

# Rotary

## Club of Indio



## Mountain View Elementary Book Project

Mtn Vista Elementary School ...: Books Distribution for Third Grade Classes, Friday, Oct 13, '23.

Rotarians Ben Guitron, club President, Rotary club of Indio, ( explaining the importance of the four-way test);

### 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

### Club Leaders



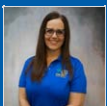
[Benjamin Guitron](#)  
President



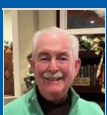
[Jeffrey Gonzalez](#)  
President-Elect



[Avisinia Rodriguez](#)  
Secretary



[Jennifer Schultz](#)  
Treasurer



[Dennis J. Sheehan](#)  
President-Nominee



Mark Zacovic & Dennis Sheehan assisting the learners in selecting an individual book.



Stacy Fifield  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Bruce Latta  
Membership  
Chair



Merlina  
Dominica  
Tate  
Webmaster



Chris  
Schultz  
iPast  
President



Stacy Fifield  
Assistant  
Governor

## District Leaders

- Jamie M Zinn  
District Governor
- Judy Arlene Zulfiqar  
DG-Elect
- Nyron H. McLean  
DG-Nominee
- Donald E. Casper  
IPDG
- Carol A. Winston  
Executive Assistant  
Governor
- Douglas W. Baker  
District Foundation  
Chair
- Albert R. Rubio  
District Membership  
Chair
- Calvin B. Boothby  
Assistant Governor
- Brian Jeff  
Brodowsky  
Assistant Governor
- William R. Chase





Assistant Governor  
 Stacy Fifield  
 Assistant Governor  
 Darcy Kuenzi  
 Assistant Governor  
 Bob McKenzie  
 Assistant Governor  
 Julie Ngo  
 Assistant Governor  
 Bill Orr  
 Assistant Governor  
 JoAn Clarissa  
 Randall  
 Assistant Governor  
 Chris Schultz  
 Assistant Governor  
 Mary Towne  
 Assistant Governor  
 Karyn G. Westervelt  
 Assistant Governor  
 Linda Kay White  
 Assistant Governor  
 Dan Goodrich  
 District Secretary  
 Ashley Lyn Rose  
 Sanford  
 District Treasurer



## A little Library for Van Buren School



Joe Daily of the Indio Sunrise club and Thom Emery of the Indio Noon Club are working together to assemble the Little Library for Van Buren School. This little library is a joint project of each club.  
 #indiorotary  
 #indiosunrise rotary

## Bulletin Oct 17 Zoom Meeting

Oct 17, 2023 Indio Rotary Zoom Meeting  
 Meeting opened by President Ben Guitron

Flag Salute by David Fleck, 4 Way Test by Stacy Fifield.

**Rotary Moment** by Bruce Latta: History of the 4 Way Test. In 1932, Taylor set out to write a code of ethics for the failing company he worked for. By using this code of ethics, his company went from bankruptcy to being very successful. Taylor was a Rotarian. In 1954-55 he held a high office in Rotary International. He offered the 4

Way Test to Rotary. It has been their code of ethics ever since.

### **Announcements:**

- Board Meeting Thursday Oct 19 at IHOP on Jackson Street at 7 am. Important items to discuss. Please be there.
- November 21, Indio Rotary will not have a meeting either in person or on Zoom. Instead, Indio Rotary will serve dinner to the residents at Horizon's. Horizon's is at the corner of Monroe and Shadow Palms. Members asked to come at 5 pm. Jesus DelToro, chairperson reported that the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission will be catering the food. More info later.
- Progress is being made on the golf ball drop. Jesus DelToro is the chairman.
- save the date for the 75th Anniversary Celebration for Indio Rotary on Jan 13, 2024. Avi will be sending out a great flyer.
- **No Indio Rotary Meeting or Zoom Meeting on Nov 21.** We will instead be serving dinner at the Horizon's.

### **Speaker:** Sylvia Whitlock

An excellent video introduced by Jennifer Jones and featuring Sylvia Whitlock the first woman's President of a Rotary Club in the world. Duarte is a little town East of Pasadena Ca. In 1977 members of the Duarte Rotary Club were looking to expand their membership. They invited women to join. Richard was the Superintendent of the Unified School District, he invited Sylvia to join. He checked with the District Governor who said to just use the women's last name & 1st initial and no one will know the difference..

Several Dignitaries attended the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Duarte Rotary Club. The dignitaries saw that women were members. They went to Rotary International with this information & RI said that the women must leave Rotary. The Duarte Rotary Club voted to keep their women members. They appealed at the Tokyo Council. RI voted against having women in Rotary. Sylvia attended the Calgary Council. She met a couple who the man was in favor of women joining, but the wife was against it because men & women would be attending the same meetings, often in the evenings. Sylvia said perhaps the wives didn't trust their husbands.

Bill Brooks called his Chapter the X Rotary Club. The Club's Charter was pulled & the battle began with RI. For 11 yrs they fought in the Courts. Lower Courts voted against women as members. They kept appealing & going to higher courts. Finally arriving at the U.S. Supreme Court as a Civil Rights Case. Duarte became the little mouse that roared. The Supreme Court ruled that women did not encroach on Rotary. Sylvia was the 1st Woman Pres of a Rotary Club. Not until 2004 did RI finally feature articles on women in the Rotary Magazine.

On 4 May 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary International may not exclude women from membership based on gender. Hundreds of women across the United States are admitted to Rotary. The club that started the legal battle, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, is reinstated after its termination in 1978 for admitting women.

In 1989, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement that club membership be limited to males, permitting clubs worldwide to admit women.

Sylvia said that women serve in all areas of life, why not Rotary. She has been invited to many other countries to share her story. As she closed her presentation she said that we are citizens of the world. Wear your pin proudly & share Rotary with everyone you meet.

Bruce Latta commented that he grew up in a nearby town to Duarte & he remembers all of it.

## **Events**

October 19th, 7:00-8:30 AM  
[Indio Board Meetings](#)

October 24th, 12:00-1:00 PM  
[Indio Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Speakers

October 19th  
[Zoom Meeting](#)  
Operating Board Mtg then Foundation Board Mtg

October 31st  
[Mark Zacovic](#)  
Mark is the former president of several community colleges. He will give his thoughts on the education system.

November 14th  
[Mark Tadros](#)  
Owner of Aziz Farms. He will talk about agribusiness in the Coachella Valley.

October 24th  
[Nicole Kottmann](#)  
Nicole Kottmann covers business & features for the Desert Sun.

November 7th  
[Gabe Garza](#)  
He will talk about water in the Coachella Valley.

November 16th  
[Zoom Meeting](#)  
Operating Board Mtg then Foundation Board Mtg

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Club Anniversaries

[Jurupa Valley](#)  
October 6th  
[Moreno Valley](#)  
October 20th

[Desert Hot Springs](#)  
October 9th