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DESERT BREEZE

PALM DESERT ROTARY – DISTRICT 5330

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Speaker for Tuesday, May 21

Eric J. Ornelas, Communications Specialist with the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands will be speaking tomorrow.



May 28 – The Living Desert and Gardens

Founded in 1970, The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a non-profit zoo and botanical gardens specializing in the deserts of the world. It is home to over 500 animals representing 150 species and welcomes over 500,000 visitors annually. The Living Desert's mission is desert conservation through preservation, education and appreciation and it has been recognized as one of the top 10 zoos in the country. Programs provide environmental education, native wildlife rehabilitation, plant propagation, habitat restoration and breeding African, Australian and North American species including desert bighorn sheep. Telling us more about these programs and more on May 28 will be Lin Conrad, The Living Desert's Adopts Program Development Gift Officer. Following graduation from UC Berkeley, Lin lived and worked in the Bay Area for the next 50 years before cold weather and horrible traffic brought her to the Coachella Valley. Her position at The Living Desert is her fourth career following stints as a high school teacher, small business owner and CEO of California Clubs of Distinction. She says of her current occupation, "If only I'd discovered this career years ago!" Lin and her husband Jerry live at Sun City Shadow Hills.

CLUB FOUNDATION BOARD SEAT

On July 1, a board seat on the Palm Desert Rotary Club Foundation Board of Trustees will become available. An election will be held Tuesday, June 18 to fill the seat. Candidates must be club Rotarians in good standing who will have achieved 2 years membership in Palm Desert Rotary Club as of July 1, 2024.

Kindly contact Club Foundation Chair Ricardo Loretta if you are interested in being a candidate. All candidates will have 3 minutes to tell the club why they should be elected on Tuesday the 18th.

Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **May 28 – The Living Desert**, Lin Conrad
- **June 4 – Mental Illness and Suicide**, Hilary Spyers- Duran
- **June 11 – The Best Library Ever**, Gary Shaffer, City of Palm Desert
- **June 18 – Club Assembly**
- **June 25 – Turn the Wheel – Evening Dinner**

July 1 is the start of the new Rotary Year!

Last Week...

Monday evening, Ricardo Loretta, Amy Laboda and Jennifer Loretta attended the Palm Desert High School Senior Academic Awards Night. We were delighted to present nine Rotary scholarships of \$3000 each. Four went to graduating seniors and five were awarded to previous awardees to support them in their continuing college education.



Thursday evening, Leroy Johnson, Mark & Maria Meyer, Angelique Ontiveros, and Carol Winston attended the Riverside County Directing Change Recognition Ceremony. Also in attendance was our District Governor Jamie Zinn and Governor Nominee Nyron McLean. Rotarians presented a monetary gift to each winner; each student received a \$300.00 gift with a total of \$3,300.00.



To round out the week, **Friday morning**, Ricardo & Jennifer Loretta, Leroy Johnson, Angelique Ontiveros and Mark & Maria Meyer drove to Mexicali for a meeting with our sister Rotary Club Mexicali Oeste. The meeting was to discuss possible International projects for 2024-25 and was topped off with a HUGE Chinese lunch.



June 15 – Sign up Now for The iGNITE Festival
The iGNITE Festival is where we will all come together

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to commemorate the Rotary achievements and milestones of the past year and reflect on the impact we have made in our communities and beyond!

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June 15, 2024
LAKE SKINNER

37701 Warren Rd, Winchester, CA 92596
(Between Hemet and Temecula)



Join us on Saturday, June 15th at the iGNITE FESTIVAL in Winchester, CA as we bring Rotarians and our community together to celebrate igniting passions and inspiring actions in our communities and around the world. The iGNITE FESTIVAL will feature Live Entertainment, BBQ Competition, Camping, Vendors, and fun for the whole family!



FEATURING

- ✓ Food Trucks
- ✓ Service Projects
- ✓ Live Entertainment
- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Beer/Wine
- ✓ Kids Activities
- ✓ BBQ Competition
- ✓ TONS OF FUN!



ROTARY NIGHT

**Wednesday
JUNE 19th, 7PM**

Join Rotarians from across the valley for **Rotary Night at the Palm Springs Power Baseball Game**, June 19th. Gates open and at 6:00 pm. Only \$5:00 for seating in a Rotary reserved section behind home plate. Food and drinks available for purchase. Pay at the gate and arrive before 7 to see an Interact student throw out the first pitch and our own Doug Scott sing the National Anthem. (this is also Bark in the Park Night with special guest Mayor Max of Idyllwild (a golden retriever) so bring your dog!)

Angels of Service Schedule

- **Week of May 27 – Food Now & St. Margaret's**
- **June 20th – Joslyn Center**
- **Week of June 24 – Food Now & St. Margaret**
- **June 27 – CSUSB**
- **June 18 – Joslyn Center**

* **Contact Buffy Cavaness for dates for Food Now & St. Margaret's and if you would like to volunteer.**
310-410-0001 only.buff.2020@gmail.com

(You can also support the AOS with a Happy Dollars donation or the PayPal link below.)

Galilee Center
Volunteer Opportunities
Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Fill food baskets

Thursdays 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Fill produce bags

Thursdays 3:45 pm - 5 pm

Help load food boxes into the vehicles' trunks. Fast-Paced.
Must be able to lift approx. 25lbs.

Monday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Help in store, warehouse and food storage.
Sweep, mop, organize, sort items & clothing, move furniture.

To volunteer or get more information on the Food Basket Distributions dates and times, call 760-396-9100 or email ltorres@galileecenter.org.

Meeting Information



Help the Club save money by buying a lunch ticket or paying with cash for lunch

Do you pay for your lunch with a credit card? Consider buying a 5 punch lunch ticket so we pay credit card fees on 1 transactions instead of 5. The more we save on administrative cost, the more club funds go to doing good!

Weekly Rotary Meeting Information

We meet in person at 11:45 am on Tuesdays at the Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert. We also offer a Zoom option for our out-of-town members. We ask all Rotarians and guests who are able to, to please attend in person.

- Please make a reservation by the Thursday before. You can RSVP by sending an email to palmdesertrotary@gmail.com or replying the reservation request e-mail. that goes out each week.
- Please arrive at 11:45 am register, socialize, and be seated so the meeting can start promptly at 12:00 pm.

Please Note: If you have reservation and do not cancel, you may be asked to pay for the lunch if we fall short of our reserved headcount.

NEW-Regular Zoom Meeting **Link**

The Zoom Room opens at 11:45am and the meeting begins at 12 Noon.

Join by CLICKING HERE

or Join Zoom Meeting via the Zoom web:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770058317?pwd=OCtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Dialing in? Find the number by your location at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kvn6rknU6>



Pay Your Happy Dollars, lunch or other donations online by Clicking the PayPal logo above.

Select a category from the drop down or select *other* and add a note when you enter your payment information to

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317
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Your Rotary Board

Rotary Club of Palm Desert Board of Directors 2023-24

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Community Service & President Elect – Angelique Ontiveros
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