

Rotary Club of Indio



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 IV](#)
President



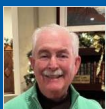
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Bulletin for Oct 31, 2023

By Merlina Dominica Tate

Rotary Club of Indio Regular Meeting Fantasy Springs Event Center Oct 31, 2023

President Ben Goutron called the meeting to Order at 12:10 pm.



Doug Welmas, Chairman of the Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians accepted on behalf of the tribe an Honorary Membership in the Rotary Club of Indio

Members Present: Steve Morgan, Sue Steding, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Jennifer Schultz, Mike Colby, Merlina Tate, Dennis Sheehan, Bruce Latta, Tania DelToro, Jesus DelToro, Ben Goutron, Mark Zacovic, Randy Beateman, Doug Welmas.

Guests: Oscar & Keyawna Delarosa, Christian & Sandy DelToro.

Flag Salute: Randy Bateman; Four-Way Test: Steve Morgan

Ticket Sales: Jennifer Schultz

Rotary Moment: Bruce Latta described the Rotary Institute which started out preparing Presidents for their upcoming terms. It has since spread to be the training opportunity for all who want to improve their knowledge of Rotary & focus on their leadership skills. The next gathering will be Nov 8-12. Chris Schultz will be there representing RAG AP.

Jennifer introduced Jesus & Tania's guests: Oscar & Keyawna Delarosa of A&D Christmas Lighting both Residential & Commercial (760-972-8415).



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Bruce Latta
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Julie Ngo

Also guests of Jesus & Tania, their son Christian & his wife Sandy DelToro.
Announcements:

- Nov 21 the Rotary Club of Indio will serve Thanksgiving dinner to the residents at Horizon at Indio Senior Apts. Chairman Jesus was asking for each member to bring 1 pie. Mark Zacovic spoke up and offered to provide all the pies. A wonderful offer gratefully accepted.
- Rotarian Bill Schinsky resigned from the Rotary Club of Indio as of 10/25/23 for personal reasons. Since he was the Chairman & driving force of the Festival of Local Creatives, the future of FOLC will be discussed at a Nov 6 Committee Meeting to be held at 10 am at the Coachilla Valley Arts Center,



Speaker Dr Mark Zacovic:

Mark has recently joined the Rotary Club of Indio. He is the former president of several community colleges.

Mark was born and raised in Whittier, CA. He was a first generation college student. He was the grandson of immigrants from Czechoslovakia (3 of 4 grandparents).

His Mother did not speak English until she attended kindergarten. She graduated as the valedictorian of her high school class. Really was the driver of her children's educational success.

Mark has a BA in Sociology from University of CA, Santa Barbara, an MBA from Whittier College, a Ph.D. in Education Leadership with emphasis in higher education from University of Nevada, Reno.

While going to college, he worked in private summer camps to gain experience working with kids, ending up having a 13-year career in summer camps. 10 years in a rugged outdoor camp in the High Sierra and 3 years as director of The Original Computer Camps in sites across the country and in England.

He started in the CA community colleges as Director of Administrative Services at Santa Barbara City College in 1985, and blink and it's 38 years later. Retired July 1st. (for the 3rd time!!) Worked at 10 different college districts throughout the state, mostly as the chief financial officer as VP or Vice Chancellor but was President at 4 different colleges over that time.

Only 27% of college degree holders have a job in their major. Just get the degree!!

More fundamentally, and one of the reasons our Rotary book program is so important, for the general population, California ranks 50 out of 51

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(Washington DC included) in English literacy. There is much work to be done.

So now, some facts about the California Community College system:

- It is the largest system of higher education in the country with 1.9 million headcount students. (UC has 204,000 students, CSU has 330,000 students, and K-12 has 5.35 million students)
- The state is divided into 73 districts which contain 116 colleges. Obviously, there are single and multi-college districts.
- Each district is led by a locally elected Board of Trustees which sets policy for the district. For the system as a whole, the governor appoints a 17 member Board of Governors which sets policy and provides guidance for the entire system in what some call a "loose confederacy." The Board of Governors employs a Chancellor who heads the entire system and is based in Sacramento.
- Transfer education is a large part of the mission of the CA community colleges. 29% of University of CA graduates and 51 of the California State University graduates, started their higher education journey at a CA community college. This year, 80,000 community college students transferred to either a UC or CSU.
- Over 69% of CA community college students are persons of a diverse background. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accommodation, and Anti-racism efforts at the colleges has moved to the forefront in recent years. The teaching faculty at most colleges still does not reflect the population the college is serving.
- The hallmark of the community college system is that it is an open door, open access institution. Anyone who has the ability to benefit may attend.
- Occupations that require an Associate of Arts (2 year) degree have a starting salary of \$53,000, which is nearly \$17,000 more per year than jobs requiring a high school diploma (\$36,000). That's more than three quarters of a Million dollars over a 45-year career, not adjusted for inflation.

So, the evidence is clear about the advantages of a community college education. Affordable, accessible, local, a great starting place for those who want to attain a certificate, an associates degree, or transfer to a 4 year baccalaureate college or university.

There is lots of financial aid available to students. Academic support programs for English, math, writing, reading abound. Bus passes, gas cards, Wi-Fi support, food banks, health services, personal and academic counseling, affinity groups for Hispanic, black, Asian, LGBTQIA+, women, student athletes, veterans, disabled students, first time college students, low income, and the list goes on. And what Mark likes most is that there is a place for everyone at CA community colleges and all are welcome.

50/50 Drawing: Bruce Latta's number was drawn but to no avail. No one knew that the War of 1815 was Waterloo.

GaBoon: Stacy Fifield passed the Gaboon.

Meeting was closed at 1:15 pm

Save the Date for 75th Anniversary

The Indio Rotary Post

COACHELLA VALLEY HISTORY MUSEUM

JANUARY 13, 2024

EXTRA! EXTRA!



ROTARY CLUB OF INDIO TURNS 75!



Come and join us for our 75th anniversary luncheon!

Current and former Rotarians are invited.

TABLE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

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11:30AM - 1:30PM

Please wear your best 1949 attire!



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Indio, CA 92201

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

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LOCAL FIRST, MEMBERSHIP, AND FUN

November 18 Rotary Golf Ball Drop & Indio BBQ Festival

November 18, 2023

Indio BBQ Festival & Rotary Golf Ball Drop



Rotary Clubs of Indio Present

Golf Ball Drop

November 18, 2023
Indio BBQ Festival

1 Ticket \$10
3 Tickets \$25

HOLE IN ONE \$1,000
CLOSEST TO CUP: \$350
FARTHEST TO CUP: \$250

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Events

October 31st, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Indio Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 7th, 12:00-1:00 PM
[Indio Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speakers

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.

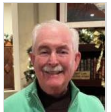
November 21st
[Serve Thanksgiving Dinner](#)
No noon meeting & no Zoom meeting. Instead, members will be serving Thanksgiving dinner to the Horizon's Retirement Community at 5:30 pm

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

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

November 28th
[Craig Donahue](#)
The Regional Employment Manager for the College of the Desert

Birthdays



[Dennis J. Sheehan](#)
November 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

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

[Desert Hot Springs](#)
October 9th