

Rotary

Club of Indio



Bulletin June 18, 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



The Rotary Club of Indio meeting of June 18, 2024

by Sue Steding

President Ben Guitron's™ Demotion after a fabulous year!

Members Present: Jenn Schultz, Barbara Dreis, Sue Steding, John Dolan, John Neiderkorn, Stacy Fifield, Bruce Latta, Jesus DelToro, Tania DelToro, Steve Morgan, Elizabeth Tucker, Mike Colby, Bryan Montgomery, Chris Pickering, Chris Schultz, Dennis Sheehan, Ben Guitron, Andres Coronel and Steve Welsh.

Visiting Rotarians: Glenn Miller, Larry Kennemore

Visitors: Norma Guitron, Irene Dolan, Brittany Kennemore, Eileen Bergdahl, Christian DelToro, Howard Hoffenberg, Dahlia Lozano, Ray Lozano, and Mike Colby's™ guest with a first name of Teresa.

Opening: Andres led us in the salute to our flag and Jesus Del Toro led us in the 4-Way test.

Rotary Moment: Bruce led the induction of new member Howard Hoffenberg. Using A.I. , Bruce requested of A.I. to provide an induction speech and used it for this induction moment. Dennis Sheehan will serve as mentor, and Howard was invited to introduce himself to the members: Born and raised in Chicago, he has his undergraduate degree in bio-chemistry and has a law degree which he uses to practice Intellectual Properties Law, formerly, Patent and Trademark law. He is married and they celebrate their nieces and nephews. He likes playing softball and has committed to managing the third-grade dictionary project this summer, participating with the Tour de Palm Springs, and helping to score during Math Field Day.



[Chris Pickering](#)
Webmaster



[Merlina 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

Announcements:

- Ben announced that 28 (of 60 plus clubs in the district) clubs submitted their year's work to the district for honors. 12 of those clubs received a certificate in all categories including The Rotary Club of Indio. It was a nice event this past Saturday and will be the site for next year's event.
- Ben announced his last board meeting will be Thursday June 20 at 7:00 AM at Indio's IHOP.



Demotion of Ben Guitron: IPP Chris Schultz led the demotion part of this meeting with great help from a slide show of all the activities of this past year prepared by Jenn. He noted that Ben is love, especially he is love for his city and for service. In partial jest, he noted that when Ben calls, be prepared to speak for a long time. Ben recognizes that good conversation and important conversations are connected to good service. Chris presented Ben with his past-President badge. Chris also gave a personal gift of a faith-based challenge coin. We ate very well. The menu was specially chosen and delicious.

As Chris passed the mic, Stacy, John Dolan, Larry Kennemore, Christian DelToro, Jesus DelToro, Glenn Miller, and Norma all spoke. Norma thanked all of us for supporting Ben this year, and noted how proud he was to have been asked to serve again as President. Chris also passed along comments from Ted Fish (long ago IPD officer) and from Gary Jeandron, retired Chief of Police of Palm Springs.



Ben passed the ship along to Dennis Sheehan, as our next President. Dennis noted that he met Ben at a Sun City Shadow Hills neighborhood gathering. Ben was representing the police department. A neighbor was most frustrated with the homeless. Ben reminded all that "homelessness" is not a crime and described what the IPD does when responding to such a call: it is all about caring for the person, and helping to transition that person to the supportive care the person needs.



Dan Goodrich
District Secretary
Ashley Lyn Rose
Sanford
District Treasurer

Ben spoke about his values that are reflected in the staff he hires, in people he asks to help, and the encouragement he suggests that each do each job with a best effort. At the end of the day, we make it a better world through our committed efforts.

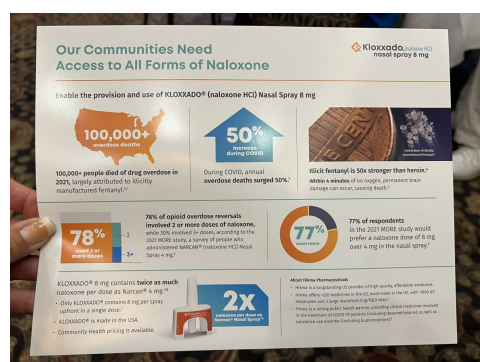


Ben called up members of his board plus those whom he honored for their special support: Bruce, available and helpful; Dennis, thorough; Merlina, simply wonderful with PR and media; Bob Firing for his networking for guest speakers, and especially those coming in on zoom from all over the world; Avi, she is the future, a big deal at CSSB and home grown; Barbara, a diamond and most candid with a good heart; Jenn, a blessing, above and beyond with great talent. He named Jenn Rotarian of the Month; Jesus, Ben dragged him in and appreciates his love for service, Stacy, a good friend and supporter; Chris Schultz, a supportive IPP; Martha for her MFD work, Carla McNamara for her FOLC work, Andres Coronel, an "amazing" "kid" with a great future; Sue for being available to honestly reflect for him whether he was on the best path in a moment of Rotary "crisis"; Steve Morgan for his fundraising through the Tour, Mike Colby for helping with a big heart. Ben closed by reading the board's letter to the district describing our Club in 2023-2024.

Drawing: Tickets had been sold, so the money that had been collected produced a \$36.00 prize. The number called was that of our very young guest, Eileen Bergdahl.

We will be meeting in person next week, and it will be Ben's last meeting. We are dark on July 2, returning July 9 for Dennis's new year.

Naloxone meeting following Rotary Club Meeting:





Photos by Jenn Schultz

Contributions to Coachella Valley Community Trust Collaborative



Ben Guitron is a supporter of the Coachella Valley Community Trust Collaborative. If you would like to learn more about CVCT & support this program in honor of the great job Ben has done as Rotary Club of Indio's President, please go to www.cvct.info/

Groups



Business Memberships

Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Jesus & Tania DelToro Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike Colby

Speakers

June 20th

[In person at IHOP](#)

Operating Board Mtg then Foundation Board Mtg

July 2nd

[Club Dark - No Meeting](#)

July 16th

[La Quinta Historical Society](#)

June 25th

[Brianna Miller](#)

Voices for Children

July 9th

[Dennis Sheehan](#)

3 yr Strategic Plan

July 18th

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Operating Board Mtg then Foundation Board Mtg

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



Jennifer Schultz
June 30th



Chris Schultz
June 30th

Club Anniversaries

San Bernardino
June 1st

Coachella East
June 11th

Yucaipa
June 15th

Riverside East
June 19th

La Quinta
June 24th

E-Club of Save Our Planet D5330
June 28th

Indio Sunrise
June 2nd

Norco
June 12th

San Bernardino Crossroads
June 15th

Lake Arrowhead Mountain Sunrise
June 22nd

San Bernardino Sunset
June 24th