

Rotary

Club of Indio



Bulletin for Oct 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of Indio Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024

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

No Events found

Club Leaders



Dennis J. Sheehan
President



Avisinia Rodriguez
President-Elect
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz
Treasurer



Dr. Mark Zacovic
President-Nominee



Stacy Fifield
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Bruce Latta
Membership
Chair



Chris Pickering
Webmaster

Members present: PDG Don Casper, AG Stacy Fifield, Mark Zacovic, Sue Steding, President Dennis Sheehan, Jenn Schultz, Steve Walsh, Steve Morgan, Bob Furring, Bryan Montgomery, Howard Hoffenberg, Bruce Latta and Ben Guitron.

Visiting Rotarians: David Smith with San Jacinto Club

Visitors: Phillip Jones, Mark's guest and considering membership, Ms. Tamara Wadkins, the new PIO for DSUSD and Ms. Ernestina Frias, the director of the Media Center with DSUSD who was our liaison for much of our Third Grade Book Distribution project this Fall.

Opening: President Dennis Sheehan opened the meeting. Don Casper led in the salute to our flag, Bryan Montgomery led in the 4-way test and Stacy Fifield managed the Gaboon.

Announcements:

1. Dennis thanked Sue Steding and Martha Mendez, who along with Chris Pickering served on the ad hoc audit committee.
2. Ben advised that the Golf Ball Drop is confirmed for Saturday November 9 at Center Stage area in Indio at Miles and Smurr. The BBQ event begins at 1 and ends at 9 with the joint ball drop (The Rotary Club of Indio and the Rotary Club of Coachella Valley) fundraiser for these two clubs happening between 3 and 4. There will be 500 tickets for the club to sell to support our share of the split.
3. Mark reported about 50 students appeared at the first Interact meeting at SHHS. More than enough volunteered to pack food boxes with Fine Food bank. Dennis noted that Mark and Dennis will be part of an event to advise seniors of how our college scholarship program works on October 9.
4. The club will not be formally participating in the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade this year.
5. Mark your calendars to volunteer to support our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Tour De Palm Springs with set up on Friday February 7, 2025 and coordinating the walk on Saturday the 8th.
6. Mark your calendars for the club's holiday party at the Dolan home on Sunday December 8 from 4-7.

Speaker: Bob Furring introduced Chief of Indio Police, Brian Tully. Chief Tully took the non-traditional route to law enforcement, starting in the insurance business in his native home of San Bernardino and working as an LE reserve. He transitioned to LE via the San Bernardino Sheriff's Academy and served as an officer in that area's community prior to coming to IPD 7 years ago. He was promoted to Chief 6 months ago. With him was Officer Chris Schwartz and canine Argos.

Chief Tully is proud of the city's commitment to recruiting officers from within the Coachella Valley, offering the funding for an academy, equipment, hotel, and food for the 6-month academy either at Riverside, San Bernardino, or San Diego. This investment of over \$10,000.00 per recruit draws in folks interested in LE but without the ability to go on their own. The city has positions for 85 officers with 75 on board and 6 in an academy. They are slowly recovering from NO recruiting during the pandemic.

Chief credits their community policing advocacy for their drop in violent crimes and their drop in theft/property crime although other cities have experienced an increase in the latter because of new sentencing restructures in the state. Building loyalty from within and to the community and good staffing deployment secures the downward trends



[Merlina Tate](#)
Webmaster



[Benjamin Guitron IV](#)
iPast President

District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar
District Governor

Nyron H. McLean
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District Foundation
Chair

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District Membership
Chair

Calvin B. Boothby
Assistant Governor

William R. Chase
Assistant Governor

Stacy Fifield
Assistant Governor

Richard F. Lemire
Assistant Governor

Bill Orr
Assistant Governor

Chris Schultz
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn
District Treasurer

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The Chief prefers a flat organizational structure permitting the middle management teams to take the lead within their geographical areas of law enforcement and with their teams. The two bigger enforcement areas as far as time taken is traffic and managing the homeless.

When asked to list what is on his "to do" list he mentioned the construction of police headquarters and predicting staffing needs in the future with the increase in population because of several new apartment buildings readying for occupancy and the increase in commerce to support the population.

When asked about AI he indicated the Chiefs were meeting on the impact, he prefers jumping in to the inevitable by starting with report writing and body camera reports.

Argos, trained to track, assist in arrests, and officer protection plus detection of firearms/ammunition found the hidden gun in the room.

Next week: The owner of Antiques Galleries will be back. If you have an object you are interested in valuation, let Bob know now and he will see if the owner can prep for your question.

Opportunity Drawing: \$18.00 rollover. Ms. Frias chose entertainment and no one knew the answer to, "Who really owned the 1964 Cheval Malibu driven by Vincent Verga in the movie Pulp Fiction? The director, Quentin Tarantino.

Hurricane Helene Devastates the Southeast

Rotary is there to help those affected by the Hurricane Helene.

Here is a link you can use for updates and donations: [Rotary Response](#)

Judy Zulfiqar



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[Heroes of Hope Podcasts](#)

Rotary Club of Indio's Interact Club at Shadow Hills High

A first meeting for this school year of the Shadow Hills High School Interact Club. The meeting was held in a lecture hall & it was full.





First Charitable Project this school year for the Shadow Hills HS Interact Club:
Volunteering at the FIND Food Bank.
Mark Zacovic of the Rotary Club of Indio is advisor for the group.



3rd Grade Book Distribution in Desert Sun



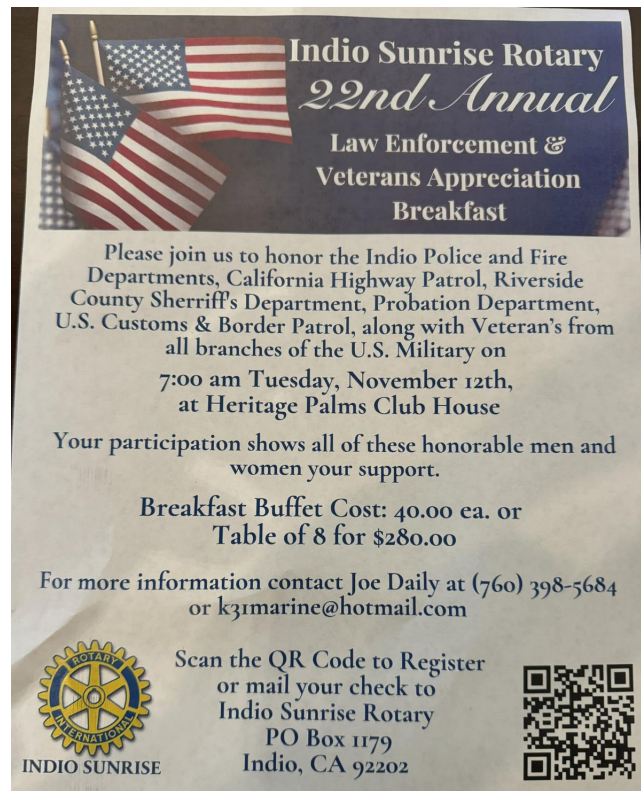
The Desert Sun carried a nice article about the Rotary of Indio's 3rd Grade Book Distribution project.

To view the article click on the following link: [Article in Desert Sun](#)

Sunrise Rotary Law Enforcement Breakfast

Stacy Fifield is reserving a table for the Rotary Club of Indio for the Indio Sunrise Rotary Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast.

There are 5 places available at the table. Please let Stacey know if you would like to attend.



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World Polio Day is Oct 24



[Click Here](#)

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY WALKS

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



Get ready to put on those walking shoes!

As PD President Angelique Ontiveros shared at the last Club's President meeting, our club has the fantastic opportunity to lead the Rotary Clubs of the Coachella Valley for all four upcoming community walks. With my previous experience in these events, Angelique has asked me to take charge of this coordination adventure.

We've created a unified team name for each walk: ROTARY CLUBS OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY.

Attached, you'll find a document with all the exciting details for each walk. Please spread the word to your club members and encourage everyone to join in the fun. I'm here to help with any questions you, your club, or individual members may have.

I'm super thrilled about this chance to bring together all the clubs in the Coachella Valley and can't wait to see a strong turnout of Rotarians at these walks. Let's make some unforgettable memories together!

YIRS.

Maria (Blue) Meyers



Let's get walking!

[Click Here for Information & Links to Walks](#)

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Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike Colby Howard Hoffenberg

Speakers

October 8th

[Brian Tully](#)

Indio Chief of Police with a police dog.

October 15th

[Mike Rivkin](#)

Antiques Gallery

October 22nd

[Palm Springs Opera](#)

October 29th

[Museum of Ancient Wonders](#)

October 19th

[Paint El Paseo Pink Event](#)

October 26th

[Alzheimer's Walk](#)

Area opens of 8:00 am Walk starts at 8:30 am

November 5th

[Jorge Ramirez](#)

Indio Golf Club Manager

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



[Donald E.](#)

[Casper](#)

October 10th

Club Anniversaries

[Jurupa Valley](#)

October 6th

Moreno Valley

October 20th

[Desert Hot Springs](#)

October 9th