

Rotary

Club of Indio



Newsletter April 22, 2025



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 29th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed
May 2nd
Zoom - Coachella
Valley Pres Council
May 3rd
Rotary Club of Indio
Math Field Day
May 6th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed
May 13th
Zoom Meeting Only
May 20th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed



Rotary Club of Indio Meeting April 22, 2025

Fantasy Springs Special Events Center

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Andres Coronel, Stacy Fifield, Bob Furring, Ben Guitron, Philip Jones, Bruce Latta, Bryon Montgomery, John Niederkorn, Moises Nuno, Chris Pickering, Dennis Sheehan, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Mark Zacovic.

Guests: Dr Rick Gross, Annika Acevedo, Juliana Barcenas, Julissa Cornejo, Aliah Garcia, Alondra Jilote, Larissa Lopez, Ethan Munoz, Joaquin Ruiz, Samantha Ruiz, Giselle Santibanez, Lizbeth Dominguez) (Interact Treasurer at SHHS, Brissa

Barrera (Interact Secretary at SHHS), Savannah Vela (Pres of Interact at SHHS), Peter Sturgeon (JFK Memorial Foundation), Kippy LaFlame (JFK Memorial Foundation), Victor Custic (Indio police officers association President), & Vathan Quintana (VP of Indio police officers association).

Opening: Meeting called to Order by President Dennis Sheehan. The flag salute was led by John Niederkorn. The 4 Way Test was led by Philip Jones.

Rotary Moment: New Member Induction of Moises Nuno

Introduction of Interact guests: Mark Zacovic, Youth Service Chair' expressed his appreciation of having the RYLA campers & Interact Officers join us for our meeting. Luckily they are on Spring Break so were available to attend. Each student introduced themselves & expressed their Thank You for Rotary's support.



Information:

- April 26th & 27th "Rotarians at Work Weekend"
- April 29th Guest Day "Everyone brings one"

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
District Membership
Chair

Calvin B. Boothby
Assistant Governor

Stacy Fifield
Assistant Governor

Michelle French
Assistant Governor

- May 3rd Math Field Day
- May 17 "Rotary Day at Galway" District Conference
- The 30 shifts volunteered by Rotary Club of Indio members for the Date Festival Parking Project earned the club \$4500.

Speaker: Bob Furring introduced Peter Sturgeon who represents the JFK Memorial Foundation.

Since its inception in 1986, **JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL**

FOUNDATION has helped increase access to care and break the cycle of poverty and abuse for vulnerable kids and families.

The Healthy Families Clinic, opened in 1996 in Indio, CA, is the home of a healthy start for thousands of new and repeat moms and their babies each year. The Clinic's services, combined with outreach and education programs, includes home visitation, assessment, education and wellness support services.

Clinic services include in-home weekly sessions for eligible pregnant or first-time mothers, and connections to free and referral to low-cost, health and social service agencies/programs available in the Coachella Valley. Home visitation includes free in-home parenting programs focused on helping young children have a healthy, happy and safe start in life. Differential response interventions include family check-up and everyday parenting support for families with children 0 to 17, in an effort to prevent future referrals and entry into the formal Child Welfare System.

Since launching the Ophelia program in 2002 with just 13 girls in one school, the program has trained and certified more than 1,000 mentors who, working with counselors and educators, have changed the trajectory for more than 5,000 vulnerable, adolescent girls in grades 8 through 12. While local drop-out rates are higher than state and county levels, 100% of Ophelia girls graduate with college and/or career plans.

In 2024, there were 404 Ophelia participants in 17 schools throughout the Coachella Valley. The three local school districts are asking the Foundation to expand the program, hoping to launch Ophelia in every middle and high school before 2030.

How Can You Get Involved?

- Donate
- Mentor

<https://jfkfoundation.org/who-we-are/>

Three of the Interact guests with us today are in the Ophelia girls project.

Drawing: Lizbeth Dominguez, Interact Club Treasurer had her number drawn. She chose art & literature, luckily Mark Zacovic was able to help her with the correct answer for \$18.

Gaboon: Chris Pickering passed the Gaboon. The total was \$125 in cash with \$20 from Zell for \$145.

Please remember to RSVP for the April 29 meeting for yourself & your guests before noon on Friday April 25.

2025 Math Field Day Fact Sheets

Carissa Gerry
 Assistant Governor
 Matthew Goatcher
 Assistant Governor
 Linda Kaye Hanley
 Assistant Governor
 Leroy Johnson
 Assistant Governor
 Sonia M Lamas
 Assistant Governor
 Michele Nobleman
 Assistant Governor
 Bryan E Sullivan
 Assistant Governor
 Mary Towne
 Assistant Governor
 Karyn G. Westervelt
 Assistant Governor
 Linda Kay White
 Assistant Governor

ROTARY CLUB OF INDIO'S 28TH ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH FIELD DAY

2025 FACT SHEET

DATE OF EVENT

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 8:30am-2:00pm

YEAR STARTED

1995.

ORGANIZER/PRODUCER

Rotary Club of Indio
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2024 SPONSORS

Desert Sands Unified School District, Riverside
 County Supervisor Manny Perez, City of Indio,
 Women's Club of Indio, Altura Credit Union,
 RAP Foundation, Cardenas Market Foundation,
 Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Sue Steding,
 Mark Zaccovic, Desert Recreation District, Order
 of the Eastern Star, Rotary Club of Indio, and
 Local Rotary Clubs.



PARTICIPANTS

All Coachella Valley middle school students,
 grades 6-8 are invited to participate. Each school
 selects its own team which must be accompanied
 by a school faculty advisor.

STUDENTS FROM

- Desert Sands Unified School District
 - Coachella Valley Unified School District
 - Palm Springs Unified School District
 - Any Coachella Valley private schools
- In the past, schools from Palm Springs
to Mecca have participated.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 350 students total.
 A school team consists of ten (10) students
 per grade level. Maximum participants per school
 is 30.

LOCATION OF EVENT

John Glenn Middle School
 79-655 Miles Avenue, Indio, CA 92202

SPECIAL GUEST

Heather Reylek attended La Quinta High School
 and achieved her high school diploma at the
 College of the Desert along with an AS degree in
 automotive technology and an AA degree in the
 Science of Advanced Training. She is a mechanic
 who supports the racing autos at the Thermal
 Race Track. She will be speaking about how
 "Math is Everywhere in the Automotive Industry."
 "Hot Rods" are created relying very much on the
 use of math. The industry could not be managed
 without math.

GOALS

1. The day is designed to stimulate interest in mathematics amongst Coachella Valley middle school students prior to and through the event as preparation begins months before.
2. Participation in the competition allows them to demonstrate their knowledge of mathematics and to meet students from other schools.
3. The day provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate students' math abilities and achievements. It's the Olympics for our "Mathletes"!
4. Awards recognize both individual as well as team achievements.

OBJECTIVE

Math Field Day provides an exciting event that allows middle school students to actually enjoy math and to motivate kids to develop and apply their math skills. Math Field Day provides middle school students an opportunity to creatively use their wit and their skill to solve challenging math problems. Students then have the opportunity to win prizes for themselves and recognition for their school by playing exciting math games that don't just feature problems on paper, but also feature three-dimensional excitement including tic-tac-toe or the "construction derby" where materials may be required to build a bridge or tower. Students and teachers plan months in advance for Math Field Day. This may include staying after school to practice or forming math clubs to prepare for Math Field Day. Team photos are taken and many students can be seen wearing team shirts decked out in school colors, mascots, and logos created specially for this event!



HISTORY

The Rotary Club of Indio founded Math Field Day in 1995. At that time, our late Riverside County 4th District Supervisor, John J. Benoit, was president of the Club. He found that due to transportation issues and a lack of funding for extra-curricular activities, Coachella Valley middle school students were not able to participate in the County's big math event held in Riverside. Through Benoit's leadership, the Indio Rotary Club stepped up and organized this local event. Working with Desert Sands School District and other desert Rotary clubs, Math Field Day provides local students the opportunity to show off their math skills by participating in exciting games and competitions. Math Field Day is given wide media coverage by local television, print, and online media.

SCHEDULE

7:30am-8:00am	Registration, Team Photos, Snacks	9:30am-9:40am	Break
7:45am-8:00am	Proctor Training	9:40pm-11:20pm	Competition: Games
8:00am-8:15am	Welcome Assembly	11:20pm-12:00pm	Lunch & Activities, provided by Rotary
8:15am-8:25am	Break	12:00pm-2:00pm	Guest Speaker & Awards Ceremony (Parents Welcome)
8:25am-9:30am	Competition: Events & Tiebreakers		

COMPETITIONS

Students compete in individual and team competitions by grade level. They include the elements of a balanced mathematics program such as computational and procedural skill, along with conceptual understanding and problem solving. In each competition room, there are two adult volunteers assigned to the students.

POSTER CONTEST:

Each school team is invited to create a poster identifying their school, grade, team name and promote the competition of math. The school team is encouraged to coordinate their T-shirts with the theme on their poster. The posters will be judged and a pizza party for the team, valued at \$100, will be the prize.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

WHAT'S MY SPACE? - Students will be given several different tools to determine the area of irregular shapes.

CALCULATOR CHALLENGE - Using a calculator, students work various problems such as finding the area of a triangle.

MENTAL GYMNASTICS - Without the use of a calculator, this challenge requires calculating and solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. For example, solve the problem:
 $10+9+8+7+6+5+4+3+2+1=$

TEAM INVESTIGATION - This is a collection of worthwhile problem-solving tasks.

CONSTRUCTION DERBY - Students work cooperatively to construct an object within a specified amount of time. The object is measured, tested, or compared by the proctor. Materials used can be straws, dry spaghetti, marshmallows, and rubber bands.



GAMES INCLUDE:

HEX - This game helps students develop the idea of finding patterns in a maze. Winners must form a continuous path from their side to the opposite side of the rhombus by connecting the hexagons on their edges.

5 IN A ROW - Similar to two dimensional tic-tac-toe, this game is played on graph paper. Players alternately mark "X" and "O" in the squares. The first player to get five-in-a-row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally wins.

24 - This is a mental math game where students use arithmetic and other means to arrive at 24.

3D TIC-TAC-TOE - The object of the game is to complete a straight line on the board in any dimension. (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal)

CAPTURE - This is a simple paper/pencil game played on a grid. The players use logic and the rules to corner or capture their opponent.

AWARDS



Event winners earn first place trophies. Second and third place winners will receive a ribbon and everyone receives a *Certificate of Participation*.

Game winners earn first place trophies and second place receives a ribbon. Schools with the most wins in each grade level earn a perpetual trophy for **Best School**. Their name is added to the trophy and they keep it until the next year's event. Second and third best schools will also get a trophy. A very special **Top Mathematician** will be selected for each grade level and will receive \$100 and the second best will win \$50!

Thank You to Our Rotary Club of Indio Business Members



District 5330 Training was really worthwhile

Our very own Stacy Stifield AG was Chairman of the District 5330 Training Assembly. A job well done. The sessions offered were all most interesting & offered very useful up to date information to take back to our clubs.

Most encouraging was to see so many young enthusiastic Rotarians in the standing room only last session PR/Brand Management taught by Judy Zulfiqar DG.

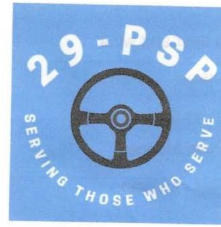


Attending from the Rotary Club of Indio was Stacy Fifiel AG, Don Casper PDG, Avi Rodrigues, Dennis Sheehan, Philip Jones, & Merlina Tate.

29-PSP

Speaker at the April 15 Rotary Club of Indio was Bryan Egue of the 29-PSP group that provide free transportation to active military at 29 Palms Base. Bryan has helped the Rotary Club of Indio when he was the DJ for FOLC as well as this year's Artisan Festival. Time for us to return the favor & support his project.

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JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR HEROS

1 Year Anniversary Fundraiser

May 28, 2025 - 6 to 8 pm

Join us at the Palm Springs Surf Club
Food, Drinks, Live Entertainment, and Silent Auction

Event Sponsor



One-Year Anniversary Supporters



Please join our **One-Year Anniversary** celebration for successfully providing almost 1,000 complimentary rides at a savings of almost \$200,000 for our active-military members and their loved ones on leave at the 29 Palms Marine Base. As a 100% volunteer organization, we keep expenses low to fund services for those who serve.

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

Location: The Palm Springs Surf Club, 1500 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA

Attire: Festive and Fun

Event Program:

- Welcome reception with beer and wine
- Dinner featuring local cuisine
- Silent auction with exclusive items
- Special guests and 29 Palm Marines
- Live entertainment by local musician

Your Contribution:

- Individual Ticket: \$75
- Table of 10: \$750

Buy online by May 10th at www.givebutter.com/c/29psp1year

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who sacrifice so much for our freedom. If you're not able to attend, please consider making an online [donation](#).

Sincerely,
Sherman Tam
29-PSP Chief Development Officer
760-836-5449



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

SCSH Volunteer Fair



Rotary Club of Indio had a booth at the Sun City Shadow Hills volunteer fair on Friday April 11. Several accepted the invitation to be our guests at the April 29 Guest Day Rotary Meeting.

Sue Steding Dean of CDTA College of Law



Rotary of Indio Club Member
Sue Steding

Dean of Students, Sue Steding: a trailblazer in California's legal community. In 1976, she became the first female prosecutor in Riverside County's desert region, breaking barriers in a male-dominated field.

Over her 34-year career, she rose to become the first female Assistant and Chief Assistant District Attorney in the county. Dean Steding earned her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law and has since mentored countless future legal professionals.

Today, she leads CDTA College of Law with the same pioneering spirit that defined her career. We're proud to have her guiding the next generation of legal minds.

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 Charitable Projects, & 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 29th
[Craig Magaw](#)
Operation Safe House Guest Day

Birthdays



[Merlina Tate](#)
May 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

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

[Perris](#)
April 4th
[Rancho Mirage](#)
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