

# 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

## Rotary Club of Indio can earn \$1600

We need 8 volunteers to help run the beer booth at the Festival 5 de Mayo. Location is at the Rancho Los Tesoros 79300 Ave 39 Indio,CA.

We will have support by the promoters of the event to set up and breakdown the booth. The Rotary volunteers will help stock the booth as the product is delivered at the booth site and our Rotarians will sell the beer(three types of beer). All money transactions will be handled by the promoter and when the evening is done they will issue our club a check for \$1,600 dollars the week after the event.

The Rotary volunteers will need to arrive at the location listed on the attached flyer on Saturday, May 5, 2024, 2:00 P.M. (event starts 3:00 P.M.) and the event ends at 10:00 P.M.. The beer sales will end at 9:00 P.M. and our Rotary members can leave by 10:30 P.M.. I will have more details later.

Eight Volunteers could divide into 2 shifts: 4 members from 2 pm - 6 pm & 4 members from 6 pm - 10 pm. Please contact Ben to sign up: 760-342-5951 [bguitron@indiopd.org](mailto:bguitron@indiopd.org)





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  
Assistant Governor  
Chris Schultz  
Assistant Governor  
Mary Towne  
Assistant Governor  
Karyn G. Westervelt  
Assistant Governor  
Linda Kay White  
Assistant Governor  
Dan Goodrich  
District Secretary

## Bulletin April 23, 2024



**Members Present:** Andres Coronel, Mike Colby, Barb Dreis, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Ben Guitron, Bruce Latta, Bryan Montgomery, Steve Morgan, Chris Pickering, Dennis Sheehan, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Mark Zacovic, Steve Welsh,

**Guest:** Kerry Hopps


**Opening:** Ben Guitron opened the meeting at 12:10 pm. Flag Salute led by Mike Colby. 4-Way Test led by Merlina Tate.

**Rotary Moment:** Bruce took this time for the Induction of our newest member Steve Walsh. Steve was formally a member of Palm Desert Rotary Club. He is now retired from Construction & lives at nearby at Four Seasons, Terra Lago. WELCOME TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF INDIO!

### Announcements:

- RCI Scholarships at SHHS 2024: Dennis & Mark will be interviewing students for Scholarships next Monday & Tuesday, **They need one more person, preferably a woman, who will join them in interviewing.** Contact Dennis at 760-907-8499
- Steve Morgan invited everyone to attend the private showing of the Desert Wildlife Center on Wednesday April 24. Please RSVP.

### Join us for the private showing of the Desert Wildlife Center!




DESERT WILDLIFE  
CENTER

The Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter is thrilled to announce the opening of the Desert Wildlife Center (DWC). The DWC will serve as a safe refuge for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife needing medical treatment and rehabilitation. Slated to open later this year at the site of the former wild bird center in Indio, DWC will initially serve wild birds, and with plans to accept both reptiles and mammals in the future. In addition to rescue, treatment, care, and rehabilitation services, DWC will offer humane education to community members of all ages, creating a solid grassroots network of wildlife advocates dedicated to cultivating and sustaining peaceful coexistence between humans and wildlife.

We invite you to join us for a private tour of this facility. Renovations will begin in early May, and we would love for you to see it beforehand and learn more about our vision.

Wednesday, April 24th  
4pm-7pm  
46500 Van Buren St., Indio

RSVP  
[psanimalshelter.org/wildlifereception](https://psanimalshelter.org/wildlifereception)



**We can't wait to share this  
special experience with you!**

- Math Field Day 2024 Update. Sue reported it was a great event & she will be entering the volunteer hours for everyone in the DACdb Engagements Module, with Merlina's help. Ben is suggesting a Meet & Greet with the Teachers of the



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- San Antonio Winery & Olvera Street Trip. Saturday May 18th. Buses will leave from the Fairgrounds Parking Lot about 7:30 am there will be fun games & drawings on the bus going to the San Antonio Winery for a tour of the winery, Much to see & enjoy besides just the wine. After the winery the buses will go to Olvera Street to enjoy all that is there. Returning home on the bus will be a good movie. Everyone is invited to come, bring friends & family. Price will run somewhere between \$65 & \$75/person. More info coming.
  - Barb Dreis explained that we have 2 Global Grant possibilities. One is a water project in Mexico & one is a water project in Haiti. Don Casper suggested we apply for DDF Pool Fund Dollars for \$10000 for each Project.
  - Mike Colby reported that RAG AP needs 5 more members for their committee. Please contact Mike at 760-969-3023 Michael@handyangels.net.
  - Rotary Club of Indio can earn \$1600 by serving beer at the Festival 5 de Mayo on May 5. See separate story & volunteer to work a 4 hour shift. Needed are 8 volunteers.

**Speaker:** Kerry Hopps filled in for Richard Waxman, as Richard tweaked his back. Kerry & Bily did a very good job of explaining Paws & Hearts. For 24 years member teams have done Animal Assisted Therapy by visiting hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes, & schools. Paws & Hearts is a leader in the field of "Animal Assisted Therapy" (AAT) & it is their mission to enrich the lives of the frail & special care cases that require the loving attention & affection that only a "four-legged healer can provide. Kerry & her 7 yr old yellow lab visit facilities weekly to bring joy to many.

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SPRING 2024

## The Importance of Leaving a Pet Trust for Your Beloved Companion



Over the years I have written a few times about the importance of leaving instructions in your final wishes as to who will take your beloved dog or cat if the time comes when you are no longer around. A few weeks ago a woman stopped by the office to ask me just this very thing because she was planning to adopt a new pup and was concerned that at her age she might not out-live the dog. Just so glad she was thinking of this! And I decided it was time to dust off that article one more time because the subject is so important.

Trusts are a common way to provide for a spouse, children, or other family members after you're gone, and they even can be used for family members that have fur, fins or feathers.

Though less widespread than trusts drafted for human beneficiaries, pet trusts serve many of the same functions. They can provide legal instructions and protections for the care and placement of animals when an owner dies or becomes incapacitated.

Pet trusts focus on some of the same concepts as a 'human trust.' The key aim is to name a trusted person or organization to provide ongoing care for your animals, while providing funds to do so. Many people instead make informal arrangements, asking friends or relatives to take in their animals. But without a trust or other legal document, there's no assurance your wishes will be fulfilled.

"The last thing you want is for your pet to go to a shelter, get traumatized there, and possibly get euthanized," said Jodi Polanski, executive director of Lost Our Home Pet Rescue in Tempe, AZ, one of various animal-adoption groups that encourage people to consider trusts. If requested, "Paws & Hearts" will serve as trustee, overseeing an animal's care and living arrangements. We have already been down this road many years ago with a brother and sister cat.

Similarly, an owner could spell out how much medical care should be given to a pet, especially an older one, and when euthanasia might become the preferred option. Trusts can plan for those and other contingencies. "At least you would have some control over what happens to your pet."

You also could specify many other details, such as your cat be fed grain-free kibble, or that your dog be exercised regularly, but not at dog parks. If your animal is on medication, that would be spelled out, as well as all the medical records and names of the pet's veterinarian. A key decision is naming the right trustee — the person or organization entrusted with carrying out your wishes.

The costs to have an attorney draft a trust vary and are somewhat negotiable. As a general guide, living-trust packages for human beneficiaries typically start around \$1,000 but can rise to several thousand dollars or more, depending on the attorney, the complexities, and the assets involved. Pet trusts, which are simpler, should cost less. If you already have a living trust, you can usually add an addendum rather than draft a separate pet trust.

As with trusts for humans, pet trusts can involve an investment-management component, especially if several animals are involved or they are long-lived, as with some birds. A suggested funding amount for a pet trust is usually \$10,000. Any money left after the animal dies can be donated to a non-profit group.

If you don't establish a pet trust, consider spelling out your pet-care wishes in a letter given to a trusted relative or friend, though these instructions wouldn't be legally binding. While you might think of your pets as family, they're considered property in the eyes of the law.

Similarly, you could leave funds with a friend or family member, with care instructions. But without a trust, "Nothing will prevent (the person) from using the money for some other purpose and/or giving your pets away." Just make sure you give this some serious consideration and make sure to get it done.



*Your beloved companion animal deserves to be taken care of if you are no longer able to!*

### Our Story

"Paws and Hearts" Animal Assisted Therapy is a volunteer based group of dedicated individuals who have made a commitment to take their trained Canine Ambassadors into local hospitals, long term care facilities, cancer centers and Alzheimer's facilities for weekly pet therapy visits.

Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) has become a much recognized and documented component in patient socialization

### Our Therapy Dogs at Work



### Benefits of Volunteering

"Paws and Hearts" Animal Assisted Therapy volunteers are actually performing the mission statement of the organization while visiting a facility.

An excellent way to give back to our local community.

Gives the human volunteer a deeper appreciation for our senior population and those less fortunate.

and recovery and is now widely accepted in institutionalized settings.

Our Canine Ambassador Therapy Dogs have been temperament tested and trained to visit patients and residents in order to decrease loneliness, lower blood pressure, and provide a feeling of good-will and much needed cheer.



"Paws and Hearts" Animal Assisted Therapy was founded in 2000 by Richard & "Lucky" Waxman. Lucky worked for years until his passing in 2011 with his side kick Scruffy. Now Scruffy has a new assistant, Maddie.

The office is located in Palm Desert, CA. The 501C3 (91-2096569) non profit is highly respected and well known at each and every health care facility in valley.

Our group of 35+ teams- human and canine, make weekly visits to assigned facilities in the Coachella Valley and provide the very best in the way of Animal Assisted Therapy.



You can make a difference!

Most importantly, gives our canine companions a weekly job that is so very important, and so very much appreciated!

Volunteers send in weekly reports of their visits. Here is what they hear from the patient.

"Your visit made my day"

"Just leave your dog and come back at the end of the day!"

"You take away the lonely feeling. I'm less afraid of surgery now"

"How did your dog know I really needed all those kisses today?"

"The radiation treatment can wait I have to play with Scruffy first"



## How You Can Help

**"Paws & Hearts" Animal Assisted Therapy is always looking for well-qualified 2-legged and 4-legged volunteer teams.**

**If you think you and your dog could become part of our group, please check out our website, [www.pawsandhearts.org](http://www.pawsandhearts.org), watch our videos, and give a call for your first interview.**



## Make A Donation

**Our 501C-3 organization (Fed Tax ID # 91-2096569) is funded by private donations and local grants.**

**There are many ways to help fund us. Please consider making your tax deductible donation to us and leaving us a lasting legacy. We have**

information on our website about all our  
donation opportunities.

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## *Contact Information*

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[www.PawsandHearts.org](http://www.PawsandHearts.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/pawsandheartsorg>

**Drawing:** Andres had the lucky number which turned unlucky when no one could identify it was Lakehurst, New Jersey where the Hindenburg took off from in 1937. So much for the Geography Section.

**Gaboon:** The Gaboon was passed by Steve Morgan

**Meeting Closed:** Ben Guitron closed the meeting at 1:10 pm.

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## Interact Girls Showing off RYLA Gear



Left: Interact Club Co President Laly Natividad and Club Publicist Edith Lopez, showing off their RYLA Camp alumni "gear", Apr 17

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## Ignite Festival June 15 at Skinner Lake



The poster for the Ignite Festival 2024 features a collage of photos showing various activities like grilling, community service, and people socializing. The central text reads: "Rotary District 5330 June 15, 2024 LAKE SKINNER 37701 Warren Rd, Winchester, CA 92596 (Between Hemet and Temecula)". To the right is a large graphic of a flame with the text "IGNITING PASSION ROTARY 5330 iGNITE FESTIVAL INSPIRING ACTION". Below this, it says "Join us on Saturday, June 15th at the iGNITE FESTIVAL in Winchester, CA as we bring Rotarians and our community together to celebrate igniting passions and inspiring actions in our communities and around the world. The iGNITE FESTIVAL will feature Live Entertainment, BBQ Competition, Camping, Vendors, and fun for the whole family!". Logos for "oneVoice CHILDREN'S CHOIR" and "KANSAS CITY BARBECUE SOCIETY" are shown. A "FEATURING" section lists: Food Trucks, Service Projects, Live Entertainment, Camping, Beer/Wine, Kids Activities, BBQ Competition, and TONS OF FUN!. At the bottom, a red banner says "BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE" with a QR code. Ticket prices are: Adult Admission (16+): \$75.00, Youth Admission (6-15): \$45.00, Children (5 & Under): FREE (Included: 2 BBQ samples and 1 beer/wine/beverage sample).

Rotary District 5330  
**June 15, 2024  
LAKE SKINNER**  
37701 Warren Rd, Winchester, CA 92596  
(Between Hemet and Temecula)

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## Business Memberships

Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Jesus & Tania DelToro Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike Colby

## Speakers

April 23rd  
[Richard Waxman](#)  
Paws and Hearts

May 16th  
[Zoom Meeting](#)  
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