

This Week - Medicare Changes In 2025

Big changes are coming to Medicare Part D (prescription drug) coverage in 2025 and Melissa Diaz, director of member growth and retention for Desert Oasis Health Care, will be with us this week to get us up to speed. Melissa leads efforts to enhance Medicare Advantage membership for Desert Oasis Health Care’s 60,000 members.



October 8 - Elder Love, USA



Shannon Shea, executive director of Elder Love, USA, will be with us on October 8 to tell us about her organization. Elder Love, USA is a nonprofit provider of comprehensive home care services. Shannon founded the organization in 2016 because of her belief that everyone deserves access to quality home care services at an affordable price regardless of income. Elder Care, USA helps seniors not only with day-to-day tasks like cooking, cleaning, bathing and dressing, but also with case management. They offer flexible care options with minimum hourly requirements and no long-term contracts. Shannon has a master’s degree in gerontological social work and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Gerontology Leadership from Concordia University.



We are pleased to present for the second time, Membership Application for **Sybil Ihrig**. Sybil has been a Rotarian for 12 years and was a member of the San Marcos Club and, the Indian Wells Club most recently. Sybil is interested in the many hands on projects our club is involved in, Angels of Service for starters and International Service. She is the owner of Lotus Wellspring Healthcare, an acupuncture and homeopathy practice.

What Happened Last Week

We received a very interesting history lesson on how military training for WW II impacted the desert.



Massey Pitts told us all about her career in her Trade Talk.



Angelique shared the sad news that Hank Steele has passed. (see below)



Amy announced a club project to collect socks and underwear for the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.



Remembering Hank Steele



We were saddened to hear that former Rotarian Hank Steele passed away. Many of our members will remember Hank as he and his wife Bonnie Steele were very active in the club for nine years. If you would like to extend your condolences to Bonnie, the address is 80575 Avenida Santa Carmen, Indio, CA 92203

Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **October 8 – Elder Love USA**, Shannon Shea, Executive Director
- **October 15 – McCallum Theatre**, Wayne McWorter
- **October 22 – Palm Springs Airport Update**, Debby Chen
- **October 29 – Club Assembly**, President Angelique Ontiveros

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2024

Rotary
Palm Desert



Just
\$10!



WHEN

October 27, 2024
8 AM-11 AM

WHERE

Corner of El Paseo &
San Luis Rey in Palm Desert

TICKETS

\$10 at the door or buy online
at EventBrite. Click [here](#).

Join us before the **Palm Desert
Golf Cart Parade** for pancakes,
eggs, sausage, coffee & juice.

Proceeds from the Pancake
Breakfast provide scholarships,
development experiences, and
much more to the youth of
Coachella Valley.

Over \$100,000 back to the
community in the last 12 months.

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Contact Mark Stanley at
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November 18, 2024

Shadow Mountain Golf Course

Hitting for Hope

Put this important club fundraiser on your calendar! There will be fun for golfers and non-golfers alike. Sign up to play golf or come for lunch and the putt-putt competition.

Get sponsors, Donate raffle prizes, or be a volunteer.

Proceeds will go to the many community projects and programs our club supports.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE GOLF EVENT](#)

Other ways to help in our community and across the world ...

FOOD NOW FUNDRAISER

November 15, 2024

5:30 to 7:30

Melissa Morgan Fine Art

[Click Here for Details](#)

THE ART of GIVING



GALLERY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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Information](#)

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Campus](#)

Angels of Service

If you would like to volunteer, contact Buffy Cavaness
310-410-0001 only.buff.2020@gmail.com

(You can also support the AOS with a Happy Dollars
donation or the PayPal link below.)



If you volunteered for the **Mini Muster Fire Safety Events** that kicks off at Carter Elementary on Oct. 1, you should hear from Jim Brock with a reminder of your day and location. Each of the five Mini Musters begins around 8:30 a.m. and ends before noon. All participants and volunteers are invited to a lunch assembly following the outdoor water fun. Contact Jim at jbrock92260@gmail.com

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 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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