



# Rotary Club of La Quinta

Service Above Self since 1985



## SUMMER FUN MEETING



**On August 8, 2024, at 6 PM, La Quinta Rotarians, along with their spouses, guests, visitors, and friends gathered together at the PGA West GREG NORMAN Clubhouse and enjoyed an evening filled with FUN, Laughter and Good Times!**



**Everyone was in great spirits and looking forward to celebrating the Dog Days of Summer and some SUMMER FUN on this evening as they were greeted upon entry by Lora Cathcart and her “daughters” Katie and Casey Zapcart. Rotarians and guests arrived to find the room was set with three tables of 12 decked out**



with a few Birthday Balloons and Bundt Cakes and 2 beautiful bouquets of mixed roses for our Speakers.



After about 20 minutes of socializing and availing themselves of the libations available at the bar, those in attendance stood as President Bruce Cathcart called the meeting to order and directed everyone's attention to the big screen where there was a photo of the American Flag that was submitted by Doug Hassett. He then had Doug Motz lead us in the salute to our flag.





**President Bruce gave the invocation expressing special thanks for all of the blessings that have been bestowed upon us and recognizing how thankful we are for the friendships and camaraderie that we share within our Rotary Family and rejoice in the knowledge that as Rotarians we are making a positive impact in our own community and around the world!**



**Doug and Nora MacLellan**



**Sue and Steve Lowe**

**Next president Bruce welcomed everyone, and introductions were made starting with our visiting Rotarians; our good friends Doug and Nora MacLellan and Sue Lowe (from the Indio noon club) and her husband Steve. President Bruce then handed the mic to his wife Lora who introduced their two lovely “daughters” Katie and Casey, and her son Jim (collectively the “Presidential Staff”) and then she introduced her brother and sister-in-law Jim and Maria Cathcart. Next Frank Velasco introduced his very lovely wife Christy, Deborah McGarrey introduced her beautiful husband Michael, Michelle introduced her incredibly talented and handsome husband Chris, and Allan Levin introduced his very special guest John Nottberg. President Bruce then moved to the last table where Brett Anderson introduced his beautiful wife Colleen, Dr. Bruce Underwood introduced his beautiful wife Janet, Dan Fissori introduced his beautiful wife TC., Robert Wilkinson introduced his beautiful wife Nancy and Doug Motz introduced his beautiful wife Carole. Kimberly McKinney, Doug Hassett, and our 2 speakers rounded out our group for this evening.**

**Following the new format, dinner was served with the announcements and meeting fun to follow.**





Our meals are served “Buffet Style” (which makes seconds easy to obtain!). Tonight’s buffet started with a Mixed Greens Garden Salad with cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, croutons, with Italian dressing plus a Tomato and Watermelon Salad with crumbled feta, red onion, basil and a citrus vinaigrette dressing.



Next came the Beef and Wild Mushroom Lasagna and the Chicken Breast basil primavera with diced vegetables and Bechamel sauce complimented by some grilled Broccolini with roasted garlic-parsley butter. Of course you know I had to try them all!



Above you can see how everything looked on a plate. To top things off Araceli and new server Craig hand scooped vanilla ice cream on top of our Berry

**(Mostly Blue Berries) cobbler that was out of this world delicious! Another fantastic meal and a testament to the culinary skills of our Chef Lulu! Once again, our highest praise and compliments to you, Chef Lulu.**



**Our FAVORITE Supervisor Araceli**



**Our FAVORITE Chef LULU!**



**PGA West Head Chef Herve**

**About the time when everyone was just finishing up their desserts, we had a special visit from the Head Chef for all of the PGA West restaurants Chef Herve (shown above with longtime friend Maria Cathcart) who shared with us that he and Chef Lulu create our menu together each month and that everything is made from garden fresh vegetables and from scratch!**

**President Bruce then stepped back up to the podium and welcomed everyone again and thanked our favorite Food and Beverage/Clubhouse Supervisor Araceli, our favorite Chef Lulu, and tonight's serving staff (Lupita "Lupe" and Craig) for the magnificent meal we enjoyed and for all that they do to make our dinner events so special here each month at the Greg Norman Clubhouse.**

**Bruce then reminded everyone that our next dinner meeting would take place on **September 12, 2024**, at the GREG NORMAN Clubhouse starting at 6 PM where our speaker will be Mayor Linda Evans with our annual State of the City address. More on this in upcoming flyers. **[Please save the date now so when you are asked "Are you doing anything on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>?" You can say, "YES! that's my Rotary Club dinner meeting!!!"]****





Our next SERVING night at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission is Thursday evening, August 15, 2024, from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. If interested in helping out, contact President Bruce for more information on how you can participate (or just show up at 4:15 at the mission). Serving the evening meal at the mission is really a fun and gratifying thing to do. Our reserved night to serve is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month... but if there are more folks who would like to serve on a regular basis we can always add days to our schedule. It only takes about an hour and a half, but the good feeling lasts all month! Again, if interested, contact President Bruce.

Our next Lunch/Board meeting will be on Friday, **August 23, 2024**, at Burgers and Beer La Quinta at 12:00 Noon. (Flyers to follow on this as well!).

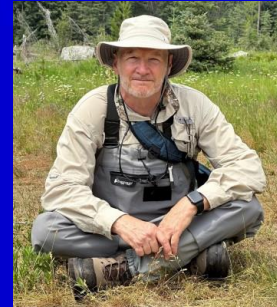
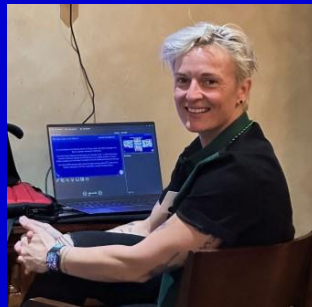
Next President Bruce shared with the group that the Coachella Valley Derby Girls have an away game this month on August 17<sup>th</sup> in San Diego and if anyone is in the area and interested in attending to please contact President Bruce for more details. The home game for the CVDG will take place on September 28, 2024, at the Palm Springs Air Museum (starts at 7:30 PM) against the Badfish Derby Girls.

### Birthdays

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| Gail Nottberg     | 8/8  |
| Bruce Cathcart    | 8/10 |
| Casey Zapcart     | 8/17 |
| Kimberly McKinney | 8/20 |
| Jim Cathcart      | 8/21 |



### Anniversaries



Clockwise from top left: Gail Nottberg, President Bruce, Jim Cathcart, Kimberly McKinney and Casey Zapcart

Next we celebrated August Birthdays and Anniversaries. Oddly, and for the second month in a row, there were no Wedding Anniversaries (in August) for our club to celebrate... but since Gail Nottberg was conspicuously absent on the actual day of her birthday that happened to fall on the same day of the meeting, we all got a reprieve from singing this evening... but we did manage to celebrate a host of Leos on this evening and they were celebrated with Balloons and Chocolate Bundt Cakes, birthday beads and a single rose each for the two ladies! All were wished a very Happy Birthday!





President Bruce then reminded everyone that while they are on vacation or away from the valley to always be on the lookout for “Signs of Rotary” and to send him a photo when they find them. This past month Doug and Carole Motz visited the Teton Valley Rotary Club in Wyoming, Brett and Colleen (and “Harper” pictured above) found signs in Kearny, Nebraska, and Bruce and Lora Cathcart found a Rotary Park in Hamilton, Montana proving once again, Rotary is everywhere!



ROTARY CLUB OF LA QUINTA CVRM Partnership

**AUGUST IS OUR “MAC ATTACK” DRIVE**

Last February our club members and guests brought in 401 Mac and Cheese Items!






Our Mac and Cheese Drives are always a FAN FAVORITE at the CVRM... whether they are used for meals at the mission or distributed to local families in need, this is one of our most appreciated drives every time we have it!



President Bruce thanked everyone for participating in our semi-annual “Mac Attack” drive this month. On Friday following the meeting he delivered a mini mountain Mac and Cheese to the CV Rescue Mission! WOW!!! GREAT JOB Rotary Club of La Quinta. Your President is so proud of you!!!

ROTARY CLUB OF LA QUINTA CVRM Partnership

**September is “SOCKTEMBER” MONTH**

Last September our club members and guests brought in 528 pairs of new socks!





September is our annual SOCK Drive at the CVRM. Socks are the #1 item requested and needed for the mission’s outreach program to the homeless in our valley so let’s do our best this month to meet that need!!!



The Month of September (next month) is the annual “SOCKTEMBER” Drive where we are asked to bring new socks to be distributed through the Mission’s Outreach Programs to the homeless from Banning to Blythe as well as to local families and organizations in need. This is the #1 most requested (and appreciated) item at the mission and one that we always do a great job on.



Next President Bruce asked Dr. Bruce Underwood, our club’s Rotary Foundation Chairman, to present our newest Paul Harris Fellows with their awards. After a short description of what a Paul Harris Fellow is and an explanation of how one becomes a Paul Harris Fellow, Dr. Bruce invited Colleen Anderson and her sponsor Brett Anderson and Casey Zapcart and her sponsor President Bruce to the front of the room where they were presented with their framed certificates and Paul Harris Pins.

ROTARY CLUB OF LA QUINTA

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST  
PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

- Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given in appreciation to anyone who contributes, outright or cumulatively (or in whose name is contributed), a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or the World Fund, or as a sponsor portion of a Foundation grant.





COLLEEN ANDERSON & CASEY ZAPCART



Finally, Bruce asked, “Who’s ready to get this party started?”

### *August Dinner Sponsor Basket “Summer Fun Basket II”*



This month’s Dinner Sponsor “Package” is the “Summer Fun Basket”. It includes a Brookstone “Cornhole” Game Set, Tommy Bahamas Backpack Beach Chair, an Oversized Beach Towel, His and Hers Straw Beach Hats, a 1.75 L bottle Bacardi “Superior” Light Rum along with a 1.75 L bottle of handcrafted Pina Colada Mixer, 2 Pineapple adorned Pina Colada Glasses, a TRI-Power Duracell Lantern, 1 Pink Flamingo, 1 Good Vibes Décor sign, 1 set Sunny Vibes platters and plates, 2 Fruit Print Kitchen Towels, 1 Plastic Water Bottle plus 1 Reebok Stainless Steel Pet Travel Bottle, 1 “One More Cup” Coffee mug and bag of “Joe” Blend Ground Coffee, 1 bag Southern Pecan Caramel Corn, 1 Bag of Girl Scouts Coconut Caramel “Bites”, 2 Boxes of Knott’s Fruit filled Shortbread Cookies, and 1 large Basket.



**Thank you for partaking in this month’s “fun”draiser!**



This month’s Dinner Sponsor Package was the “SUMMER FUN BASKET II”. It included ALL of the items listed above and it really set our winner up to make the dog days of summer here in the desert much more enjoyable!



**Summer Fun Basket II winner Carole Motz and Runner-up Jim Cathcart with their winnings!**



After a single card (half) was drawn from the top hat, all the Dinner Sponsor Card holders were asked to stand up. They were then, once again, painfully and ever so slowly, asked to be seated for not holding the right color, suit, number or face card until only one card holder remained standing... It came down to two participants, Jim Cathcart and Carole Motz. It turns out that Jim would come in second... as Carole held the winning card this evening. Our congratulations to you Carole, ENJOY!!!

# THE AMAZING ALLAN

## August 8, 2024



### As we celebrate this year's Rotary theme



**Please Welcome the AMAZING ALLAN**



In keeping with this year's Rotary Theme "The Magic of Rotary" President Bruce invited our very own member magician "THE AMAZIN ALLAN" to the front of the room where, as promised, he performed his magic on three different lengths of rope.



After Chris Brown dutifully verified that the rope was, well, rope... right before our very eyes the Amazing Allan magically transformed them into three lengths of rope, all the same length! And then back again to their different lengths. It was magic of the highest caliber and quite frankly, AMAZING!!!

For his next trick, the Amazing Allan disappeared, and the Sargent-at-Arms Allan reappeared with the top hat (sans rabbit) in hand.

Happy Dollars is our MONTHLY FUNDRAISER and is what primarily supports our club. It gives everyone in attendance the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to the club and announce to the group something that they are happy about, knowing that all donations go to further the Rotary causes. Happy Dollars were collected around the room with best wishes for August birthdays, in honor of our newest Paul Harris Fellows, for great summer vacations and for the new friends made this evening and for the great camaraderie within our club. Including the Dinner Sponsor Tickets our Rotarians and guests contributed over \$600 this evening. As always, THANK YOU for your generosity!!!

AUGUST SPEAKER      AUGUST 8, 2024



Mama's House offers a safe and nurturing environment for pregnant women and mothers with an infant or small child who are in crisis. They are there to help young women who feel helpless with no place to go and with no means of support

[www.themamashouse.org](http://www.themamashouse.org)

AUGUST SPEAKER – ANGELA ALLEN      AUGUST 8, 2024



When I told my daughter I was going to work at Mama's House, she pleaded, "Please Mom, don't let it be like that place I ended up when I got pregnant." I was thrilled to assure her that Mama's House is different—it is the "house that love built." Unlike the punitive and shameful environment she experienced, our residents encounter love and acceptance from the moment they enter our doors. We provide comprehensive care and opportunities for their physical, vocational, residential, spiritual, and emotional well-being, all at no cost to them.

To support these transformative and life-saving services, I bring over 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector in the Coachella Valley. My career began at the Palm Springs International Film Festival, followed by the privilege of serving as the private assistant to the desert's premiere philanthropist, Jackie Lee Houston. I gained 10 years of fundraising experience at Olive Crest, focusing on faith-based work. Additionally, my role as Director of the Lifelong Learning program at CSUSB, Palm Desert, provided me with valuable administrative leadership experience in an academic nonprofit setting.

I hold a BA in English/Education and an MA in English from Trenton State College in New Jersey, where I had the pleasure of reading the world's best literature for homework.

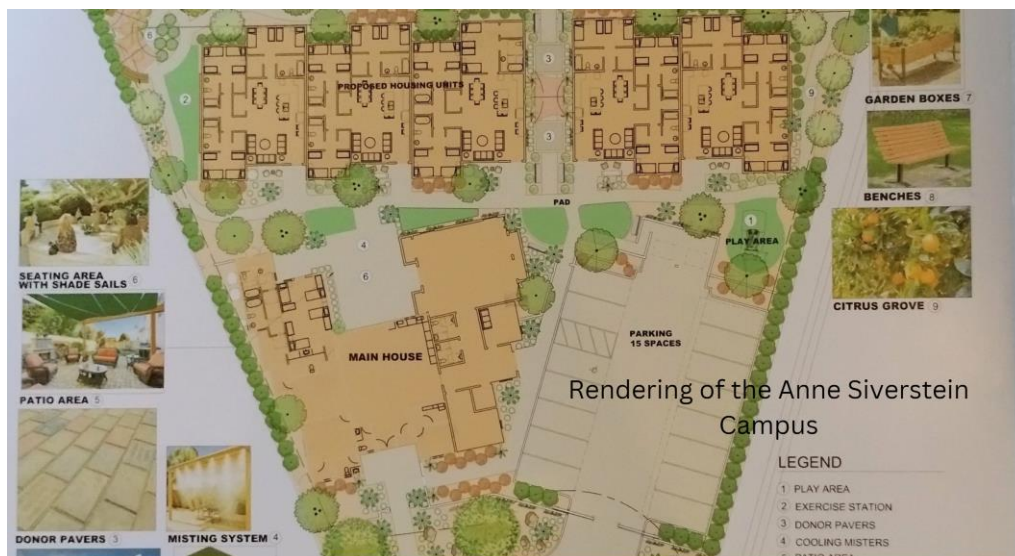
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Our speakers this evening were Angela Allen and Diane Rayes from Mama's House. After introducing Angela with her short Bio (read above), president Bruce shared with the group that this year our club is hoping to expand our community service outreach to specifically include another one of Rotary's 7 areas of focus... that being Maternal and Child Health. With the assistance of RCLQ Members Kimberly McKinney and Sandra Lauer, Mama's House was selected to be considered by the Club to become a strategic partner much in the same way that our club currently assists the CVRM with our monthly drives. As such, our members and special guests were keenly interested to learn more about Mama's House and how we could be of help.





Angela began her presentation with a Canva presentation (link below) ([https://www.canva.com/design/DAGKfPc6UHA/0iCj1jkYAikC5Aw6-FgbIA/view?utm\\_content=DAGKfPc6UHA&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=editor](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGKfPc6UHA/0iCj1jkYAikC5Aw6-FgbIA/view?utm_content=DAGKfPc6UHA&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor)) sharing an overview of Mama's House and their main goal of helping pregnant women and mothers with infant and/or small children in crisis by offering them a Pathway to Success Program that includes group housing, spiritual guidance, rehabilitation, education, life skills and everything necessary to help these women/families to integrate back into our community. She explained that clients stay for up to one year and that their current facility houses 10 women plus their babies/infants and that Mama's House is barely scratching the surface to meet the demand that currently exists here in our Valley.



Angela then shared with us that Mama's House was growing with the near completion of their new Campus that would allow them to quadruple the number of mothers with babies and/or small children that they serve!



Diane Rayes followed Angela with her presentation which included a You Tube Video (<https://youtu.be/yf6Sqms5PG8?si=dJ3V8LaqcGqixTRO>) and a more detailed description of the Pathways to Success Program with actual examples and success stories of several women who had successfully completed their program. Both Angela and Diane were excellent speakers and patiently (and expertly) answered questions from the audience. It was obvious that Mama's House and their mission really resonated with many of our members and special guests and that our getting involved with these folks now would be perfectly timed as they are currently expanding their facilities and services and they could surely use our help and support. Having learned more about Mama's House and having received a list of ways and items needed from Angela, President Bruce assured everyone that a plan to help Mama's House would be formulated at the next Club Board Meeting (Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Burgers and Beer La Quinta at 12:00 noon) and shared at our next dinner meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.





## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF LA QUINTA IS PRESENTED TO

*Angela Allen*

For your outstanding work, dedication and

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



*Bruce Y Cathcart*

RCLQ President

August 8, 2024



Upon completion of their presentation, President Bruce presented both Angela and Diane with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from our Club for their "Outstanding Work, Dedication and Service Above Self". Angela and Diane are truly an inspiration to us all and we thank them for their presentation.

ROTARY CLUB OF LA QUINTA

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS

**STARTING NEXT MONTH, SERVICE ABOVE SELF  
AWARDS WILL REPLACE OUR ROTARIAN OF THE  
MONTH AWARDS!**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!**



**INDIVIDUALS WILL BE SELECETED BASED UPON A  
SINGLE OR MULTIPLE ACTS EXEMPLIFYING THEIR  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF... CAN BE MEMBERS, GUESTS  
OR OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY!**

**Thank You for your Service Above Self!**



Before President Bruce ended the meeting he reminded everyone that our "Rotarian of the Month" recognition will be replaced by "Service Above Self"

awards. Recipients of these awards can be club members, guests or other members of our community... and can be for a single or multiple acts of Service Above Self. This recognition will be awarded at upcoming dinner meetings and President Bruce has requested EVERYONE'S HELP in identifying individuals worthy of this award. So PLEASE, if you notice someone who best exemplifies Service Above Self, contact Bruce!




Thank you for attending  
tonight's meeting!

We look forward to seeing you  
again on:

September 12, 2024

Our Speaker: Mayor Linda Evans



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

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**first**

Is it the TRUTH?

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**second**

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

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**third**

Will it build GOODWILL  
& BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

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**fourth**

Will it be BENEFICIAL to  
all concerned?

President Bruce then thanked the members, special guests, visiting Rotarians, and friends in attendance this evening for their help and support throughout the year and wished everyone safe travels before the reciting of the "Four Way Test" and adjourning the meeting.

It was another wonderful evening spent with fellow Rotarians, spouses, guests, and both new and old friends in the spirit of Rotary.

As Rotarians, our main goal is Peace on Earth. Together, approximately 1.4 million Rotarians are working daily toward this goal by helping to improve the lives of those less fortunate in our own communities and around the world. For us, this year that includes our monthly donations to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Mama's House, our East Coachella Valley Clean Water project, Polio



Plus, the Guatemala Literacy Program, and in so many other ways that we can all be proud of our association with the Rotary Club of La Quinta.

As a reminder, our club will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening of every month. Our next meeting is on September 12, 2024, to be held at the GREG NORMAN Clubhouse. The meeting will start at 6 PM. Please make sure you confirm your reservation at [Bycathcart63@Gmail.com](mailto:Bycathcart63@Gmail.com) no later than Monday 09/09/24. The club is responsible for all dinners canceled after that date. There will be a flyer or two coming your way with more details. Make sure to save the date and let us know that you will be joining us... the fun is really happening now!!!

YIRS,

Bruce Cathcart

President 2023-2025

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. You can reach me at [Bycathcart63@Gmail.com](mailto:Bycathcart63@Gmail.com).

[Editor's note: Thank you all for your attendance and making our meetings a priority in your schedule. Please share this newsletter with your spouses and friends that could not attend this past meeting and let them know that THEY WERE MISSED!]