

Rotary

Club of Indio



Bulletin July 23, 2024

By Sue F. Steding

The Rotary Club of Indio
Club Meeting July 23, 2024

Members Attending: The meeting of July 23, 2024 began with President Dennis Sheehan, and members Stacy Fifield, Steve Morgan, John Niederkorn, Bob Firing, Howard Hoffenberg, Barbara Dreis, Bruce Latta, Jennifer Schultz, and Sue Steding present.

There were no visitors.

Opening: Steve led in the pledge to our flag, John led with the 4-Way test and Barbara covered the gaboon.

President's Comments:

1. Effective today, each will receive an email generated by DACdb called a pmail which will provide your opportunity to RSVP/Regrets for the meeting next week. **Please use it each week.** Do not look for the link in the bulletin. To be clear and effective today, Fantasy Springs Events centers is charging us \$24.00 per person of all those present or our guarantee (Whichever is larger). We are charging those present for lunch \$25.00/person. Those who are not eating we are not yet charging anything and the operating fund will cover the under cost each week. So, bring big dollars for the gaboon as that is another good source for operating fund's dollars.
2. Please note that for this July 23 meeting, only 5 people responded to the RSVP form, 3 were attending, 2 were not. So Dennis guessed we might have 13 coming. We provide that number to FSEC on Friday. They set for that number and charge us \$24.00 for that number or the number attending (whichever is larger). Today, 10 folks showed up. We will be billed for 13. 6 paid and ate lunch. **Our operating budget will cover the remaining 7 place settings This emphasizes the need for all members to respond to the RSVP/Regrets pmail each week, so that Dennis has an accurate count to guarantee to FSEC on Friday.** The board is considering several options, among them: 1.Returning to invoicing each member for lunch as a part of their dues. 2. Charging members \$10 or \$15 to be able to enjoy ice tea and a dessert " cookie or 3. Using the room only and having no lunch buffet. No decisions yet made, however.
3. Thank you to Bruce Latta who inventoried a carrier of our club memorabilia pins and provided it for folks to take a pin, etc. as a form of Christmas in July to our members.
4. After the last board meeting it came to our club's attention that CVRM will be putting school backpacks together on August 14. Board members, watch for a "between board meetings" potential business item requiring the board vote to spend \$250 to support that project.
5. If you were going to follow up on PDG Goodrich's email about buying tickets in the "Rotary Section" at Acrisure to see Abi sing, it is sold out in that section.

Speaker: Bob introduced Barbara Dreis who provided a "Rotary" focused snapshot of her trip to India. She traveled with Howard Tours which is owned by Rotarians and who take a tour group annually to India. The trip includes stopping at Rotary supported local businesses and we learned of a couple of them in Jaipur, India. There, Rotary supports a family owned/own, carpet and textile business owned by the second

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



Dennis J. Sheehan
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President-
Nominee



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Assistant Governor

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Assistant Governor

Chris Schultz
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

family owned/run carpet and textile business now led by the second generation. The textiles are created by block printing and each member got a chance to make one of their own. The carpets are woven and each weaver must memorize the order of the colored threads and weave accordingly. To help memorize, each creates their own song which they sing while weaving. The factory has several weavers capturing the “right colors at the right time with the right song.” The Rotary emblem hangs over the entrance to the “women’s” finishing work room internal to the building. She spoke about an exterior wall hanging over home entrances consisting of 6 peppers and 1 lemon. 3 peppers hang over the one lemon and 3 hang below. The items are strung together and hung over the home door to ward off “bad things” to protect the household. It draws from Hindu and folklore history.

She described the water palace made of pink sandstone, first built in the mid-1600s, and expanded in the mid-1800s which appears to be floating on the lake over/in which it is built. Jaipur is referred to as The Pink City. She was most impressed by the world’s largest organization for flexibly artificial limbs first constructed in 1975 and is also a Rotary supported site. The limbs must be flexible to accommodate the uneven walking surfaces in India. The entry room to the tour of the location features an emphasis that all faiths are welcome. By the end of the day, that same room was crowded with standing room only of those with the limbs, or awaiting the limbs.

She visited 3 of 4 Rotary Clubs in India with the tour group. She did not manage the Indian food well. Yes, they also provided polio vaccines, but that was another part of their trip.

Drawing: Bob Firing’s number was called for the opportunity drawing but he had to leave prior to the drawing. We managed his potential win as best we could by choosing Science and Nature and failing to answer the question: What scale for windspeed is the same name of a city in South Carolina? Beaufort. Woops, a roll-over of \$28.00 for next week. Oh well!..

Bob Firing would like your help



Bob Firing would appreciate any suggestions you have for Speakers for the Rotary Club of Indio's meeting. He would especially like suggestions for Zoom Meeting Speakers.

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Speakers

July 23rd

[Barbara Dreis](#)

Trip to Indio for Polio Plus

August 6th

[Kim Hardee](#)

August 20th

[Larry Boyd. USO](#)

July 30th

[Thomas Franke](#)

Ronald Mc Donald House

August 13th

[Alzheimer's Socio](#)

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



[Carla Jean
McNamara](#)
August 16th

Club Anniversaries

[Greater Eastvale](#)
July 2nd