

## May 14 – Becoming a Certified Autism Destination

Visiting and presenting on what a Certified Autism Destination means will be Andrea Staehle from City of Palm Desert, Josh Heinz from Visit Greater Palm Springs, Elisa Escobar from The Living Desert, and Pamela Binder from the JW Marriott.

## May 21 – Sunnylands, A Desert Gem

Eric J. Ornelas, communications specialist with the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, will be with us on May 21. Sunnylands, the 25,000 square foot winter home of Walter and Leonore Annenberg, was completed in 1966. It sits on 200 acres in Rancho Mirage and the estate has entertained eight U.S. presidents and welcomed scores of world leaders since its completion. Prior to their deaths, the Annenbergs created a trust to insure the estate was maintained and to establish it as a private, high-level retreat center. Guided tours of the historic estate are offered to the public. The Sunnylands Center and Gardens, which sits on 15 acres adjacent to the estate, was completed in 2011 and is open to the public free of charge. Eric Ornelas joined the Annenberg Foundation Trust in 2012 and, in addition to his role as the communications and public affairs specialist, represents Sunnylands on the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce board of directors and volunteers at Safe Schools Desert Cities where he serves as board president. He holds a bachelor's degree in mass media communications from California State University, San Bernardino.



### Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **May 21 – Sunnylands**, Eric Ornelas, Communications & Public Affairs
- **May 28 – The Living Desert**, Lin Conrad
- **June 4 – Mental Illness and Suicide**, Hilary Spyers- Duran
- **June 16 – Thirsty Thursday** (TBA)

## Last Week... A Busy Meeting!





Angelique talked about the valuable services provided by Desert Arc for its clients and the community, Carol fill us in on everything happening at the exciting District iGNITE Festival in June, Kevin gave an amazing trade talk, and Leroy kept everything on schedule.

### Upcoming Club, District and Other Rotary Events

#### Riverside University Health Systems Directing Change Film Competition In Partnership with Rotary International - District 5330

- Thursday, May 16th
- Fox Performing Arts Center
- 3801 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside

If you are interested in attending this free event, please contact Maria Meyer. There are a limited number of seats available for Rotarians.



#### 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 have made in our communities and beyond!

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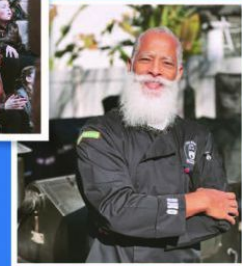


**June 15, 2024**  
**LAKE SKINNER**

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

- May 16– Joslyn Center
- 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](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

Palm Desert  
**Rotary**  
Club



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**\$125 LUNCH TICKET**

**\$25 \$25 \$25 \$25 \$25**

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](mailto: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:

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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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