

#### THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO MIRAGE

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## **Meeting Highlites**

Induction of new member Sara Schmolke, Membership Director at Tamarisk Country Club.

89 Dictionaries delivered to Cielo Vista Elementary.

Update on donation to Sister Club Santa Ana San Salvador.

Articles next week!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL **President-Holger Knaack ROTARY DISTRICT District Governor-Barry Valdez** 

## SOCKTOBERFEST was a HUGE SOCKCESS

It wasn't raining cats and dogs at the Hammer house— it was a deluge



of socks!! Our project to donate socks to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission resulted in the collection of 672 pairs. Not only did members step up to the challenge but friends and family contributed also. Our own Katie Stice with the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce promoted the project to the community which re-

sulted in

the donation of 230 pairs! Project Chairs Sue and David Hammer, President Mari-Ivn Sanderson, Community Projects Chair Sue Dell'Acqua and Rich Dell'Acqua delivered the socks to a very grateful Scott Wolf, Development Director at CVRM. The project was lots of fun and everyone looks forward to SOCKTOBERFEST 2021 - can you say 1,000 pairs!

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Our speaker for this week's meeting, October 29, was Dan Goodrich, District Governor Elect. He shared the details of a proposed Human Trafficking Grant. Human Trafficking is defined as the sexual exploitation or forced labor of both domestic residents and illegal immigrants. Areas of activity include slavery, domestic and agricultural servitude, prostitution, pornography and sex tourism. California is the #1 state for this \$32 billion horrific industry. The Inland Empire is referred to as "The Distribution Center" for trafficking. The proposed Grant will attack Trafficking in several ways—education of students and faculties, first responders, medical professionals and the community at large. Raising the level of public awareness that this problem is real and is everywhere—in every community-in every school-on every corner is another vital element. As Rotarians we are charged with attacking Trafficking with the Rotary spirit that drives the success of meeting the challenges In our world.

The only thing better than eating candy is sharing it!! Next week's feature article will highlight the "Candy Drive for Our Troops" project.

#### **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**

Nov 5 Randy Pote— **Rose Parade Float** 

Nov 12 Jeff Mitch, Bob Hope USO, Palm Springs

Nov 19 Dr. James Danoff-Burg, The Living **Desert Conservation** Nov 26 Happy

**Thanksgiving** 

# **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays** 

Joe Manhart 10-6 Ron Costi 10-10 Betty Teoman 10-25 Luz Gonzalez 10-29

**Rotary Anniversaries** 

Mike Renner 10-2018

PolioPlus Society — Have you joined yet??

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

# **END** POLIO NOW

**October is Rotary Economic & Community Development Month**