



Tuesday, June 6th

A Monument in our Own Backyard & Coast Guard Swift Helicopter Rescue



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June 13, Josh Heinz will talk about the Desert Autism Foundation

Josh Heinz is 22-year resident of the Coachella Valley and a lifelong musician, who along with his wife, produces the annual Concert for Autism. This event raises funds for the Desert Autism Foundation – of which he serves on the board. Autism is close to his heart, as he has two sons and a stepson that are on the Autism spectrum. Josh joined Visit Greater Palm Springs, in July of 2021. Upon his arrival he was asked to spearhead an initiative to make greater Palm Springs a Certified Autism Destination. This initiative asks business owners to have their staff members learn about autism, to have a better understanding about what it is, so they might provide those on the spectrum more comfortable and enjoyable experiences.

Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- June 13 – Autism Initiative, Josh Heinz Club Foundation Board Elections
- June 20 – Club Assembly
- June 27 – Rotate the Wheel Dinner
- July 4 – No Meeting

Club News

Your incoming 2023-24 Board of Directors held a half-day retreat at Desert Arc last Saturday. We had a discussion about the club mission statement, strategic plans, committee chairs objectives and more that we hope to accomplish in the coming year.

All members have an opportunity to contribute to this process when Palm Springs Sunup member and PDG Bill Chase leads us in a **Strategic Planning Seminar** at our first meeting of the new Rotary year on July 11th.

Program Recap

Last Week, Rotarian Jeff Crider visited and talked about his work with IMAHelps which supports critical medical missions abroad.

Here is the link to the news story and video on the inner city high school robotics team from Cleveland, Ohio who are designing hand and arm prosthetics for a couple of young amputees in Ecuador. *(There is a short commercial that plays first.)*



[IMAHelps Video](#)

Calendar of Special Events



- **June 13- Elections for Palm Desert Rotary Club Foundation board members. The deadline to be considered a candidate for one of 3 open seats is tomorrow.** If you've been in the club for 2 years and would like to serve on the board for a 3 year term, kindly advise Ricardo. 858-344-4812 by June 6. **Each candidate will make a 3 minute presentation to club on June 13 prior to the elections.**
- **June 16-17 – District 5330 Celebration at Fantasy Springs, Sign up by June 9th!**
- **June 27 – "Rotate the Wheel" Dinner at Palm Valley CC to honor (and roast) President Amy! Be sure to register with John L.**



Calling all District 5330 Rotarians!

Come to the Fantasy Springs Casino for the District Celebration June 16/17, 2023! The conference committee is already hard at work organizing a weekend full of information and excitement:

- Listen to the amazing stories from our dynamic speakers, Rotary Regional Foundation Chair – Shirley Grace and PDG Wade Nomura.
- Celebrate our Achievements and Recognize all we have done together.
- Participate in a hands-on project – We're People of Action so let's act!
- Fantasy Springs Chef Freddy Rieger and his team will be tantalizing your tastebuds with tasty dishes. This is going to be a popular event so register early and book your hotel room quickly

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Angels of Service Schedule

June 19 – Joslyn Center CSUSB

July 6 – CSUSB

July 17 – Food Now/St. Margaret's

July 31 – Joslyn Center

AOS is only a 2-3 hour commitment on a Monday morning from 9-noon.

If you have one of these dates open, call Buffy!

310-410-0001 only.buff.2020@gmail.com

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

The Galilee Center

Regular Weekly Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesdays 10am - 11am - Fill food baskets
Thursdays 10am - 11am - Fill produce bags - **Thursdays 2:45pm - 4pm**
Help load food boxes into the vehicles' trunks.
Interested in volunteering? Please give 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 now 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.
- The meal is a buffet so please arrive at 11:45 am at the latest to register, socialize, and serve yourself 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.

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/7942121195?pwd=cHZWNTJpdmRrOXM0bU9LOTFPUE3dz09>

Dialing in? Find the number by your location at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7942121195>

Meeting ID: 794 212 1195
Passcode: 0764601



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Your Rotary Board

Rotary Club of Palm Desert Board of Directors 2022-23

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