

April 23- Our RYLA students will speak



This year, Palm Desert Rotary sponsored 14 high school juniors to attend our District 5330 RYLA leadership camps. On April 23, we'll hear from a number of the attendees about their experiences. Students selected by our club this year included nine from Palm Desert High School, four from Xavier College Preparatory High School and one from Shadow Hills High School. Our district holds two RYLA sessions at Thousand Palms Camp and Conference Center in Crestline. District 5330's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is the largest overnight youth leadership conference in the Rotary world with over 600 youth attending the two sessions. RYLA combines learning in a casual, relaxed atmosphere with social and fun time to provide a fast paced and memorable leadership experience. RYLA's goal is to help already outstanding young people further develop their leadership goals.

Tuesday, April 30, Tim Evans will speak on The Unforgettables Foundation

There is nothing more crushing to a family than the death of a child. On April 30, we'll learn about the mission of the Unforgettables Foundation. During a



During a decade of clinical ministry to children and their families, Timothy Evans assisted families with the many crises surrounding the death of a child, not the least of which are the crushing financial burdens experienced by families with limited resources. Assisted by Inland Empire educators, medical professionals, social workers, and morticians, Evans created The Unforgettables Foundation in 1999. The foundation assists low income families provide a dignified, appropriate burial for their children who have passed away. Since its founding, the nonprofit has assisted over 5,000 families. In addition to the Inland Empire, the Unforgettables Foundation now has chapters in Southern Nevada, Ohio and Tennessee.

Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **April 30 – The Unforgettables, Tim Evans, Founder**
- **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**

We are pleased to announce for the second time, the membership application from Jayne Uberti.



Last Week...



We honored Palm Valley Country Club as our **Business of the Quarter**. Since moving to PVCC in January of 2023, the staff has provided outstanding service and support for all our activities from the weekly luncheons to our golf tournament and holiday party. Four of their team were on hand Tuesday to receive the award: General Manager Rod Quintero, Sales

Director Tracey Jones, Food & Beverage Director Debi Campestrini, and Executive Chef Jovan Mrdak.



Mark and Maria Meyer and Jennifer Loretta volunteered as proctors at the Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day on Saturday. The annual Field Day brings middle school students from all over the valley to John Glenn Middle School for this exciting event and provides them an opportunity to creatively use their wit and their skill to solve challenging math problems and win prizes.

Up Coming Events



Rotarians at Work Day,
April 27th

For **International Rotarians at Work Day**, we are doing a project with Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley. Habitat is rehabilitating a donated mobile home in Sky Valley with the goal of partnering with a low -income family so they can acquire a home of their own. If you are not yet signed up and are interested:

- Hours: 8:30 am to 11:30 or 12 pm
- We have 9 volunteers but can accommodate a couple more. (The work will be inside and not too strenuous. We will be painting in some rooms and scrapping popcorn ceilings in several others.)
- Equipment: Habitat will provide all materials and equipment.
- Location: Sky Valley Resort, 7471 Dillon Road.(Information on the house location and directs will be sent to you when you volunteer.)

Habitat will also have water, snacks, gloves, masks, and other supplies to make this a safe and fun project. To sign up, contact Jennifer Loretta, 760-239-1132, jiloretta@gmail.com.

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

First Thursday of Each Month (Kind of)



Palm Desert Rotary Club

Rotary Leadership Institute
May 11- Beaumont Presbyterian Church

[Click here for RLI Details](#)

Save the Date for this Exciting District Event in June

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! More than just a conference, this event will include exciting entertainment, activities, Premiere KCBS Master BBQ Series Competition, recognitions and our special concert by the One Voice Children’s Choir Enjoy engaging activities, inspiring performances, and meaningful connections, while coming together to celebrate and create lasting memories with your family, friends and community.

DISTRICT 5330 iGNITE FESTIVAL

IGNITING PASSION-INSPIRING ACTION

JUNE 15, 2024 10:00AM-6:00PM

LAKE SKINNER
37701 WARREN RD
WINCHESTER CA

CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE iGNITE FESTIVAL WEBSITE



Directing Change
Program and Film Contest
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SCREENING & RECOGNITION CEREMONY
Honoring Riverside County Submissions



PLEASE JOIN US

MAY 16 | Fox Performing Arts Center
3801 Mission Inn Ave,
Riverside, CA 92501 | 5 PM

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RSVP by scanning the QR Code or visiting:
bit.ly/RivCoDirectingChangeRegister-24



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 that are used to support awareness, education and advocacy efforts on these topics. For more information:

<https://directingchange.org/riversidecounty/>

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

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

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\$125 LUNCH TICKET

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Treat this card like cash.



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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>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317
Passcode: PD885

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 indicate what your payment is for.

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