

# Rotary

## Club of Indio



### Bulletin Feb 13, 2024

Feb 20 Will be a Zoom Meeting

Speaker: David Lott Rotary Water Project in Mozambique

Rotary Club of Indio Meeting

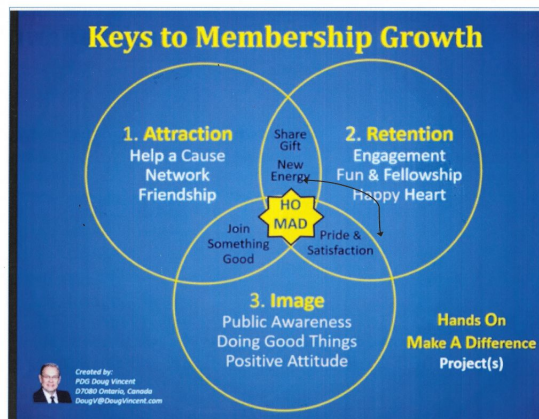
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**Members Present:** Randy Bateman, Barb Dreis, Mike Colby, Robin Corkery, Andres Coronel, Jesus DelToro, Tanya Diaz DelToro, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Ben Guitron, Bruce Latta, Steve Morgan, John Niederkorn, Jennifer Schultz, Dennis Sheehan, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate.

**Guests:** Peter Sturgeon, Kinky LaFlame, Aggie Jordan, Robert DeLaurenti, Bruce Fennic-Calgary Rotary.

**Opening:** Flag Ceremony - Dennis Sheehan, Four-Way Test - Steve Morgan

**Rotary Moment:** Bruce Latta. (Returning from his visit to meet his new granddaughter Bruce brought Macadamia Nut treats for all) Thank you Bruce! Keys to Membership Growth is the 1st in a series of Rotary Moments.



### Announcements:

- Tour de Palm Springs - Jenn & Steve reported a very successful day. The Interact Club did a great job cheering on the bikers & walkers.
- YFC Dennis will be leading RYLA Camp Interviews February 16 & 17. Dennis as PE reported that a tremendous amount of information was presented at PETS.
- Save the Date: District Training Assembly Saturday April 6. This live event will offer a great selection of 45 minute sessions for Rotarians, Interactors, and Rotaractors of all experience levels.
- Zoom Board & Foundation Meeting Feb 15 at 7 am.
- FOLC Festival of Local Creatives is March 2. Volunteers are needed to help on that day. Contact John Niederkorn.

### Speaker:

Kippy Laflame, Director of Engagement of the Ophelia Project introduced Peter Sturgeon of the Ophelia Project. The Ophelia project's goal is "Empowering young teens to increase their sense of self-worth and maximize their potential contribution to society"

The Ophelia Project is a program of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization located in the



### 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



Merlina Dominica Tate  
Webmaster



**Chris Schultz**  
iPast President

## District Leaders

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DG-Nominee  
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IPDG  
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Governor  
Douglas W. Baker  
District Foundation  
Chair  
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District Membership  
Chair  
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William R. Chase  
Assistant Governor  
Stacy Fifield  
Assistant Governor  
Darcy Kuenzi  
Assistant Governor  
Bob McKenzie  
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Julie Ngo  
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Bill Orr  
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JoAn Clarissa Randall  
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District Secretary  
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District Treasurer

Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization located in the Coachella Valley of California. School Counselors recommend the girls chosen to be Ophelia girls.

It is the only program allowed by the schools to take girls from Middle School & High School out of Class to participate in a Curriculum designed to give guidance, encouragement, & specific ways to set & reach important goals. Mentors & Mentees meet together to face the challenges these girls might encounter. They learn about what careers are available to them, what they might choose for a career, & how to get there.

The program has 100% graduation. They obtain excellent grades, become leaders in their schools, & find ways to bravely address whatever cultural & personal challenges they may face.

Savannah Vela the recent winner of the Rotary Club of Indio's 4-Way Test Speech Contest is an Ophelia girl.

On Tues Feb 13 there are 18 schools in the area that have successful women speaking to Ophelia Project groups about the bravery needed to reach their goals. Our own Avi Rodrigues is one of those speakers.

Peter challenged the Rotary Club of Indio to create an Ophelia Girl Scholarship for Shadow Hills High School.

For more information: [jfkfoundation.org](http://jfkfoundation.org)

**Drawing:** For the 2nd week in a row Randy Bateman's number was drawn. He answered correctly that Pokeman was the answer to the Sports & Leisure question.

**Gaboon:** Randy passed the Gaboon & for the 2nd week in a row graciously donated his Drawing winnings to the Gaboon.

Meeting closed at 1:10 pm

## Date Festival Parking Project



### 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.

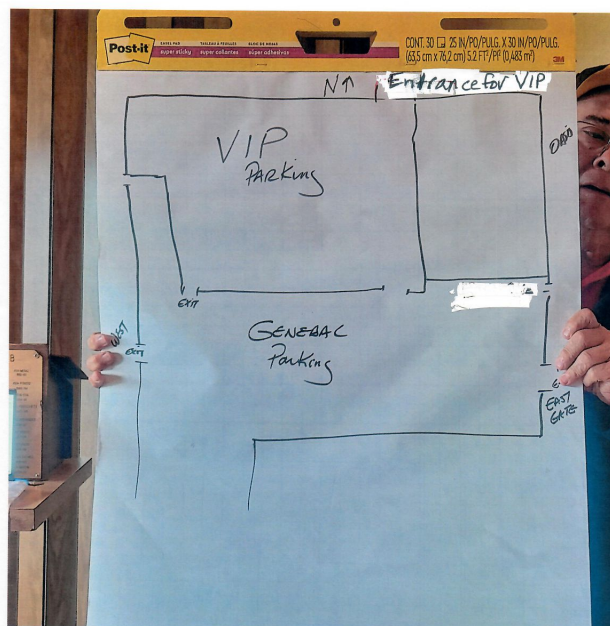
I did my best to try and think of everything, but no doubt I have left something out or made something more confusing than needed to be. So, please contact me for any questions or concerns. I did participate last year as the AG for the Coachella Club, so I do have some actual experience for reference.

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 Furring, 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



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## February 2024 District 5330 Newsletter



I have attached the link and file for the February Newsletter. We have some great club stuff, and District Training is kicking in. Don't forget to register for the District Training Assembly, RLI or Dacdb

Here is the link you know what to do

[https://www.district5330.org/3d-flip-book/newsletter- february-2024/](https://www.district5330.org/3d-flip-book/newsletter-february-2024/)

Dan Goodrich  
District Administrator  
District 5330

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## 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.

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## Barb Dreis is going to India with Polio Project



Rotary Club of Indio member Barb Dreis will be experiencing one of her Rotary dreams February 23 through March 5. She will be joining a group of 35 other Rotarians from around the United States traveling in India.

The group will combine participation in India's National Polio Immunization activities, interaction with local Rotary clubs and their projects while visiting some of India's most extraordinary sights. The trip starts in Delhi and includes Agra and Jaipur.

The group's polio education from the India National Polio Plus Committee and the WHO begins at St. Stephen's Hospital in Delhi. St. Stephen's is a facility specializing in post-polio surgeries. The following 2 days will be spent providing vaccinations in a Delhi high risk district as well as participating in house-to-house immunization activities.

Best wishes to Barb as she embarks on this Adventure for a most important Rotary Project!

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## Business Memberships

Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Jesus & Tania DelToro Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike Colby

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## Speakers



February 15th

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Operating Board Mtg then Foundation  
Board Mtg

February 20th

[Zoom Meeting David Lott](#)

Rotary Water Project in Mozambique

February 27th

[Bonnie Steele](#)

Retired professional dancer

## **Birthdays**

No Birthdays Found

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## **Club Anniversaries**

Beaumont-Cherry Valley  
February 8th

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