

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

April 8th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed
April 11th
RYLA
April 15th
Weekly Club Meeting
RSVP Needed
April 22nd
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed
April 29th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed
May 2nd
Zoom - Coachella
Valley Pres Council
May 3rd

Newsletter April 8, 2025

Newsletter April 8, 2025 Fantasy Springs Event Center



Members Present: Randy Bateman, Andres Coronel, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Ben Guitron, Howard Hoffenberg, Phil Jones, Bruce Latta, Jose Ramirez, Ceasar Rodriguez, Dennis Sheehan, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Elizabeth Tucker, Steve Welsh, Mark Zacovic.

Guests: Dr Rick Gross, Marilyn Sanderson (District Polio Plus Chairman)

Opening: Meeting was opened by President Dennis Sheehan. Flag Ceremony was led by Jose Ramirez, 4 Way Test led by Andres Coronel.

Rotary Moment:



Polio Plus

Marilyn Sanderson spoke on the continuing need for support for the Polio Plus Campaign. In order to eradicate Polio, vaccinations need to continue world wide. A Rotarian becomes a Polio Plus Member if they donate \$100/year. Recognized with a pin & certificate were Sue Steding, Don Casper, & John Niederkorn.

Paul Harris Pins

Stacy Fifield presented Paul Harris Pins to Andres Coronel, Elizabeth Tucker, Steve Welsh, & Merlina Tate



Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day

May 6th

Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed

Club Leaders



Dennis J. Sheehan
President



Avisinia Rodriguez
President-Elect
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz
Treasurer



Mark Zacovic
President-
Nominee



Stacy Fifield
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Bruce Latta
Membership
Chair



Chris Pickering
Webmaster



Merlina Tate
Webmaster



Benjamin Guitron IV
iPast President

District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar
District Governor
Nyron H. McLean
DG-Elect

Richard F. Lemire
DG-Nominee

Albert R. Rubio



Service Above Self

Dennis Sheehan awarded new member Philip Jones a Service Above Self Pin for his outstanding service by serving at least 7 time slots at the Date Festival Parking Fundraiser. His Mentor Mark Zacovic presented the pin.

Information:

- Youth Service Chair Mark Zacovic explained that each Rotarian needs to have a Live Scan completed for the Rotary Club of Indio. Those done for other jobs, groups, etc are not sufficient. A Live Scan is organization specific. One is needed that has been done specifically for the Rotary Club of Indio. Mark passed out forms & instructions to each member that has not completed a Live Scan for the Rotary Club of Indio.
- Bruce Latta recommended that members would like to attend the Economic Update on April 17. Dr Christopher Thornberg is one of the presenting speakers. His last predictions of the economy have been right on in the past. To register click on: [2025 State of the Fourth District & Coachella Valley Economic Update | Supervisor V. Manuel Perez Fourth District County of Riverside.](#)
- April 11: At Sun City Shadow Hills the Rotary Club of Indio will have a booth for the "Connecting with Community, Volunteer & Resources Fair".
- April 19: District Training Assembly
- April 24 Board & Foundation Meeting. (Moved from April 17 to the 24. To be held at CJS Power, Lighting & Design)
- April 29: Guest Day. Bring a guest & treat them to lunch. Let them see we have a good time at our meetings.
- May 3: Math Field Day. The ad hoc committee chaired by Martha Mendez will have its last meeting prior to MFD on Saturday May 3. We will meet Monday, April 14 at 5:45 at the home of Sue Steding. After that meeting, all who have volunteered to "work the event" will get an email from Sue about your assignments, who is on your same team, what time you need to arrive, etc. A representative from the school side of the planning will be joining us in this meeting. 760-485-1843 sgs3291@aol.com

Even if you are not on the ad hoc committee, but are interested in seeing the bigger picture of this event and its planning, you are welcome to come. Just let Sue know so she can give you directions and let the Indian Springs CC gatehouse know to let you in.

- May 17 Rotary Day at Galway District Conference. See story.

Speaker: Bob Firing introduced our very own Ceasar Rodrigues. Ceasar described his walk on Dec 12 in the Our Lady of Guadeloupe Pilgrimage. He did it in honor of his mother who had recently passed. The 32 hour walk started at 6 am in Palm Springs & continued to 8 pm in Coachella. Ceasar related what a beautiful experience it was. The people walking together became bonded by their faith & making the journey together. People along the way provided food, water, & encouragement. The walk was led by a police escort & followed by an ambulance. Vans were provided for those

District Membership Chair

Calvin B. Boothby
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Sonia M Lamas
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Bryan E Sullivan
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

Karyn G. Westervelt
Assistant Governor

Linda Kay White
Assistant Governor

that could only walk partway. Most walked in honor of someone dear to them or an event that was very meaningful in their lives. Ceasar was so touched by the experience that he is going to do it again next year. When asked what he will do in preparation, he said he was going to get better shoes.



Drawing: Bruce Latta had the lucky number. The History Question for \$17 was "what was the name of the group that was charged with reclaiming treasures of art that had been taken in WWII". Bruce had the right answer with a hint from Dennis "the Monuments Men".

Gaboon: Mark Zacovic \$92 was collected

District 5330 Conference

Here is the link for tickets and information:
<https://www.district5330.org/rotary-day-at-galway-district-conference-celebration-community/>

Rotary Day at Galway - District Conference, Celebration, & Community

May 17th, 2025

11 AM to 6 PM

Galway Downs Equestrian Facility in
Temecula Wine Country

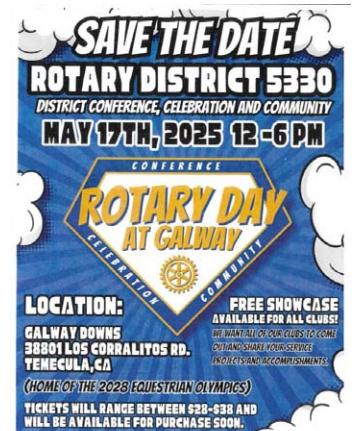
Ticket prices range from \$31-\$42

Full Meal included in the \$42 ticket price

Additional food and drinks available for purchase

No-Host Bar Onsite

SCHEDULE



An Epic Day of Service

Join us for an inspiring and action-packed day as Rotary District 5330 comes together to celebrate service, leadership, and community impact! This special event will feature engaging activities, impactful speakers, and well-deserved recognitions, culminating in an evening of celebration and fun.

Morning Activities

We will start the day with our Epic Day of Service. Interactors will join forces with Roteractors and Rotarians to assemble wellness bags for foster children in the Inland Empire.

After the Epic Day of Service, Interactors will participate in the opening ceremonies of the District Conference. After which they will break off and participate in interactive games, team-building activities, leadership development exercises, and club brags.

Afternoon Program

A heartfelt Celebration of Life presentation will honor and remember those who have impacted the Rotary community.

The program continues with an equestrian team demonstration featuring an exceptional performance of the National Anthem. Following this, attendees will gather for group photos, capturing the spirit of fellowship and service.

Rotary leaders will then lead a reflective moment, including the Pledge of Allegiance, a recitation of the 4-Way Test, and an inspiring Rotary Moment. Distinguished guests and VIPs will be introduced, setting the stage for the keynote address.

Our keynote speaker, Rotary International Trustee Vicki Puliz, will deliver an insightful and motivational speech that highlights Rotary's profound impact worldwide.

The afternoon features the highly anticipated Club Awards and Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence (RAVE), recognizing outstanding contributions and achievements within District 5330 and our community.

Finally, we will have the "Passing of the Banner" as we celebrate Judy Zulfiqar's year as District Governor and welcome District Governor Nyron McLean for 2025-2026.

Evening Festivities

A special Peace Pole dedication ceremony will take place, symbolizing Rotary's ongoing commitment to peace and unity.

Another evening highlight will be the KCBS BBQ Award Presentations, honoring the best in barbecue craftsmanship and competition.

To close out this incredible day, attendees will gather for a lively after-party featuring music by Rotarian Larry Potter. The party will celebrate fellowship, service, and the event's successes.

This event promises to be a memorable gathering of Rotarians, Interactors, and community leaders, united in the spirit of service, leadership, and celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

BBQ Teams - If you or your club would like to participate in the BBQ competition for Rotary Clubs, please contact Stephen Levine at rotarysteven@icloud.com.

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If you would like to stay the night or stay the weekend in Temecula Wine Country, here are some options on-site at Galway Downs and nearby.

There are RV parking spaces at a discount. Contact Chris at 949 230 1488 and let her know you are with our event. She will book your spot. A 30-amp space is \$75 per night, and a 50-amp space is \$90 per night.

There are two-bedroom units available at Galway Downs; you have to call Orianna at 951-514 3120 or email stay@galwaydowns.com since their two bedroom units are not currently listed on their website.

They have a few bigger houses with four bedrooms and four bathrooms that people could share if you wish. Those are on the Galway Downs website. <https://staykentina.com/accommodation/gd-ranch-house/>

There is also a KOA with small cabins at Vail Lake, 2 miles away. <https://koa.com/campgrounds/temecula/>

<https://www.visittemeculavalley.com/>

Please share this information along with the attached flier with your club members. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring family and friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Maryalice Owings at maryalice.albergowings@gmail.com.

Judy Zulfiqar



Judy Zulfiqar
District Governor, District 5330

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**Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day May 3,
2025**



District 5330 Conference May 17, 2025



Dear Rotarian Dennis,

Ever wanted to be part of an EPIC DAY of SERVICE but weren't sure how?
Here's your chance!

On May 17, at the Rotary Day of Service at Galway Downs, we'll be assembling 200 wellness bags for children and youth supported by Voices for Children, Oak Grove Center, and The Rose Again Foundation—and we need your help to make it happen!

We've created an Amazon Wish List with the items that will go into these bags, providing comfort and care to those who need it most.

You can help by purchasing items directly from the EPIC DAY OF SERVICE, Rotary Day at Galway list here: <https://shorturl.at/TWAqs>

Important: When checking out, please select the registry address to ensure your donation is shipped to the correct location for the event.

Your donations—big or small—will make a real difference!

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this incredible day of impact!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ana Flores at aflores614@gmail.com or you can reach out to me directly.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Jackie Chatman

Live Screen Application

Every Rotary Member should obtain a Live Scan Clearance. It is especially required for Rotarians to have any contact with young people.

It is a very simple process. [CLICK HERE](#) Print out the Form, complete the center section. Take the completed form & your picture ID (i.e. Drivers License) to a Live Scan facility such as some Notary's & stores like Postal Connection at 42215 Washington St. You will be finger printed. Send an email to Jackie Chatman <http://Jackiedhsrotary@gmail.com>, letting you know where you have applied. She will let you know when it is approved.

The following is a list of our members. Those with an x by their name have already completed the Live Scan process as of March 19, 2025. If your name is not checked & you have completed the process, please contact Jackie Chatman at <http://Jackiedhsrotary@gmail.com>.

Live Scan Completed	Name
x	Randy Bateman
x	Don Casper
x	Veronica Casper
	Mike Colby
	Andres Coronel
	Irene Dolan
x	John Dolan
x	Stacy Fifield
x	Bob Firing
	Ben Guitron
x	Howard Hoffenberg
	Philip Jones
x	Bruce Latta
x	Kim Maguire-Hardee
x	Martha Memdez
x	Bryan Montgomery
x	Steve Morgan
x	John Niederkorn
	Moises Nuno
	Michelle Penn
	Chris Pickering
	Jose Ramirez
	Brijida Rodarte
x	Avi Rodriguez
	Cesar Rodriguez

xChris Schultz
xJenn Schultz
xDennis Sheehan
xSue Steding
xMerlina Tate
xElizabeth Tucker
Doug Welmas
Steve Welsh
xMark Zacovic

Zelle email addresses

For Rotary Club of Indio, email addresses when paying by Zelle:

- **indiorotaryjenn@yahoo.com** for the **Rotary Club of Indio Foundation** account. Use for all Raffle Tickets, Fund Raising, Club Projects, all CharitableProjects, & Interact support & scholarships.
- **indiorotary@gmail.com** for the **Operating** account. Use for clubmemberships, club lunches, happy dollars, & drawing tickets.

Jenn's telephone number goes to her personal account.

Business Memberships

**Rotary Club of Indio was named
2024 Best Non-Profit of the Year by the:**



Groups:



Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike C olby



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Howard Hoffenberg

Speakers

April 8th

[Ceasar Rodriguez](#)

Our Lady of Guadeloupe Pilgrimage

April 22nd

[Peter Sturgeon](#)

Ophelia Project Guest Day

April 15th

[Brian Equez](#)

29-PSP, providing transportation to those stationed at 29 Palms

April 29th

[Craig Magaw](#)

Operation Safe House

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Redlands

[Perris](#)

April 1st
San Bernardino North
April 11th
[Riverside Sunrise](#)
April 28th
[Redlands Sunrise](#)
April 30th

April 4th
[Rancho Mirage](#)
April 27th
[Murrieta](#)
April 28th