

Rotary

Club of Indio



Newsletter May 20, 2025

By Sue F. Steding

Rotary Club of Indio Meeting Fantasy Springs Special Event Center May 20, 2025

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Stacy Fifield, John Niederkorn, Bob Firing, Mark Zacovic, Dennis Sheehan, Moises Nuno, Jennifer Schultz, Bruce Latta, Bryan Montgomery, Martha Mendez, Howard Hoffenberg, Elizabeth Tucker, Chris Schultz, Chris Pickering, Philip Jones, Mike Colby, and Sue Steding

Guests:

Visiting Rotarians: from the Palm Desert Rotary, PDG Ricardo Loretta, Jennifer Loretta, Mary Alice (Owings) Alberg and from the Yucaipa Club, Dan Hudec.

Visitor: Barbara Dreis

Rotary Moment reminds us that it is Youth Service Month and this Thursday, May 22, 2025, the SHHS Interact students will be presenting to the Indio City Council a project linked to the American Cancer Society. Join them at City Hall for that Council meeting Thursday evening.

Information:

- Our club received the District Governor's Citation for Excellence for our work this past year. Chris Pickering and Pickering Events LLC received the Governor's RAVE award in Vocational Excellence.
- Stacy Fifield, as Foundation Chair presented PHF (Paul Harris Foundation) pins to Bruce Latta (plus 6), Chris Pickering (his first), Martha Mendez (plus 7 and Bryan Montgomery (plus 2).



- President Dennis further honored Martha and Sue Steding for their work with Rotary Math Field Day, including flowers!!!

Club Meeting

Indio
Meets at Fantasy
Springs Resort
Special Events
Center 84-245 Indio
Springs Dr. Indio,
CA 92203
Fantasy Springs
Resort
Casino/Special
Events Ctr 84-245
Indio Springs
Parkway
Indio, CA 92203
Time: Tuesday at
12:10 PM

Events

May 27th
Indio Weekly
Club Meeting
RSVP Needed

June 3rd
Indio Weekly
Club Meeting
RSVP Needed

June 6th
Zoom - Coachella
Valley Pres
Council

June 10th
Indio Weekly
Club Meeting
RSVP Needed

June 17th
Indio Weekly
Club Meeting
RSVP Needed

Club Leaders



Dennis J.
Sheehan
President



Avisinia
Rodriguez
President-
Elect



Secretary
Jennifer Schultz
Treasurer



Mark Zacicov
President-Nominee



Stacy Fifield
Rotary Foundation Chair



Bruce Latta
Membership Chair



Chris Pickering
Webmaster



Merlina Tate
Webmaster



Benjamin Guitron IV
iPast President

District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar
District Governor
Nyron H. McLean
DG-Elect
Richard F. Lemire
DG-Nominee
Albert R. Rubio
District Membership Chair
Calvin B. Boothby
Assistant Governor
Stacy Fifield
Assistant Governor
Michelle French
Assistant Governor
Carissa Gerry
Assistant Governor
Matthew Goatcher
Assistant Governor
Linda Kaye Hanley
Assistant Governor
Leroy Johnson



Speaker: Our visiting Rotarians provided a program of their experience with a Vocational Training Team on Mental Health Awareness and Education where they met with university level students at multiple universities in the south of Brasil.

This trip was in early December 2024. Our District will receive a companion response team visit for a week soon from the same district in Brasil on the same topic. The mental health theme was resiliency and its role in mental health. The team also attended local Rotary meetings, and toured a portion of the country.

Opportunity Drawing: Bob Ferring chose sports and leisure and we could not remember the name of the woman's soccer player who won some level of soccer in 1991 based on her ability to manage a penalty kick: Brandy Chastain. \$12.00 roll over.

The demotion party for our President will be June 24, mark your calendar, details to come.

Rotary Club of Indio Awards Scholarships



Shadow Hills High School Scholarship Evening

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Evening Program

Master of Ceremony	Mr. Thomas McMahon
Welcome	Dr. David Dunn, Principal
Scholarship Recognitions	Guest Presenters
Closing	Mrs. Griselda Munoz, Counselor

Special Thank You to our Scholarship

Sponsors

Coachella Valley Community Trust -Harry	Sisterly Scholars
Munoz Jr. Memorial	California Retired Teachers Association
Indio Rotary Noon Club	California Schools Employee Association Chapter 109
National Charity League	Shadow Hills High Faculty & Staff
Eisenhower Eagles	
California Desert Association of Realtors	
Ophelia Project	
Altura Credit Union	

Four \$500 Scholarships for Trade School CTE

Assistant Governor
Sonia M Lamas
Assistant Governor
Michele Nobleman
Assistant Governor
Bryan E Sullivan
Assistant Governor
Mary Towne
Assistant Governor
Karyn G. Westervelt
Assistant Governor
Linda Kay White
Assistant Governor



2025 Rotary Scholarships Technical Training CTE

Jasmine	Delgado	\$500	CTE Milan Institute	Esthetician
Vincent	Laxon	\$500	CTE COD	Culinary
Yoselyn	Sandoval	\$500	CTE COD	TBD
Gatsby	Zeleya	\$500	CTE COD	HVAC

Rotary Scholarships for College Awards



2025 Rotary Scholarships			College Bound	
First	Last	Award	College	Major
Alejandro	Zuniga	\$1,000	UC San Diego	Programing AI
Angela	Abril	\$1,000	U of Redlands	Accounting
Bianca	Ortega	\$500	COD	Pre Nursing
Brianna	Vasquez	\$1,000	UC Davis	Biological Science
Ezekiel	Terrones	\$500	COD	Computer Software
Jamie	Grijalba	\$1,000	Cal Baptist	Bio Medical Science
Jasmine	Bribiesca	\$1,000	Cal St San Bernardino	Teaching
Kayla	Lopez	\$500	COD	Wildlife Biology
Savannah	Vela	\$1,000	UC Davis	Political Science
Sergio	Gomes Bustos	\$500	COD	Business
Stayg	Hadley	\$500	COD	English Teacher
Syndy	Chavez	\$1,000	Cal State Fullerton	Biology
Valentina	Camarillo	\$1,000	Cal State Fullerton	Business



Dennis Sheehan, Merlina Tate, Syndy Chavez, Avi Rodriguez, Philip Jones
Syndy will be attending Cal State Fullerton, studying Biology

Scholarship Committee: Dennis Sheehan, Philip Jones, & Merlina Tate

School Counselor: Mrs Griselda Munoz

Vocational Service Excellence ("RAVE")



One of only five Rotary Awards for Vocational Service Excellence ("RAVE") presented by District 5330 is being awarded to Pickering Events LLC!

Pickering Events has distinguished itself through innovative and creative approaches in managing the Riverside County National Date Festival over the past two years.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Bill Chase (Rotary District 5330), Dennis Sheehan (President, Rotary

Club of Indio), and Chris Pickering (CEO, Pickering Events LLC).

Zelle email addresses

For Rotary Club of Indio, email addresses when paying by Zelle:

- indiorotaryjenn@yahoo.com for the **Rotary Club of Indio Foundation** account. Use for all Raffle Tickets, Fund Raising, Club Projects, all Charitable Projects, & Interact support & scholarships.
- indiorotary@gmail.com for the **Operating** account. Use for club memberships, club lunches, happy dollars, & drawing tickets.

Jenn's telephone number goes to her personal account.

Business Memberships

Rotary Club of Indio was named



2024 Best Non-Profit of the Year by the:

Groups:



Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike C olby



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Howard Hoffenberg

Speakers

May 27th
[Marcos Coronei](#)

Birthdays



[John Niederkorn](#)
June 3rd



[Jose Ramirez](#)
June 7th



[Howard Hoffenberg](#)
June 9th



[Avisinia Rodriguez](#)
June 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Colton
May 1st
Coachella Valley
May 9th
Wildomar
May 19th
Cathedral City Evening
May 27th

Temecula
May 2nd
Old Town Temecula
May 17th
Moreno Valley Morning
May 21st
Temecula Sunrise
May 29th