



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



<u>Dennis J.</u> <u>Sheehan</u> President-Elect



Avisinia Rodriguez President-Nominee Secretary



<u>Jennifer Schultz</u> Treasurer



Stacy Fifield Rotary Foundation Chair



Bruce Latta Membership Chair



Merlina Dominica Tate Webmaster

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Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Stacy
Fifield, Bob Firring, Bruce Latta, Sue Lowe, Carla
McNamera, Bryan Montgomery, Avi Rodriguez,
Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Mark Zacovic

Guests: Daniel DeSanto, Juliana Moralas

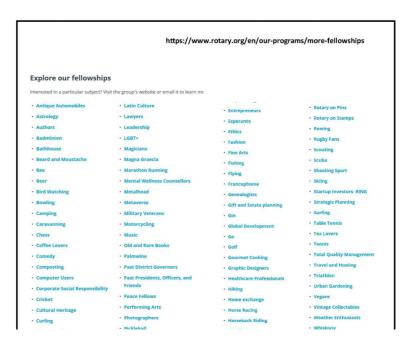
Opening: Sue Steding opened the meeting. Stacy Fifield led the flag ceremony, & Mark Zacovic led the 4-Way Test. Sue especially welcomed Sue Lowe, a Rotary Club of Indio member, who is now

part of the Rotaplast Team.

Rotary Moment: Bruce explained Rotary Fellowships:









District Leaders

Jamie M Zinn **District Governor** Judy Arlene Zulfigar **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



Speaker: Daniel DeSanto, Executive Director of Rotaplast

Rotaplast does reconstructive surgery for kids all over the world.

Rotaplast International, Inc. was founded in 1992 by <u>Dr. Angelo Capozzi</u> and the then Rotary Club President Peter Lagarias in collaboration with the Rotary Club of San Francisco to facilitate a surgical program in La Serena, Chile to treat children with the cleft lip and palate anomaly who would otherwise not receive surgical intervention. This initial historic mission took place in January of 1993.

Rotaplast would not exist without funding provided by partners. Although a San Francisco-based organization, Rotaplast works nationally and internationally by partnering with Rotary Clubs, other organizations, and individuals across the United States, Canada and mission sites. It provides a vehicle for medical professionals and non-medical volunteers to actively engage in projects that build international friendships and promote goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world.

A cleft lip & palette is created in late pregnancy by the lip & palate of the two sides of a baby's mouth not joining, leaving a gap in one or both the lip & palate. It may be one sided or two. The causes are complicated: genetic, diet, lifestyle, lack of adequate vitamins, smoking during pregnancy, & pollution. Therefore, creating a higher incidence in the poorer nations.

It affects appearance, speech swallowing, upper respiratory problems, hearing loss, dental problems, & social stigmas.

Rotaplast provides free care. The medical team as well as the non-medical teams are all volunteer.

Rotapast encourages Education for prevention as well as for treatment. Training of local medical clinics & hospitals means many more children can be treated.

It is now doing burn scar surgery which is more complicated, takes longer & requires complicated skin grafts.

Typically the team goes on 2 week Missions. The chart shows how the 2 weeks are spent.

The Rotaplast Mission from Start to Finish A Typical Mission Schedule Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday DEPARTURE Travel to Mission site & Pre-Clinic Surgery 1 Surgery 2 Surgery 3 Surgery 4 Day Off Surgery 5 Surgery 6 Surgery 7 Surgery 8 Post-Clinic RETURN Pre-Clinic: The first full working day of patient screening & pre-op evaluations to select candidates Surgery: Six to eight days of surgery. Post-Clinic: Last day on the mission dedicated to following up with patients and ensuring surgical Day Off: Volunteers work hard but enjoy free time and camaraderie outside the hospital. A day trip by local Rotarians that usually includes visits to notable cultural sites.

Who Goes On Rotaplast Missions? Medical Volunteers

- Plastic Surgeons
- Anesthesiologists
- · Operating Room Nurses
- Recovery Nurses
- Orthodontists
- Dentists
- Speech Pathologists
- Geneticists
- Audiologists
- Pediatricians





Who Goes On Rotaplast Missions? Non-Medical Volunteers

- Mission Director
- Asst. Mission Director
- Quartermaster
- Medical Recorder
- · Equipment Sterilizer
- Photojournalist
- · Pre/Post-Op Asst.
- · Patient Transporter
- Translators
- · Recreation Therapist
- · Recovery Room Asst.

Rotaplast | Saving Smiles Changing Lives



Learn More About Rotaplast and Get Involved!

- Scan the QR Code to join our Partners in Service Program.
- Volunteer for a surgical trip through trip sponsorship.
- Visit <u>www.rotaplast.org/donate</u> to support Rotaplast International's Medical Missions.
- Follow our blog, which includes daily updates from current surgical trips.
- Join us on Facebook to stay in touch at facebook.com/rotaplast
- Never hesitate to contact the Rotaplast office at (415) 252-1111 or rotaplast.org/contact. We look forward to hearing from you!



Site	Dates
Sylhet, Bangladesh	January 20 – February 3, 2024
Cebu City, Phil.	February 25 – March 10, 2024
Medellin, Colombia	May 5 – 18, 2024
Kampala, Uganda	June 2 – 15, 2024
Narnaul, India	September 22 – October 5, 2024
Nagamangala, India	December 1 – 14, 2024
Due to unforeseen circumst	ances, mission information is subject to ch

Announcements:

- **S**tacy reported that the socks & underwear she was expecting did not turn out to be usable for what we had planned. The boxes she received will be donated to those that can use them.
- Sue Steding reported that Math Field Day is all organized & ready to go. She & Bruce will work out last minute details concerning lunch.
 Merlina will send her cooler with the sodas. There are fewer students this year.
- Board & Foundation Board meeting is on April 18 at IHOP on Jackson St at 7 am. Jenn will not be able to be there, but will be on Zoom. She has sent out all the financials.
- Jenn reported that at the April 30th meeting a check will be presented to the club for their volunteer work done at the Tour de Palm Springs.
- Carla reported that the FOLC needs several committee members to join the committee before she can commit to continuing the Festival of Local Creatives.

The meeting was closed by Sue Steding.

Ignite Festival June 15 at Skinner Lake



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How to Use DACdb

Every Member should know how to use DACdb. Click on the above link to create a password & be able to access the important information on this Portal.

We hope you will maximize your membership by taking advantage of our online member portal, DACdb. This is more than an online directory- it is an interactive tool to help you engage with our Club.

Through DACdb, you can edit your profile, search for members, register for events, and much more!

Business Memberships

Thank you to our Business Memberships:







Jesus & Tania DelToro Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike Colby

Speakers

April 16th Zoom Meeting Daniel DeSanto **Rotoplast International** April 23rd Richard Waxman Paws and Hearts

April 18th **Zoom Meeting** Zoom Meeting. Executive director for Operating Board Mtg then Foundation **Board Mtg** April 30th Kristan Bloomer Angel View

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Redlands April 1st San Bernardino North April 11th **Murrieta** April 28th **Redlands Sunrise** April 30th

Perris April 4th Rancho Mirage April 27th **Riverside Sunrise** April 28th