

Rotary

Club of Indio



Bulletin Feb 6, 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



Benjamin
Guitron IV
President



Dennis J.
Sheehan
President-
Elect



Avisinia
Rodriguez
President-
Nominee
Secretary



Jennifer
Schultz
Treasurer



Stacy Fifield
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Bruce Latta
Membership
Chair

Members Present: Ben Guitron, Bryan Montgomery, Andres Coronel, Barb Dreis, Stacy Fifield, John Niederkorn, Steve Morgan, Mike Colby, Carla McNamera, Elizabeth Tucker, Randy Bateman, Bob Firing, Jeff Gonzalez, John Dolan, Sue Steding, Jennifer Schultz, Myron


Guests: Irene Dolan, LaVerne Sheehan, Myron's neighbor Howard Hoffenberg, Jill Bateman, Robin Corkery, Rafael Lamas & Joel Felix of Category 5 Training.

Announcements:

- Tour de Palm Springs Feb 9 Set up & Feb 10 volunteering for the walk. Jenn can use more volunteers for Saturday's walk. Please let Jenn know you can help.
- Date Festival Parking Project. Barb Dreis gave a fantastic desperate plea for volunteers to talk a shift at the parking lot. Each 4 hr 15 min shift will earn \$150 for the Rotary Club of Indio Foundation Account. Contact Barb Dreis.
- Interact Club at Shadow High School 4 Way Test Contest was held on Monday. See the story in this bulletin.
- Zoom Board meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7 am.
- FOLC Festival of Local Creatives needs more Creatives & Volunteers. See John Niederkorn to sign up to Volunteer & contact Carla McNamera to add Creatives.

Speaker:



This Week at Indio Rotary



**Club President,
Ben Guitron will be
sharing about the
long standing
history of the Guitron
family in the
Coachella Valley**

Come Join Us

**Tuesdays at 12 noon
Fantasy Springs Casino
Special Events Center**



Ben spoke about his family history from a small town in Mexico where Mexican Revolutions made it unsafe to stay in the area, to finding a home in the Coachella Valley when they arrived here in 1919.

His family knew farming, so began share cropping in the Desert. They were able to make it through the Depression by raising what they needed & trading with others in the area. At one time they farmed everything from Ave 48 to Van Buren.

The 60's & 70's found cotton as a major crop. First hand picked, then machine picked by huge combines. The Guitron's were diverse crop farmers who raised many different crops. Ben is named after his grandfather. Ben's parents so loved their Father that they each decided to name one of their children Ben. So, there are a lot of Ben's in his family.



**Merlina
Dominica
Tate**
Webmaster



**Chris
Schultz**
iPast
President

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Brodowsky
Assistant Governor
William R. Chase
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Assistant Governor
Bob McKenzie
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Julie Ngo
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Bill Orr
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Randall
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Chris Schultz
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Assistant Governor
Linda Kay White
Assistant Governor
Dan Goodrich
District Secretary

One of the family "Ben's" specialized in being a Vaquero & is in the NRCHA Hall of Fame. [2008 NRCHA Hall of Fame - Benny Guitron on Vimeo](#)

Also see: [Steve Quitron's Custom Rawhide Website](#)

Ben found growing up meeting & getting along with a variety of cultures through his experiences on the farm taught him an important life lesson.

Drawing: Randy Bateman's name was drawn. He was able to answer the 80's question about a novel of 4 chinese girls & their mothers.

Gaboon: Steve Morgan passed the Gaboon. Stacy, the Sheehans, & Schultz's were all at PETS Feb 24-25.

Date Festival Parking Project



February 16 – 25, 2024

What to know about Volunteer Parking at Riverside County Date Festival February 16 to February 25 46350 ARABIA ST. INDIO CA, 92201

The Rotary Club of Coachella Valley is giving us the opportunity to share in their Fundraising Profits by helping them with the Car Parking at the Riverside County Date Festival this year. Our club will receive \$150.00 for each shift our club members cover. LINK TO SCHEDULE SIGN UP SHEET: <http://tinyurl.com/IndioDateFestivalParking>

- Avi has kindly provided the above link to a "live" schedule that will hold your name in the shift you have signed up for.
- The sign-up sheet is two pages. Please focus on the first page as these are the shifts the Rotary Club of Coachella needs the most help.
- You will see I signed up for one shift each day. I want you all to know I am IN IT. (My father always told me "Don't ask anyone to do something you are not willing to do.") If you and another member prefer that particular shift and location, I will switch to another one.
- At each ENTRANCE cash or credit card is received. Each EXIT is only directing traffic if you really don't want to have to handle money.
- Joe Ceja From the Rotary Club of Coachella Valley will train everyone on using the hand-held device we use to accept credit cards. This same device will "spit out" receipts regardless if paid cash or card.

FOLLOWING ARE THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AND SOME GOOD IDEAS:

- Each Shift is 4 hours and 15 minutes. The 15 minutes is to allow overlap on shift changes. An individual can sign up for half of a shift. You can work with someone to do the other half.
- If 2 members work the same shift (which is suggested) our club will still receive \$150.00. We receive \$150.00 per SHIFT, not per PERSON.
- If you commit to a shift YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE. If Life Happens, and you make it, please find a replacement! If that is impossible, contact Barbara Dreis 760-989-2440.
- Once we commit to a shift, we must cover that shift! Rain, Sleet, or Snow! We will keep our fingers crossed we have mild weather all the way!
- Bring a chair, water and snacks for yourself. If you select a night shift, bring a flashlight for yourself.
- We suggest you dress in layers as weather changes throughout the hours.

I did my best to try and think of everything, but no doubt I have left something out or made something more confusing than needed to be. So, please contact me for any questions or concerns. I did participate last year as the AG for the Coachella Club, so I do have some actual experience for reference.

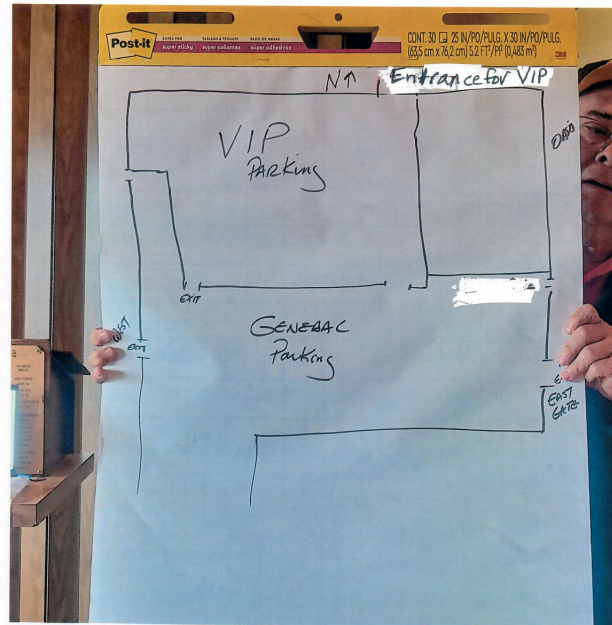
Ashley Lyn Rose
Sanford
District Treasurer

I appreciate all who have the ability, desire, and willingness to help our club earn some profits for our Rotary Club of Indio FOUNDATION ACCOUNT. As we have all heard many times, "the more we have, the more we can do". RYLA Camp and College Scholarships to High School Seniors are due soon. Also, thanks to Bob Firing, our club has a new Trade School Scholarship program. "The more we have, the more we can do."

Yours in Rotary Service
Barbara Dreis
760-989-2440

Please be aware that there are two sheets with dates and times:

-Avi



Festival of Local Creatives Volunteer Sign Ups



The 3rd Annual Festival of Local Creatives needs Volunteers. The Festival is March 2 from 10 am - 3 pm. For Volunteer sign up [Click Here](#). By just adding your name to the live sign up sheet & clicking the return button, it will record your entry.

Volunteers are especially needed for the 12 pm - to 3 pm time slots.

Any problem signing up, please contact Merlina Tate at 509-641-0537 or tate.merlina@gmail.com.

Math Field day Committee Meeting



Thrilled to announce: The Math Field Day planning committee has united to craft our standout event! Get ready to welcome middle school stars from across the desert to John Glenn Middle School on April 20th! [#MathFieldDay](#) [#serviceaboveself](#)

Interact Club Standout given honor



Interact standout Xitlali Natividad from Shadow Hills High School receives the Riverside Co Student of the Month Award.

Check out this Instagram Post on Xitlali's wonderful accomplishments:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C2tI6GoJ1zZ/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

Savannah Vela Moves on to District 4-Way Test Competition



Left to Right: Khristina Clous, Sue Steding, Dennis Sheehan, Alex Zuniga, Savannah Vela, Cathy Niederkorn, Elizabeth Tucker and Monika Ujkic

Our club chooses to sponsor and help manage the 4-Way Test contest as a way of helping young men and women understand, appreciate and live the high ethical standards to which Rotarians aspire in everything we think, say and do. And rather than simply recite the four-way test, living it every day helps make the world a better place.

Our club and the faculty advisors plan to grow this contest in the years ahead. And our club contest winner Ms. Savannah Vela is able to compete at the Rotary District level, Saturday March 2nd morning at the Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Beaumont CA.

Savannah Vela's speech addressed the issue of Fake News and how the 4 Way Test addresses the issue.

Alex Zuniga's speech addressed the Patriot Act, Fisa Warrants & the 4th Amendment. Both excellent speeches.

* Record your Rotary Hours & In-kind Donations

[Click Here](#) to Record Rotary Hours & In-Kind Donations

(It will only take you a minute to record your hours donated to Rotary. Only 4 members are doing this so far. It is very important to our Club to have a record. Presently there are 2 projects just completed you can easily enter. Everyone that spent hours & in-kind-donations for the Golf Ball Drop & Concessions, and the Horizon's Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner, please [Click Here.](#))

Speakers

February 6th

[Ben Guitron](#)

Guitron Family in Coachella Valley History

February 15th

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Operating Board Mtg then Foundation Board Mtg

February 27th

[Bonnie Steele](#)

Retired professional dancer

February 13th

[Kippy Laflame](#)

Ophelia Project

February 20th

[Zoom Meeting David Lott](#)

Rotary Water Project in Mozambique

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Beaumont-Cherry Valley
February 8th

[San Gorgonio Pass \(Banning\)](#)
February 23rd