

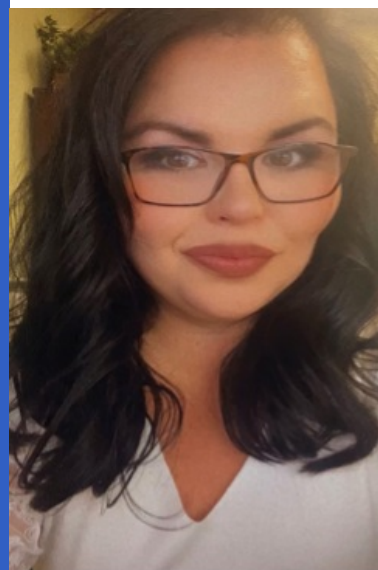


**Tomorrow - Dr. Richard Godfrey talks about his work to eradicate cervical cancer in Africa**

**March 12th - Veronica Chavez, Palm Desert Financial Director**



**PALM DESERT**



On March 12, we'll hear about the City of Palm Desert's efforts to engage the community regarding the priority of city services and the city's budget. Joining us will be Palm Desert Finance Director **Veronica Chavez**. She'll be joined by **Robb Korinke** of **Grassrootlabs** who is working with the city on its community engagement efforts. As Finance Director, Veronica oversees the finance department which includes purchasing, budget and accounting, affordable housing and information technology. She has been with the city since 1997 and holds a Master of Business Management degree from the University of Redlands. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Redlands, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2004. Along with her management and finance accomplishments, Veronica also holds several California State Powerlifting records and loves spoiling her two Frenchies, Maui and Kona. According to Veronica, "Working for the City of Palm Desert continues to be one of the most rewarding opportunities that provides the ability to go home knowing we are doing something important and meaningful for the community."

*Welcome*  
New Members

We are delighted to announce for the second time, applications for membership from **Maria & Mark Meyer** who will be inducted tomorrow as our newest Rotarians Welcome Mark and Maria!

## Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **March 12 – City of Palm Desert Budget Presentation**, Anthony Meija, Veronica Chavez
- **March 19 – Peanut Butter Project**, Arthur Santos, PS Sunup Rotary, International Service Chair
- **March 26 – Ronald McDonald House**, Thomas Franke, Development Manager

## ***NEWS FLASH – Natasha Won!***

Palm Desert Rotary Club's 2024 Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest winner is now the Rotary District 5330 winner! Natasha Gamboa wowed 6 judges and 15 other contestants in Beaumont on Saturday, March 2 with her speech entitled "Eight Minutes." The Rotary District contest took place at the Beaumont Presbyterian Church where students representing Rotary Clubs from Riverside and San Bernardino competed. Natasha's first-place finish entitles her to perform as the featured speaker at



the Rotary District 5330 Ignite Hope Luncheon to be held at Benedict Castle in Riverside on March 9.

We were delighted to receive a surprise visit from our friends in the Mexicali Oeste Rotary Club last Tuesday.



## Upcoming Events

### Palm Desert High School Job Fair

Our Vocational Service Chair is looking for Rotarian Volunteers to help prep students for the **PPHS Job Fair to be held April 17**. Between March 7 and 17th, there are opportunities to work with the students on social skills, interview skills, resume building and more. If interested, contact Andrea Durrett at [adurrett@ff-inc.com](mailto:adurrett@ff-inc.com).

[For more details click here](#)

## THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Join us at our March Thirsty Thursday

**La Quinta Brewing Co.**

March 7, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

No reservation required

Food and drinks available for purchase

**74-714 Technology Dr, Palm Desert**

Off Gerald Ford, just west of Cook St.

Palm Desert  
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First  
Thursday  
of Each  
Month  
(Kind of)

Una mas por  
favor!



We are on the road again, this time to try the award-winning craft beer at La Quinta Brewery Co. And yes, they serve food, wine and cider as well. [Click here for the menu.](#)





**March 20 Rotary Night at the Firebirds** - Ticket reservations are now available for this valley-wide Rotary event. (scan the QR Code on the flyer to select your seat and buy your ticket.)

2023  
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COACHELLA VALLEY FIREBIRDS

**PALM DESERT ROTARY CLUB NIGHT**

**MARCH 20TH 7PM | ACRISURE ARENA**

JOIN LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS FOR A FUN NIGHT OF FIREBIRDS HOCKEY AND A PRE-GAME RECEPTION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT ROTARY CLUBS ARE DOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ALL OVER THE WORLD

Section 118 and 110 | \$65 (Drink voucher included)

Palm Desert  
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To purchase tickets, follow this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/RotaryNight23>

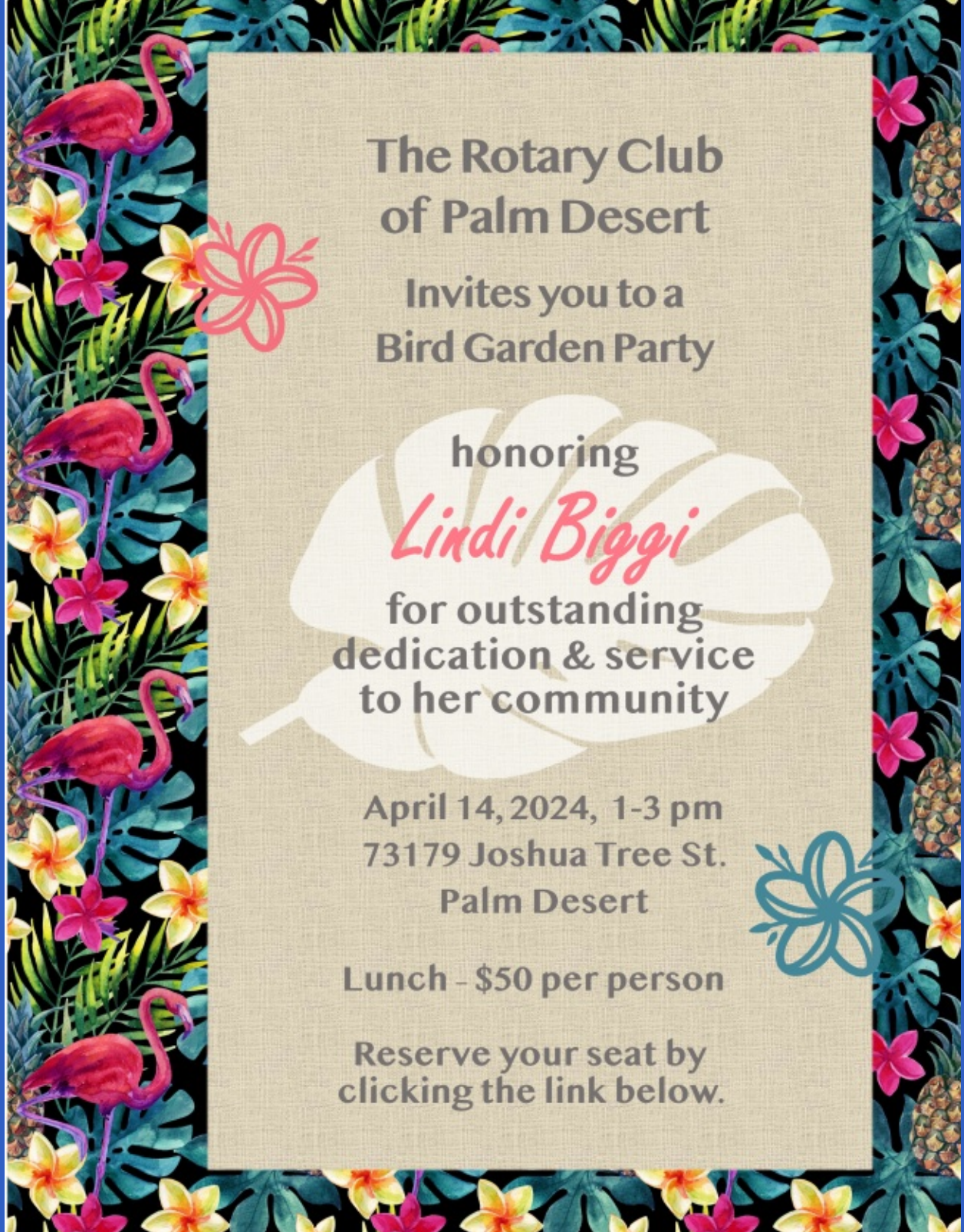
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- **April 14 – The 2024 Outstanding Community Service Award Bird Garden Party. Save the date!**





## The Rotary Club of Palm Desert

Invites you to a  
Bird Garden Party

honoring

*Lindi Biggi*

for outstanding  
dedication & service  
to her community

April 14, 2024, 1-3 pm  
73179 Joshua Tree St.  
Palm Desert

Lunch - \$50 per person

Reserve your seat by  
clicking the link below.

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

### District Training Events

Rotary Leadership Institute

March 9 And May 11- Beaumont Presbyterian Church

[Click here for RLI Details](#)

April 6 – Club Leadership & Member Training Assembly

[Assembly Registration and Details](#)

### Rotary Volunteers in action

**Read Across  
America**

Everyone wore a Cat in



the Hat hat and had a great time reading a book or two to the students at Lincoln Elementary. Thank you Rotarians, Rotaractors and other who volunteers last Friday. And, a big thanks to the school staff who always make us feel welcome.



## Angels of Service Schedule

- March 7– CSUSB
- March 14 – Joslyn Center
- Week of Mar 25 – Food Now & St. Margaret's\*
- April 4 – CSUSB
- April 18 – Joslyn Center
- Week of April 29 – Food Now & St. Margaret's\*

\* 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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/j/83770058317?pwd=OCtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317  
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## Your Rotary Board

### **Rotary Club of Palm Desert Board of Directors 2023-24**

President – Leroy Johnson

Immediate Past President – Amy Laboda

Treasurer – Judy Lozano

Secretary & President Elect Designee – Priscilla Dewing

Community Service & President Elect – Angelique Ontiveros

RI Foundation & Executive Secretary – Jennifer Loretta

Club Service – John LaLonde

Membership – Priscilla Dewing

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