

Rotary Club of Indio



Bulletin for July 30, 2024

By Sue F. Steding

The Rotary Club of Indio July 20, 2024

Members Present: Dennis Sheehan, Stacy Fifield, Barbara Dreis, Bob Firing, Jenn Schultz, Chris Pickering, John Niederkorn, Elizabeth Tucket and Sue Steding

Visitors Present: Sophia Schultz and Philip Jones.

Mr. Jones has recently retired to the desert after working with Bechtel (and other companies?) in many parts of the US for his career. He served as a charter member and 4th President of a club in North Carolina, and was a member of a small community Rotary Club in Colorado. He is looking for a local club. Curiously, it has been 52 years since he crossed paths with a schoolmate and a member of our club, Mark Zacovic.

Opening: Dennis led in the pledge to the flag, Chris Pickering led in the 4-Way test and John Niederkorn passed the gaboon.

Announcements:

1. Please complete the survey and the link provided each week to confirm your attendance at each week's meeting. The board will be sorting out how best to manage the new costs at our current location.
2. 5 Interact students have now confirmed they will be attending the District Training August 3, 2024.
3. Be present at the August 13 meeting to learn from our new member the next steps in volunteering to support the distribution of books to all Indio elementary third graders this fall. Changes are being made to the labeling process, so its time to sign up for both labelling and distribution.

Speaker: Bob Firing introduced Thomas Franke who is with the Inland Empire's Ronald McDonald House as their development director. Mr. Franke has an undergraduate degree in medieval history, and post COVID elected to shift careers into the non-profit arena.

The only Ronald McDonal Home in our area is located adjacent to the Loma Linda Hospital serving both Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It supports families with housing and emotional support needs for those with children diagnosed with critical injuries or illness in treatment at Loma Linda. Housing is available at a suggested donation of \$12.00 per day, and there is transportation for the children/family from Indio via the LL Children's center in Indio.

To bring home the impact of the need, Thomas reminded us that the families can be sleep deprived, separated from their support system, suffering delayed trauma about the child's critical care needs and not as able to support and assist in the child's treatment. With the support of a bed, common kitchen, common amenities and close location to their child, the care for the child is improved.

The concept of providing Family Centered Care began in the 1970s with huge financial support from McDonalds, but that support is stretched across the various facilities and currently is a small percentage of the 2.3 million annual budget of our local house. The greater portion of the annual budget is big grant funds, 25% from local fundraising, the remainder from



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



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Assistant Governor

individual donors and smaller grants. Thank you to the City of Indio for its first such grant this year. The local fundraising event is the GALA at the Westin Rancho Mirage on September 27. Volunteers are needed to help with check-in, silent auction guiding and placing extra items at each place setting. There is a pre-GALA orientation and information session at Maestrosâ€™™ Palm Desert on August 14 at 5:30 PM. It is free, it is akin to a mixer, all are welcome.

Opportunity Drawing: Bob Firingâ€™™s number was pulled for the second week in a row. Sports and Leisure Question: In 2016, which baseball player beat Pete Roseâ€™™s record of 4256 professional hits? Ichiro Suzuki, at that point playing with the Marlins after his stellar career with the Mariners, next the Yankees, and then with the Marlins. ROLLOVER

Gaboon: At the conclusion of the meeting Barbara Dreis announced her resignation from Rotary. A very sad announcement, our Club will greatly miss Barbâ€™™s input & participation.

Business Memberships

Groups:



Thank you to our Business Memberships:



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Speakers

July 30th
[Thomas Franke](#)
Ronald Mc Donald House

August 13th
[Alzheimer's Socio](#)

August 6th
[Kim Hardee](#)

August 20th
[Larry Boyd. USO](#)

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



[Carla Jean
McNamara](#)
August 16th

Club Anniversaries

[Greater Eastvale](#)
July 2nd