



Happy New Rotary Year!



As President Angelique is demonstrating, it's time to create the Magic of Rotary in our club!

RI President Stephanie Urchick's stated when unveiling her theme in January, "we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," it's up to us to create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

The July 2 Speaker is Winston Gieseke

We'll kick off the 2024-2025 Rotary year with a bang on July 2 when we hear from Winston Gieseke, philanthropy editor of The Desert Sun. Over the years, the generosity of desert residents has played a huge role in making the Coachella Valley such a special place and The Desert Sun's Giving section shines a spotlight on that continuing generosity. Winston has enjoyed a varied career including stints as editor of The Advocate, Palm Springs Life and R/M: The Magazine of Rancho Mirage. He is the author of more than a dozen books including the Lambda Literary Award finalist "Team Players." He has also written for television, co-starred in several one-man shows, sung the National Anthem at Dodger Stadium, blogged about his experiences living in Germany's greatest city and released a live CD called "On the Edge." In his "spare" time, Winston has appeared in several local theatrical productions including the West Coast premiere of Michael McKeever's "Clark Gable Slept Here." His performances led to nominations for two Desert Theatre League awards.



Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **July 9 – A Meteorologist's Perspective**, Haley Clawson & Mexicali Oeste Club is visiting as well
- **July 16 – LivingWorks- Suicide Prevention**, Mandy Armstrong
- **July 23 – Tools for Tomorrow**, Andrea Hecht
- **July 30 – Parkinsons Resource**, Eileen Lynch

What happened this week? Ole Leroy Rode Away and the New Sheriff Hit Town

What a party! We inducted a new member (John Eddy), we presented some PHF pins, Leroy was gently roasted we were entertained by the awesome dual of John and Don and sang along, waved our hats, ate, and drank. Then Leroy

took the stage to honor his board and special awardees. Last but not least, Angelique introduced her team for 2024-25.



Angels of Service Schedule

- July 8 – St. Margaret's
- July 15 – St. Margaret's
- July 18 – Joslyn Center
- Week of July 29 – Food Now

* 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 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>

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Your New Rotary Board

Rotary Club of Palm Desert Board of Directors 2024-25

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