

# 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

### 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

## Festival of Local Creatives need Pop Ups



The 3rd Annual Festival of Local Creatives needs to borrow some Pop Ups for March 2.

Please contact: Merlina Tate, 509-641-0537 [tate.merlina@gmail.com](mailto:tate.merlina@gmail.com)

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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  
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

## CV Giving Day



Please consider donating to our Foundation which is a 501c3 that helps to support the needs of the Indio community and we donate to local Indio schools in the form of books, dictionaries and scholarships.

[Rotary Club of Indio Foundation CV Giving Day](#)

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## Members can now Zelle RCI Foundation Account



Happy Friday my fellow Rotarians!

I am pleased to announce that you can now Zelle funds/donations to our Foundation bank account or request project fund reimbursements from the Foundation Account via Zelle. You can use the QR code that will link you to the Foundation account or we can be found by using the email address [indiorotaryjenn@yahoo.com](mailto:indiorotaryjenn@yahoo.com).

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions.

Jennifer Schultz  
Club Treasurer

## Bulletin Feb 20, 2024

### Zoom Meeting Rotary Club of Indio February 20, 2024

**Members Present:** Avi Rodriguez, Carla McNamera, Bruce Latta, Merlina Tate, Sue Steding, Dennis Sheehan, Bryan Montgomery, Ben Guitron, Bob Firing, John Niederkorn, Jenn Schultz.

**Guests:** David Lott, Justin Garana

**Meeting Opened:** by Ben Guitron. Flag Salute & 4 Way Test Followed.

**Rotary Moment:** Bruce described 20 Reasons Why to Join Rotary. The Document can also be found on [indiorotary.org/Join Indio Rotary/20 reasons](https://indiorotary.org/Join%20Indio%20Rotary/20reasons)



## Why Join Rotary? For a Prospective Member to Understand Rotary Twenty Answers to the Question



- 1. Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- 2. Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in leadership: Learning to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes sense. Membership makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of active citizens of the community.
- 6. Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary, a program is designed to keep one informed about what is happening in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers on various topics.
- 7. Fun:** Rotary is fun! Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- 8. Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who originally joined Rotary didn't often speak in public. Rotary helps to develop confidence and skills in public communication. Rotary allows you to practice and perfect these skills.
- 9. Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says, "Rotary International." Few places on the planet do not have a Rotary Club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 30,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's community and in the world community.
- 10. Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many Rotarians needing a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling have found assistance through a local Rotary Club.
- 11. Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has social events and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that entertain in addition providing Rotary information, education, and service.
- 12. The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills, and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
- 13. Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's most extensive youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for significant other involvement; and various activities designed to help family members grow and develop family values.
- 14. Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to participate in the growth and development of their profession or vocation. Every Rotarian is expected to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.



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- 15. Ethics:** Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in all business and personal relationships.
- 16. Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found to be in Rotary. It is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their culture and learn to love and work with people everywhere. Rotarians become better citizens of their countries in the process.
- 17. Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people, leaders of business, professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and the disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, and professionals who make decisions and influence policy.
- 18. Nice People:** Rotarians are friendly and, above all, nice people. They are important people who follow the policy: "It is nice to be important, but it is important to be nice."
- 19. The Absence of an Official Creed:** Rotary has no secret handshake, policy, official creed, or secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
- 20. The Opportunity to Service:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is humanity. Its product is a service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. Rotary is a chance to do something for someone else with pride. Rotary is rewarding.



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Speaker David Letts: "Water Underground" is a model used in

**Speaker David Lott:** Water Underground is a model used in Mozambique to bring clean water to isolated rural areas. Water Underground is a cookie cutter model:

- A well is drilled
- Pumps are installed
- A sanitation center is set up in schools. Children are taught to wash their hands after using the restrooms.
- Community sanitation centers are set up & the people educated.
- 4 months of training to ensure communities take responsibility.

The cost is about \$25,000 to \$35,000 for each well project. So far in 8 years there have been 44 communities & no failures.

The benefits are:

- Education - Even primary attendance is normally way down because of diseases, & girls having to walk long miles every day to get water even tho contaminated, After getting the Water Underground Project, attendance goes up to 80-90% There becomes a need for even secondary schools.
- Health - After receiving clean water communities no longer have the intestinal diseases & worms caused by contaminated water,
- Economics - Women no longer have to haul water all day. Businesses like chicken farms, irrigated crops etc can grow & prosper.
- Women & Children - The women rejoice in being able to bathe & be clean. Children can become educated & live healthy lives.
- Peace - Look at the previous 4 reasons. If they don't help, nothing does.

We can help: The Long Beach Rotary Club has done 4 models. Their goal is to do 4 more by raising \$100,000. Individual clubs can do Rotary International grants to help Long Beach reach their goal. Long Beach will do all the paper work if we choose to participate.



**JUSTIN ARANA**

Founder, Director

Originally from Southern California and a graduate of the University of Southern California with degrees in International Relations and Business Administration. Worked in Darfur and then in other parts of Africa specifically focused on the water crisis before teaming up with Silvestre Uqueio to form Water Underground. Justin has over 15 years experience in the WASH and Development sector.

[Read about Justin's story and the birth of Water Underground.](#)

[Watch 'My Name Is Water' on iTunes](#)

[Our Team | Water Underground](#)

Ben closed the meeting saying they are still looking for a date to have a fireside chat & visit a winery.

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## Scholarship Awarded



We would like to congratulate Toni Cagle on her scholarship to pursue her dream of becoming an electrician. This scholarship was made possible by generous giving to our club's Foundation and in partnership with CJS Power, Lighting & Design. CJS owner and Indio Rotary past president, Chris Schultz, proudly presented Toni with this gift during the recent Mamas House HEARTbeat of Love Luncheon. We are excited to follow Toni on her journey as she pursues her dreams!

[#ServiceAboveSelf](#)

[#IndioRotary](#)

[#MamasHouseMinistries](#)

## Business Memberships

Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Jesus & Tania DelToro Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike Colby

## Speakers

February 27th

[Bonnie Steele](#)

Retired professional dancer

March 5th

[Joe Wallis, CVEP](#)

CVEP

March 2nd

[Savannah Vela](#)

Rotary of Indio Contestant for District Competition from Shadow Hills High School

March 12th

[Angelique Ontivarus](#)

Desert Arc



March 19th  
[Zoom Meeting Rudy Westerfield](#)  
Zoom Meeting Rotary e club for world  
peace

## **Birthdays**

No Birthdays Found

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## **Club Anniversaries**

Beaumont-Cherry Valley  
February 8th

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