



Tuesday, May 23th Welcome RYLA Students!



It's always wonderful to welcome the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards students and listen to them talk about their experiences. Year after year, they tell us that attending the three day RYLA camp was an amazing experience. Be prepared to laugh, get teary eyed and feel good that we have a strong commitment to this program.

May 30th – Rotarian Jeff Criter Talks about IMAHelps

Jeff is Vice President of IMAHelps, a 501 (c) 3 organization consisting entirely of volunteers. Founded in 2000 by Ines and Tracey Allen, IMAHelps organizes medical missions to some of the most impoverished cities in Central and South America and even Asia.

Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **May 30 – IMA Helps, Jeff Criter**
- **June 6 – Bureau of Land Management, Tracy Albrecht**
Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue, Jon Claridge
- **June 13 – Autisim Initiative, Josh Heinz**
- **June 20 – Club Assembly**
- **June 27 – Rotate the Wheel Dinner**

New Members

We are pleased to announce for the second time, a new member application from **Tony Gentry**. Here's a little about him in his own words!

Well, now, let me introduce to ya'll a fine fella with a mighty interesting background. Born and raised in the heart of a tobacco community in Richmond, Kentucky, this fella learned himself some business smarts by studying both in Kentucky and across the pond in the Netherlands.

Now, this fella ain't no stranger to hard work. After packin' up and movin' west to California in 2010, they worked their way up in the tech industry before moseyin' on over to finance. But don't go thinkin' they're all work and no play. This here fella is a family man, married with two young'uns and a wife who's a real good teacher down yonder in Coachella.

When they're not busy with work or family, this fella likes to kick back with a good book or two, take some trips, and listen to some jazz or classical music. And let me tell ya, they're a real good neighbor too - havin' served as the former past President of the Rotary Club of Palm Springs Sunup, they've got a mighty fine commitment to servin' the community.

Tony's sponsor is Ricardo Loretta.

Club News

President Elect Leroy Johnson and President Elect Nominee Angelique Ontiveros are proud graduates of the District 5330 RLI program. Having attended all three courses, they received their diplomas last Saturday

along with nine fellow Rotary club leaders.



Calendar of Special Events



- **June 13- Elections for Palm Desert Rotary Club Foundation board members.** We will have at least 3 open seats on the board in June. 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**
- **June 27 – "Rotate the Wheel" Dinner at Palm Valley CC to honor (and roast) President Amy!**



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

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Angels of Service Schedule

May 29 – Memorial Day

Shoppers needed! 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



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\$125 LUNCH TICKET

\$25 **\$25** **\$25** **\$25** **\$25**

Treat this card like cash.

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>

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcYD3ZtIHQ>

Meeting ID: 794 212 1195

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**Rotary Club of Palm Desert
Board of Directors 2022-23**

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