\$796 million 2001-2019) is important because of the 80% government pay factor. There are over 100 multi specialty physician office clinics. Eisenhower performs over 16,000 surgeries annually and handles over 80,000 ER visits annually. We are lucky to have such first-class health facility in the Valley.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JOE MANHART

Who knew?? We all know the amazing impact Pat and Joe Manhart have had on our club and the community through their Hearing Aid business, Hearing Aid missions throughout the world and their continuing philanthropic accomplishments. However—did you know???

Joe was born in Terra Haute Indiana, lived in Chicago, served in the Army, moved back to Chicago where he operated a neighborhood bar—rumor has it that more than one celebrity graced his establishment.

When the building where his bar was located was sold Joe pursued a dream. Lookin' good in his newly purchased 1959 Corvette he took off on an 18 month journey around the country following Route 66. He eventually ended up in California where his car was stolen! Staying in California he worked for Safeway, opened a swimming pool supply store, built super custom pools and spas and then he met Patsy.

The rest is history and a fun filled adventure which continues today.

MEETING LOCATION

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

marilysanderson1617@gmail.com or 619-694-7073

Upcoming Speakers

Feb 11 Farewell to the

Gregor's Social

Feb 18 Teri Bona/

Family YMCA

Feb 25 TBA

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dana Crosby-Paul Harris +1

Patsy Manhart-Paul Harris +4

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PolioPlus Society — Have you joined yet??

Contact Rich Dell'Acqua at 951-312-2772 for details.

**END
POLIO
NOW**

February is

Rotary International

**Peace and Conflict
Resolution/Prevention
Month**