

# Rotary

## Club of Indio



### Bulletin for Nov 7, 2023



#### 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



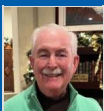
Jeffrey Gonzalez  
President-Elect



Avisinia Rodriguez  
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz  
Treasurer



Dennis J. Sheehan  
President-Nominee

Stacy Fifield



**Horizons at Indio Senior Apartments**  
45405 Monroe St, Indio, CA 92201  
November 21

**All Club Members asked to arrive at 5:30 pm to help decorate. 6:30 pm Club Members will serve dinner to the Residents.**

**Mark Zacovic is providing the pies  
Bruce Latta is bringing the whip cream**

**Members Present:** Mike Colby, John Niederkorn, Stacy Fifield, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Mark Zacovic, Bruce Latta, Jennifer Schultz, Carla McNamara, Randy Bateman, Barb Dries, Bob Firing, Ben Guiton.

**Guests:** Ed Klasson (nice guy), Speaker Mike DiBlasi

Meeting was opened at 12:10 by Pres. Ben Guiton  
Flag Salute was led by Stacy Fifield, 4 Way test was led by Ed Klasson

**Rotary Moment:** Bruce Latta related how many Rotary Clubs sing at their meetings. The first Rotary Song Books were published by Harry, a printer in 1920. He first led a song in a Rotary meeting in 1915 to drown out a member telling an off color joke. Some Chapters still sing at their meetings. Click on the following link to hear some Rotary Songs. Scroll down to **note** the many songs. (Pun intended) [Rotary Songs](#)

#### Announcements:

- **Festival of Local Creatives Committee:** The FOLC Committee met on Monday at the Encore Coffee Shop at Miles & Oasis in Indio. Following Bill Schinsky's leaving the Rotary Club of Indio, the Committee was faced with 3 alternatives: 1. Find a new Chairman who is a member & move forward with the March 2 planned date. 2. Table the Event for 2024 and work towards the next year. 3. Cancel the Project. Ben called for a Volunteer to Chair the Project. (Following the meeting Barb Dries spoke to members who could potentially be a Chairman for the FOLC. A Volunteer stepped forward)
- Ben encouraged all members to be sure to read the Bulletin each week.
- Ben & Jennifer attended the 1st meeting regarding the Golf Ball Drop & Indio BBQ. We will be selling tickets for the GBD & running Concessions for the BBQ. Ben encourages every member to attend & volunteer to sell tickets. Jesus DelToro is in charge of ticket sales. Mike Colby is in charge of Concessions. He hopes to have the tickets to pass out at our next meeting. Ben would like each member to sell between 20 - 40 tickets. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.
- The next Board Meeting is a Zoom Meeting on Nov 16 at 7 am. A good opportunity for members that are still needing to attend a Board Meeting before their red ribbon comes off their badge.



Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Bruce Latta  
Membership  
Chair



Merlina  
Dominica  
Tate  
Webmaster



Chris  
Schultz  
iPast  
President

## 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

- **Remember Nov 21 at Horizons Senior Center. See Notice at beginning of this Bulletin.**
- Mike Colby will be doing 2nd Saturday at Indio's Center Stage this week.

Bob Firing introduced the Speaker Mike DiBlasi, who upon retiring as an architect, took off on his reclining bike to travel the Trans American Bike Trail from across the United States.

He left from Astoria, dipping his back tire in the Pacific Ocean, traveling 4200 miles in 83 days. He felt those he met fell in 3 groups:

1. Truth Tellers - Those that had suggestions & advice
2. Travelers - Those out on the road
3. Trail Angels - Those that were there to help when needed

Mike stayed with host families, friends, & in hotels. One night in Kansas he had no where to stay. He found a priest at a Catholic Church who took him in for the night.

The highest point was in the Rockies, 11,000 ft. His trip ended in Delaware where he put the front tire of his bike in the Atlantic Ocean. He shared many of the pictures taken as he traveled across this great land of ours.

Upon returning he wrote a book about his travels: Mike on a Bike

**Gaboon:** Barb Dreis passed the GaBoon

**Drawing:** Bruce Latta had the winning drawing number, even tho Sue had 30 tickets purchased for John Dolan. Question from the new Trivia Cards was who was the Russian Leader in the 80's that had a birthmark on his forehead. Bruce easily answered Gorbachav. Bruce won \$55.

Ben closed the meeting asking each Rotarian to think about why they are a member. He encouraged all to share with others what is meaningful about Rotary. Horizons visit on Nov 21 is a great opportunity to share with the Senior Residents there.

Meeting closed at 1:10 pm

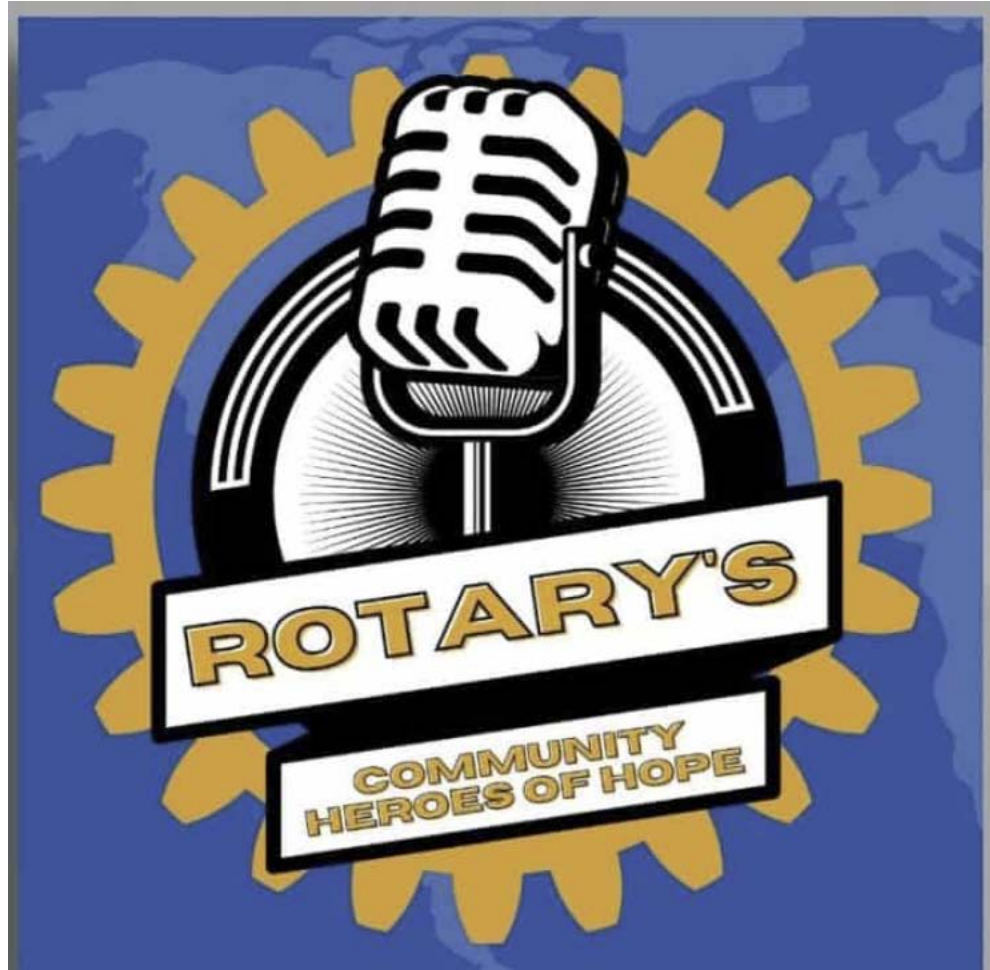
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## District 5330 Podcast

To listen to most interesting Podcasts of District 5330 "Heroes of Hope" Click on the image below, then scroll down to click on the Podcast to listen.

These podcasts are also available under the top menu tab "Links to Presentations" on the  
[Rotary Club of Indio \(indiorotary.org\)](http://indiorotary.org)

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



## Events

November 7th, 12:00-1:00 PM

### [Indio Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Gabe Garza.

**Subject:** He will talk about water in the Coachella Valley.

## Speakers

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 Coachella Valley Foster Kids College of the Desert

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

December 5th

### [Robi Frederick](#)

Coachella Valley Foster Kids

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Club Anniversaries

San Jacinto  
November 5th

Idyllwild  
November 19th

La Quinta of the Desert  
November 29th

Palm Desert  
November 12th  
Arlington (Riverside)  
November 28th