



## July 30 - Eileen Lynch from Parkinsons Resource

## August 6 – Desert Best Friend's Closet

**Desert Best Friend's Closet** has been educating and empowering Coachella Valley clients for over 15 years. Since it opened its service site here in Palm Desert in 2010, it has helped over 2,000 clients dress for interviews as well as helping many of them prepare for employment with training including resume writing, job applications and interview skills. In addition to the Interview Attire Program and the Bridge to Employment Program, Desert Best Friend's Closet also offers a Youth Attire Program, a Prom Dress Program and a Military Ball Gown Program. **Matthew**

**McLeroy**, director of development and programs, will be with us on August 6 to tell us about Desert Best Friend's Closet and all they do for their clients. Matthew has been with the organization since 2019 and is dedicated to Desert Best Friend's Closet's vision of seeing all Coachella Valley residents becoming economically self-sufficient through employment. Matthew is an alum of Leadership Coachella Valley, Walk Chair for the Alzheimer's Association and Foundation Chair of Indio Sunrise Rotary. He has a background in finance with degrees in business, marketing and social and behavioral sciences.



### Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **August 6 – Desert Best Friends Closet, Matthew Campos**
- **August 13 – Cabot's Pueblo Museum, Irene Rodriguez**
- **August 20 – Family YMCA of the Desert, Paula Simonds**
- **August 27 – Palm Spring Air Museum, Ed Miccio**

### Last week at the meeting...

We were honored to present checks to two non-profit community partners. Dave Thornton, Executive Director from Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley and Chet Hecht from St. Margaret's Neighbor to Neighbor program were on hand to accept the donations. We support St Margaret's through our Angels of Service program and for a number of years, we have held a Rotarians at work day with Habitat by volunteering with their home repair program.



# More opportunities to help in our community and across the world ...

ShelterBox Donation  
Information

Ways to help the CV Animal  
Campus

Pencils, crayons, folders,  
oh my. There's still time  
to buy a Backpack supply!

We're collecting any of the  
listed items for the Coachella  
Valley Rescue Mission Backpack  
and School Supply Drive. Bring  
your doations to our weekly  
meeting Tuesday.



CVRM  
Coachella Valley  
Rescue Mission

47470 Van Buren Street, Indio

### Backpack & School Supply Drive Items Needed

- New Backpacks
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Cases
- #2 Pencils
- Mechanical Pencils
- Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Adult Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons 24 count
- Calculators
- Notebook Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Folders
- 3 Ring Binders
- Safety Scissors
- Scientific Calculators
- Index Cards

## Angels of Service Schedule

**Week of July 29 – Food Now**

\* Contact Buffy Cavaness for future dates for Angels of Service  
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).

## Mark your Rotary Calendars for these Events



**October 27- The Pancake Breakfast  
at the Golf Cart Parade**

**November 18 - The Rotary Golf  
Fundraiser will be held at Shadow  
Mountain Golf Club**



# 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 transaction 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/u/kvn6rknU6>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317

Passcode: PD885



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## Your New Rotary Board

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

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