



This Week – Big Stistteerrrs



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 US, especially in California. Big Stistteerrrs' mission is to stop the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). After she retired from 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.

February 24 - Triangle Care Management

Known for her longstanding dedication to helping nonprofits grow, thrive and increase their impact, **Debra Pollock** founded a nonprofit consulting business serving organizations throughout the United States and supporting their efforts to strengthen fundraising and advance mission-driven work. Debra has held executive positions with a number of respected local organizations including the Cathedral City Senior Center, Martha's Village and Kitchen and the LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert.



Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling - A First For Palm Desert Rotary

Palm Desert Rotary's first ever lithium-ion battery recycling event collected a surprising number of batteries! Thanks to **Jack Fitzsimmons** for spearheading this event!



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 jlloretta@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](#).

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\$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/87347630311>

Meeting ID: 873 4763 0311

Passcode: PDR#885



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