



# The Squeaky Wheel

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO MIRAGE

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Ron Costi

For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating-four stars-from CHARITY NAV-IGTOR. The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability. Only 1% of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

#### ROTARY

#### INTERNATIONAL

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#### ROTARY DISTRICT

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Continued "Get Well" wishes to our Rich Dell'Acqua as he continues to recuperate in North Carolina. He still has several more weeks before he can travel. We look forward to Rich and Sue returning to the Desert!

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**Doug Morin, Executive Director of the Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine** shared the store of this amazing organization at our April 29th meeting. CVVIM provides a local solution to a national problem—access to healthcare. Opened in 2010 CVVIM Health Center is the only no-cost clinic in the Coachella Valley. The Center treats the whole person by addressing chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis. In addition they provide health education, wellness programs, case management and community referrals for patients. The Health Center is staffed by volunteers and is not dependent on the Government. Thank you Doug for raising the awareness of this compassionate organization.

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Thursday's meeting featured Michael Williams retired from the US Border Patrol. Michael served 30 years throughout the United States, including both the Mexican and Canadian borders. He has seen dramatic changes during his tenure. Originally the majority of the immigrants were adult males and that has evolved to family groups. There are over 21,000 Border Patrol officers and many are overwhelmed by the task at hand. Michael feels that until a healthy immigration process is developed there will continue to be increasing issues.

A real "Eye Opener" program.

### MEETING LOCATION

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

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### Upcoming Speakers

**May 6** Michael Williams, former Chief of US Border Patrol

**May 13** Scott Adkins, College of the Desert

**May 20** Club Social

**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.

As Rotarians we act responsibly—our passion and perseverance create lasting change

### 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**  
**Rotary International**  
**Youth Service**  
**Month**