



This Week – Palm Springs Aerial Tramway



Rachel Anderson, Public Relations and Events Manager of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, describes the Tramway as one of the crown jewels of the desert and she'll tell us why when she visits our club this week. The Tramway, which features the world's largest rotating tram cars, climbs 8,516 feet from the valley floor to near the top of Mt. San Jacinto. Construction of the Tramway was completed in 1963. Rachel has been in public relations and marketing since 2017 in both her native Idaho and the Coachella Valley.

Another Election This Week

It seems like only yesterday that we elected Mark Stanley to serve as our Palm Desert Rotary President in 2027-2028 and now it's time to elect our President-Elect Nominee Designate who will lead our club in 2028-2029. We'll hear from our two candidates this week and then vote by secret ballot.



January 20 – The Salvation Army



Major Neil Navarro of the Salvation Army Center in Cathedral City will join us to talk about their programs and mission. Every Holiday season, we support the Salvation Army by being Bell Ringers from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Thanks go to **Phil Rushing**, our January Rotarian of the Month, for heading up the bell ringing effort each year!

January 31 – Fenixia Gala Help Needed

Fenixia Foundation, Inc. & Building Bridges for Special Needs are hosting a Gala for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and volunteers are needed. The event is at Palm Valley Country Club from 5-9. If you can volunteer or provide a sponsorship, contact **Lisa Valerio** at 650-4641373



January Is 4-Way Test Training Time!



January is 4-Way Speech Competition Training Time

Vocational Chair Massey Pitts is looking for coaches to help her work with the student as they hone their skills and speeches for the competition in February. The commitment is approx. 1 hour on Thursdays at Palm Desert High School from about 12:45 to 1:45. If you are interested, please contact **Massey** at (619) 548-8972.

Tour de Palm Springs – February 6 & 7

Palm Desert Rotarians will once again be registering over 5,000 riders for this annual bike ride. This event has turned into an excellent fundraiser for our club. We'll be staffing the registration table all day Friday plus Saturday morning. If you'd like to help out, please contact **Amy Laboda**, treetops0523@gmail.com. The Tour de Palm Springs also offers another great way to fundraise. We have tickets available for various Tour raffles and we keep 100% of the proceeds! Buy tickets from **Maryalice** this week!



February 14 – Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event

The Environmental Sustainability Committee has scheduled a recycling event on February 14 at Desert Arc. Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are interested in getting involved with this or other environmental projects, Contact **Jack Fitzsimmons**, ESCOM Chair at leftcoastfitz@gmail.com

[Click for more information](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MARCH 30 GOLF TOURNAMENT
 This is an "all hands on board" fundraiser for the club

Drive Out **HUNGER** Golf Tournament

Every swing funds a meal so
we can drive hunger away

March 30, 2026
Palm Valley Country Club
7 am – 1:30 pm
Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch,
Awards & Silent Auction

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL UNTIL FEB. 25
\$175 – Individual Player
\$550 – Team of 4

TO REGISTER GO TO:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/drive-out-hunger-golf-tournament> or scan the QR

Sponsorships are available,
email jiloretta@gmail.com
or call 760-239-1132



Proceeds will go to address food insecurity
& local food pantries in the Coachella Valley.



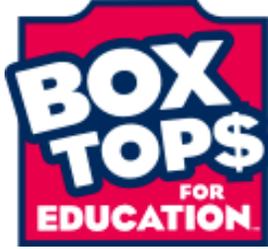
Angels of Service

Created during COVID so we could serve our community despite the restrictions, **Angels of Service** continues to provide much needed food to local food pantries. We shop twice a month for essentials for both humans and the pets of those who are facing food insecurity. To volunteer, contact **Wendy O'Kane** at wbokane@gmail.com.



Support Your Favorite School!

Box Tops for Education is an easy way to support a school. Our Rotary Club supports Abraham Lincoln Elementary in Palm Desert, but if you download the Box Top for Education App, you can register for the school you want to support. To get the app and a complete list of participating products, [click here](#).



And Just for Fun...Thirsty Thursdays

Almost every month we have a 5-7 pm social at a local restaurant, brewery or pub eat, drink, have some fun and fellowship. The next Thirsty Thursday is being planned for the end of January. Watch for an update!



ShelterBox Donation Information

Ways to help the CV Animal Campus

Meeting Information

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\$125 LUNCH TICKET

\$25 **\$25** **\$25** **\$25** **\$25**

Treat this card like cash.

Help the Club save money by buying a lunch ticket or paying with cash for lunch

Do you pay for your lunch with a credit card? Consider buying a 5 punch lunch ticket so we pay credit card fees on 1 transactions instead of 5. The more we save on administrative cost, the more club funds go to doing good!

Weekly Rotary Meeting Information

We meet in person at 11:45 am on Tuesdays at the Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert. The meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon so arrive early to register and socialize.

We also offer a Zoom option for our out-of-town members. We ask all Rotarians and guests who are able to, to please attend in person.

[NEW-Regular Zoom Meeting Link](#)

The Zoom Room opens at 11:45am and the meeting begins at 12 Noon.

Join by [CLICKING HERE](#)
or Join Zoom Meeting via the Zoom web:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87347630311?pwd=5DfQMtzRuVmYCGWEoCwgp5EDWxWalA.1>



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