



## This Week - A Proper Sendoff

*"I intend to live forever, or die trying."*  
--Groucho Marx

Death will eventually come for all of us and, when it does, grieving survivors will be tasked with making final arrangements and winding up their loved one's estate. This week we'll here from Steve Catt of A Proper Sendoff. Steve is a certified Catholic Bereavement Minister and End of Life Celebrant and will provide us with some tips to provide a proper sendoff to our loved one. Steve's company provides "personalized end of life celebrations delivered with kindness, caring and a touch of wisdom." He has officiated at over 150 celebrations of life. Raised in Whittier, Steve attended the USC Marshall School of Business and raised a family in Orange County. In 2016, Steve and his wife Amy and crazy dog Izzy moved full time to La Quinta. Steve is Principal Partner in ProSolace Insurance for business owners and professionals.



## November 26 San Joaquin Valley College

On November 26 we'll learn about San Joaquin Valley College, a career school located in Rancho Mirage. With us will be Debra Trudeau of the nursing faculty, Jason Harris, enrollment services director and Franklin Saavedra, campus director. The local school is one of 17 campuses in California and prepares students for careers in the medical field as well as training for heating and air conditioning technicians.

### Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **November 26 – San Joaquin Valley College, Debra Trudeau, Jason Harris & Franklin Saavedra**
- **December 3 – Club Assembly**
- **December 10 – Augustine Tribe, Tom Adrienne**
- **December 17 – Holiday Party!**
- **December 24 & 31 – No Meetings, Happy Holidays!**



### President Elect Designate Elections

It's time for us to consider who will step forward to be considered as the President Designate to serve in the Rotary year 2027-28. If you are interested in running, please contact Past President Leroy Johnson. **The elections will be held on December 10.**

## Hitting for Hope

**Our new date for the Golf Fundraiser is set for March 24, 2025! Put it on your calendars and start practicing. Thanks**

to all who have already signed to sponsor and play.

## Galilee Center Coat Drive

The Coat Drive kicks off this week Nov. 12 so pulling out those coats you haven't worn for a long time and bring them in. Clean, used coats in good condition, in all sizes are much appreciated by the Galilee Center.



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY...

Friday evening, Rotarians Angelique Ontiveros and her husband Victor, Priscilla Dewing and Jennifer Loretta stopped by the Food Now Fundraiser at the Melissa Morgan Gallery on El Paseo. Tom Tragesser, Director of Operations for Food Now was also there with his wife Heidi. Also attending were Jackie Chatman and students from Desert Hot Spring Club who volunteered at the event.

### THE ART of GIVING



### GALLERY NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Club members Priscilla Dewing, Amy Laboda, Ricardo Loretta and Angelique Ontiveros hosted brunch for 6 Rotarians from our sister club RC Los Mochis at Casuelas Cafe today. A lively interchange of ideas on service projects, fundraising and other things Rotary concluded with several Coachella Valley Rotarians promising to try to visit Los Mochis next year. The gathering was also attended by Nicolas Campbell and Arthur

Santos of RC Palm Springs Sunup.

ShelterBox Donation  
Information

Ways to help the CV Animal  
Campus

## Angels of Service Schedule

### Week of November 25 – Food Now

If you would like to volunteer for any of these weeks, contact Buffy Cavaness  
310-410-0001 [only.buff.2020@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. The meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon so arrive early to register and socialize.

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.

### **[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/83770058317?pwd=OCtHdFBhM1BjbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317

Passcode: PD885



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## Your Rotary Board

### **Rotary Club of Palm Desert Board of Directors 2024-25**

President – Angelique Ontiveros  
Immediate Past President – Leroy Johnson  
Treasurer – Judy Lozano  
Secretary – Carol Winston  
Membership & President Elect – Priscilla Dewing  
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