



## Tomorrow – The Living Desert and Gardens

Lin Conrad, The Living Desert's Adopts Program Development Gift Officer will be speaking.



## June 4 – The Stigma Surrounding Mental Illness and Suicide



David Wambaugh will be with us on June 4 to talk about the impact of dual diagnosis (mental illness and addiction) in youth. David fell into the darkness of mental illness and addiction as a young boy and had major behavioral and emotional problems that plagued him throughout his teens and into adulthood. He was in and out of jails, drug rehabs, mental hospitals and, ultimately, state prison. At one point, his parents were compelled to turn him in for bank robbery after seeing his picture on the front page of the San Diego Union Tribune. At 41 years of age, David had a strange and powerful experience which forever changed the course of his life. Upon his release from prison in 2008, he went back to school and became a state licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor and Interventionist. David has since logged over 14,000 hours of clinical work dealing mainly with dual diagnosis patients including youth with behavioral and substance abuse problems. He has executed over 2,500 interventions nationwide. David has authored a memoir titled *The Last Call*, which chronicles his journey living with mental illness, addiction and recovery.

## Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **June 4 – Mental Illness and Suicide, David Wambaugh**
- **June 11 – The Best Library Ever, Gary Shaffer, City of Palm Desert**
- **June 18 – Club Assembly**
- **June 25 – Turn the Wheel – Evening Dinner**

*July 1 is the start of the new Rotary Year!*

## CLUB FOUNDATION BOARD SEAT

On July 1, a board seat on the Palm Desert Rotary Club Foundation Board of Trustees will become available. An election will be held Tuesday, June 18 to fill the seat. Candidates must be club Rotarians in good standing who will have achieved 2 years membership in Palm Desert Rotary Club as of July 1, 2024.

Kindly contact Club Foundation Chair Ricardo Loretta if you are interested in being a candidate. All candidates will have 3 minutes to tell the club why they should be elected on Tuesday the 18th.

# Coming Soon...



Yes, it's almost time to bid a fond farewell to President Leroy.

Not that he's going anywhere very far but on June 30, his term will end and Angelique will become the the President for the 2024-25 Year. The tradition is to "rotate the wheel" with a party. There will be music, food, a little roasting and maybe even some speeches.

**When: June 25, 5 pm to 8 pm**

**Where: Palm Valley CC**

**Menu: Pasta Bar with all your favorite ingredients, salad fixings and garlic bread.**

**Cost: \$35**

(This evening event will replace the regular Tuesday meeting on the 25th. )



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**Rotary**  
District 5330



**June 15, 2024**  
**LAKE SKINNER**

37701 Warren Rd, Winchester, CA 92596  
(Between Hemet and Temecula)



Join us on Saturday, June 15th at the iGNITE FESTIVAL in Winchester, CA as we bring Rotarians and our community together to celebrate igniting passions and inspiring actions in our communities and around the world. The iGNITE FESTIVAL will feature Live Entertainment, BBQ Competition, Camping, Vendors, and fun for the whole family!



### FEATURING

- ✓ Food Trucks
- ✓ Service Projects
- ✓ Live Entertainment
- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Beer/Wine
- ✓ Kids Activities
- ✓ BBQ Competition
- ✓ TONS OF FUN!

**June 15 – Sign up Now for The iGNITE Festival**  
The iGNITE Festival is where we will all come together to commemorate the Rotary achievements and milestones of the past year and reflect on the impact we have made in our communities and beyond!

CLICK FOR THE iGNITE FESTIVAL WEBSITE



# ROTARY NIGHT

Wednesday  
JUNE 19th, 7PM

Join Rotarians from across the valley for **Rotary Night at the Palm Springs Power Baseball Game**, June 19th. Gates open and at 6:00 pm. Only \$5:00 for seating in a Rotary reserved section behind home plate. Food and drinks available for purchase. Pay at the gate and arrive before 7 to see an Interact student throw out the first pitch and our own Doug Scott sing the National Anthem. (this is also Bark in the Park Night with special guest Mayor Max of Idyllwild (a golden retriever) so bring your dog!)

## Angels of Service Schedule

- Week of May 27 – Food Now & St. Margaret's
- June 20th – Joslyn Center
- Week of June 24 – Food Now & St. Margaret
- June 27 – CSUSB
- June 18 – Joslyn Center

\* 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 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](mailto:ltorres@galileecenter.org).

## Meeting Information

Palm Desert  
**Rotary**  
 Club



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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 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>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317  
 Passcode: PD885



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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.

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

**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
- Special Events – Carol Winston
- PR/Branding – Mark Stanley
- Vocational Service – Andrea Durrett
- Youth Service – Maryalice Alberg Owings
- International Service & Club Foundation President – Ricardo Loretta



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