



We have an exciting Rotary year planned for the first half of 2026 and there's something for everyone. Let's count the ways you can participate **JUST** in January...

### #1 - This Tuesday , January 6 – Rotary 101

**Priscilla Dewing** will mark the midpoint of her year as President of Palm Desert Rotary this Tuesday when she presents another Rotary 101 session to our members. She'll provide us with a recap of the first half of her term, plans for the remaining six months and we'll receive a financial update from Treasurer **Judy Lozano**. Let's have a full house this week!

### #2 - January 9 - 11 – Mexicali Work Weekend



For the last 9 years, our club and the Club Mexicali Oeste in Mexico have hosted a volunteer work weekend in Mexicali. Rotarians from all over the district and beyond have shown up for three day of service, fellowship and fun. This year's event is sold out but there will be other opportunities.

### #3 - January 13 – Another Election Coming Up

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're looking for candidates so please let **Pres. Priscilla** or **Club Administration Chair Leroy** know if you're interested. Deadline for candidates is this Tuesday, January 6 and the election is scheduled for January 13.

### #4 - January 13 – Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Program



**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 on January. 13. 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. Rachel has been in public relations and marketing since 2017 in both her native Idaho and the Coachella Valley.

### #5 January 20 – Salvation Army Program



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.

## #6 During Jan –4-Way Speech Competition Training



### 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**.

## #7 January 24 – Lithium- Ion Battery Recycling Event



The Environmental Sustainability Committee has scheduled a recycling event for January 24, 2026 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](mailto:leftcoastfitz@gmail.com)

## #8 January 27 - Cathedral City Senior Center Program



Geoff Corbin CEO and Victor Ide, COO will present a program on the Cathedral City Senior Center and what it has to offer to the older residents of our communities.

## #9 January 31 - Fenixia Gala



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**

**But wait! that's not all. These ongoing programs need support now and in the months to come so continue reading...**

### 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](mailto:wbokane@gmail.com).



Another way to fundraise! Raffle tickets for the Tour de Palm Springs are now available from Maryalice. 100% of the tickets sales comes back to our club! So buy some and sell some.

**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 produces, [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!

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## Meeting Information

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### 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.

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