



April 30 – The Unforgettables Foundation



Tim Evans, founder of The Unforgettables Foundation will be the speaker on Tuesday

May 7—Angelique will talk about Desert Arc

That's right, our own Angelique Ontiveros will tell us about Desert Arc on May 6. In addition to being our club's President-Elect, Angelique serves as Director of Business Services and Facilities for Desert Arc, a non-profit founded in 1959 that provides opportunities for people with disabilities in the greater Coachella Valley and Morongo Basin. The organization's programs are designed to help clients secure employment, have a safe place to come during the day and to interact with others. Desert Arc currently serves over 700 people 18 and over. Nearly 99 percent are from low income households. Desert Arc offers a number of services for area businesses and individuals - including shredding, recycling, landscape maintenance, janitorial and fulfillment. Join us on May 6 to learn more about Desert Arc.



Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **May 2 – Thirsty Thursday**, details below
- **May 7 – Desert Arc**, Angelique Ontiveros, VP of Business Development
- **May 14 – Palm Desert-Certified Autism Center**, Andrea Staehle & Thomas Soule
- **May 21 – Sunnylands**, Eric Ornelas, Communications & Public Affairs

Membership News

So many of us have the pleasure of meeting and enjoying the hospitality of **Lindi Biggi** that she hardly needs an introduction and we are delighted to announce her application for membership. Lindi was born in St. Louis Missouri and has lived in Oregon and now resides in Palm Desert. Lindi is known for her big heart in helping animals of all kinds in the desert and for being the Founder of Loving All Animals. She is the current owner of the Shadow Mountain Golf Club and has been working to restore it. As a longtime community member, Lindi has been involved in countless

projects and hosting many events at her beautiful home. Lindi has two children, one stepchild and four grandchildren. Lindi's sponsor is Jennifer Loretta.

Last Week...



President Leroy honored Tom Stewart as Rotarian of the month for his Angels of Service work. Tom has been providing dog food to the St. Margarets food pantry each month assuring that the people served by St. Margarets have enough to eat and so do their pets.



Rotarians at Work Day

Eleven Rotary Volunteers put in a few hours last Saturday helping Habitat for Humanity prepare a home for a family in Sky Valley. They masked windows, painted walls, weeded, cleaned, and had a great time.



The Ryla Report

Four of the fourteen students who attended this year's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) came for lunch last Tuesday. Parker Finnell, Sadya Hidayat, Vy Ho and Julyssa Vargas, all Juniors from Palm Desert High, spoke about their personal experiences and how the opportunity to attend the RYLA camp impacted them personally.



Up Coming Club Events

THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Join us at our May Thirsty Thursday

BURGERS & BEER

May 2, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

No reservation required

Food and drinks available for purchase

72773 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage.



The burgers, beer and lots of other options.
Check out the menu at burgersandbeer.com

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Martini?



First
Thursday
of Each
Month
(Kind of)

District and Other Rotary Events

May 11 - Rotary Leadership Institute Beaumont Presbyterian Church

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Details

May 16 – Directing Change

District 5330, Mark & Maria Meyer, and Palm Desert Rotary are partnering with the Riverside University Health System to honor the winners of the of the Directing Change Film competition. This event is part of Take Action for Mental Health: California's Mental Health Movement. The program offers young people the exciting opportunity to participate in the movement by creating 60-second films about suicide prevention and mental health used to support awareness, education and advocacy efforts on these topics.

June 15 – Sign up Now for The iGNITE Festival

The iGNITE Festival is where we will all come together to commemorate the Rotary achievements and milestones of the past year and reflect on the impact we

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have made in our communities and beyond!

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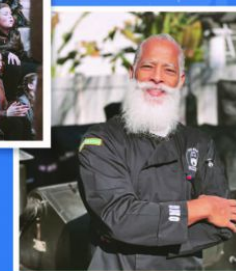


June 15, 2024
LAKE SKINNER

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!



BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE

Adult Admission (16+): **\$75.00**
Youth Admission (6-15): **\$45.00**
Children (5 & Under): **FREE**

(Included: 2 BBQ samples and 1 beer/wine/beverage sample)

June 19 – Palm Springs Power Baseball Game ~ Rotary Night.
6:00 pm. Only \$5:00 for reserved section. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Angels of Service Schedule

- **Week of April 29 – Food Now & St. Margaret's***
- **May 2 – CSUSB**

*** 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



\$125 LUNCH TICKET

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Treat this card like cash.

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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770058317?pwd=OCtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09)

Dialing in? Find the number by your
location at:

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

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