



Tuesday – the Ronald McDonald House at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital presented by Thomas Franke

Do the Right Thing- Greater Palm Springs

Terri Ketover, president of Do the Right Thing – Greater Palm Springs, will be our speaker on April 2. Do the Right Thing recognizes children for positive behavior, accomplishments and actions in conjunction with local law enforcement every month during the school year. Terri founded Do the Right Thing in Miami in 1990 and the organization has grown to 65 chapters throughout the United States. Terri has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Miami and her varied professional career has included a nine year term as the Executive Director of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. In the desert, Terri currently serves on the boards of the Palm Springs International Film Festival, the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center, the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs, chairs the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival Angel Night, and is co-chair of Michael Childers' annual "One Night Only." Terri received the 444th star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars in 2021. Those of us who attended the Firebirds Rotary hockey night got to see the February Do the Right Thing honorees recognized during the game.



Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **April 2 – Do The Right Thing**, Terry Ketover
- **April 4 – Thirsty Thursday**, Cowboy Cantina
- **April 9 – Read With Me**, Sean Webb, RCOE
- **April 16 – Alzheimers Association**, Kimberly Spiegel
- **April 23 – RYLA Students** tell us about their experience
- **April 30 – The Unforgettables**, Tim Evans

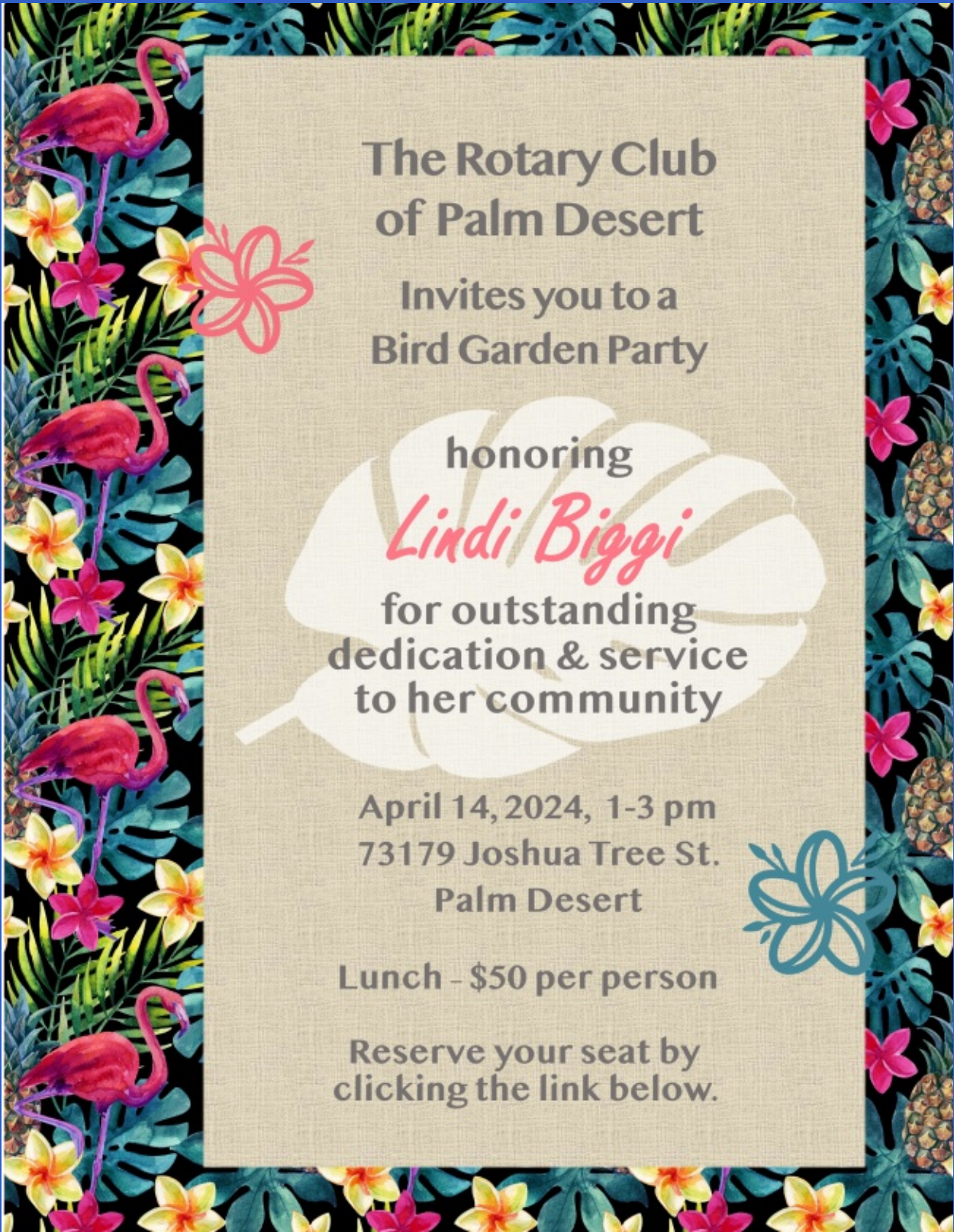
Two New Member Applications! Please meet Carol Pipitone and Channing Soladar

Carol migrated from London in 1994 to live in the Southern Californian desert and became a US citizen in 2006. She is a Wealth Advisor with Brookwood Investment Group and an active community member and a past president of the Palm Springs Evening Star and Cathedral City Rotary Clubs, Carol takes great pride in raising funds and awareness for local causes including: The Desert Winds Freedom Band and the Cathedral City High School Band program. She is the Shelterbox USA Ambassador council member for Southern California and RI district 5330 Shelterbox representative and has received the presidential volunteer awards for her work with Shelterbox USA. Carol has been a host mother for 3 Rotary International exchange students and received the Rotary District 5330 "service above self" award in 2011/12. Carol loves animals and shares her home with her three chihuahuas and her rescued German Shepherd with corgi legs.

Channing is a new resident to the Coachella Valley, previously she lived in

Santa Barbara. Channing is interested in joining Rotary to help in the community and meeting new friends. Channing spent 40 years in various endeavors including work as a certified Medical Assistant, running a food company, and writing as a published author. She has worked the past 15 years as a Life Coach. She has a daughter and 3 grandchildren. Channing likes to hike and write in her spare time.

Upcoming Events



[Reserve here for the Bird Garden Party](#)

District Training Events

April 6 – Club Leadership & Member Training Assembly

[Assembly Registration and Details](#)

Rotary Leadership Institute

May 11- Beaumont Presbyterian Church

[Click here for RLI Details](#)

THIS PAST WEEK ...



Along with over 100 Valley Rotarians and friends, (plus special guest Governor Jamie and husband) a group of PD Rotary members partied in the Compound at Acrisure Arena then cheered on the the Firebirds for a win over the Texas Stars.



President Leroy honored Mary Scott and Massey Pitts as Rotarians of the Month for leading & completing another successful 4- Way Test Speech Contest program.



Amy Laboda and Maryalice Owings were delighted to receive a check for \$8,100 from the Tour de Palm Springs organizers for our volunteer efforts and raffle sales.

Community Events

Food Now Presents the 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off

A Picnic at the Bird Garden!



Amazing Chili from Amazing Chefs.
But your VOTE will determine the CHAMPION CHILI.

SATURDAY, April 6, 2024. 12 NOON TO 3 PM

\$45.
PER PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER
12 FREE



FOOD, DRINKS
FACE PAINTING,
BALLOONS,
CRAFTS.
ALL INCLUDED

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Meet the Exotic Birds

ALL PROCEEDS
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For more information go to: www.FoodNowDHS.org



The 2024 Class of Leadership Coachella Valley is putting on an amazing VIP Prom for Students with Special Needs on March 23. This exciting event welcomes high school students (14-21 years old) and young adult transitional students (up to 24 years old) from all three local school districts for a night of fun, friendship, and festivities!

They need help with: Donation! Donations can be made via the link here: <https://bit.ly/dsusdvipprom>

Giveaway prizes! If you have a product or service you would like to provide to one of our attendees or volunteers, please comment below and let me know!

Volunteers on the day of the event! The sign-up sheet is accessible here: <https://forms.gle/ZoJv5GYHdTfuP2W9A>

[Click here to see the flyer](#)

Angels of Service Schedule

- Week of March 25 – Food Now & St. Margaret's*
- April 11 – CSUSB
- April 18 – Joslyn Center
- 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 2:15 pm - 4 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, 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. 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/u/kvn6rknU6>



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.

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317
Passcode: PD885

You don't need to have a PayPal account to use this link You can use any credit or debit account.

Your Rotary Board

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