



The Squeaky Wheel



THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO MIRAGE

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The generosity of Pat and Joe Manhart has no end. At Thursday's meeting they announced that they are donating \$2,000 to our club's Foundation Scholarship fund. This donation will provide 2 additional \$1,000 academic scholarships for 2 graduating seniors at Rancho Mirage High School. Pat and Joe have been recognized by both Rotary and the city of Rancho Mirage for their continuing philanthropy.

ROTARY

INTERNATIONAL

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College of the Desert

Our speaker this week was Scott Adkins—Director of Education Centers for the College of the Desert. Scott is also the President-Elect for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs Sunup. Scott outlined COD's extraordinary response to dealing with COVID this past year+. 95% of the classes were able to continue online. Developing strong relationships with community partners such as Sun Line Transit, Find Food Bank, Borrego Health-COD was able to help students cope with their everyday challenges. COD was founded in 1958 and opened its doors for the first time in 1962. In 2020 COD had 1,700 graduates which was a new record for the sixth straight year. Despite the restrictions of COVID, COD will have its 2nd highest graduating class this month. COD is consistently working on new programs on its 4 campuses and continues to be a forward looking education resource. It has also been named one of the 50 most beautiful college campuses in the US —our own Jewel in the Desert.

MAY SOCIAL

Our social this month will be on **Thursday, May 20**. There will be no meeting that morning. We will meet for dinner at the **JAX Bar + Dining located in the Cathedral Canyon Country Club**. There is a Happy Hour from 3-6. Our social will begin at **6:00 PM** The address is **68311 Paseo Real, Cathedral City, 92234**. Please RSVP to Marilyn no later than **Wednesday, May 19**

Our Adopt-A-Hiway project will kick off June 5—details forthcoming.

MEETING LOCATION

We are currently meeting via ZOOM—please contact Marilyn Sanderson for ZOOM link information.

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Upcoming Speakers

May 13 Scott Adkins,
College of the Desert

May 20 Club Social -
JAX Bar + Dining

May 27 Roger Cabbage
Clean Water Project

DISTRICT EVENTS

May 14-16 Virtual District
Conference

May 28-29 RLI Part III

Sept 11 Governor's Golf
Outing

Nov 20-21 P.R.Y.D.E.

Kudos to Pat Southard
for securing donation of
2,400 pounds of onions
and delivering them to
the Coachella Valley
Rescue Mission.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

No Birthdays

Rotary Anniversaries

Dawn Suggs 5-03
Rich Dell'Acqua 5/18
Sue Dell'Acqua 5/18
Joe Manhart 5/01

MAY is

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Month**