



This Week – Coachella Animal Network



Although the Coachella Valley continues to grow, SunLine Transit Agency has seen a decrease in ridership in recent years. **Edith Hernandez** of SunLine will be with us next week to talk about SunLine: Rides Reimagined, a new initiative to insure the agency continues to evolve to meet the needs of our valley. The first step in the initiative is a survey of residents to determine their needs and how Sunline can meet those needs. Join us Tuesday to learn more and provide your input.

February 17 - BIGSTISTTEERRS

Big Stistteerrrs, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, was founded in June 2024. Its founder and CEO, Michelle Wallace, recognized the need for a proactive approach to educate our youth and communities about human trafficking, a growing pandemic in the United States of America, especially in California. Big Stistteerrrs' mission is to stop the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). After she retired with a 30-year tenure with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services, Michelle relocated to the Coachella Valley to enjoy her retirement and leisure. But she was called back to community service after witnessing teen prostitution. Big Stistteerrrs' goal to host annual youth training seminars to equip children with the skills and knowledge they need to make informed decisions and protect themselves from potential dangers and human trafficking predators.



Tour de Palm Springs – PD Rotary Was There!
by light of day and lamps at night, our team checked all the riders in over two days!



February 14 – Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event

Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event at:

Desert Arc
73255 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260
next to Bristol Farms

Saturday February 14 10 AM - 1 PM

sponsored by Rotary Club of Palm Desert and Redwood Materials






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

Read Across America 2026 at Lincoln Elementary



Share the love of reading with students and teachers at Lincoln Elementary in Palm Desert as we celebrate Read Across America on **Monday, March 2**. Our club is purchasing books for each classroom library and will be reading a short book or chapter to each classroom. We need at least 29 volunteer readers for classroom visits from transitional kindergarten to grade 5.

This fun event begins at 8:15 a.m. with a light breakfast at Lincoln ES followed by classroom visits to read to students and share information about Rotary. Plan to be finished by 9:30 a.m. Classroom teachers will have a book or chapter selected for you to read aloud and yes, hats are provided!

You can sign up at our 2/10 meeting or contact Cathy Malone with your name and email (cathy.malone@comcast.net). You may share a preference for a grade level and she will try to accommodate all requests. All of the students and teachers at Lincoln look forward to these visits and the annual celebration of reading!

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

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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
\$650 – 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 produces, [click here](#).

ShelterBox Donation Information

Ways to help the CV Animal Campus

Meeting Information

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\$125 LUNCH TICKET

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

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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>

Dialing in? Find the number by your location at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kvn6rknU6>

Meeting ID: 873 4763 0311

Passcode: PDR#885



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