

# Rotary

## Club of Indio



## Jan 28 Club Meeting to be in the Cabazon Room on the 2nd Floor of the Casino

January 28th Club Meeting  
to be held in the Casino on the 2nd floor in the Cabazon Rooms



### Club Meeting

Indio  
Meets at Fantasy Springs  
Resort Special Events  
Center 84-245 Indio  
Springs Dr. Indio, CA  
92203  
Fantasy Springs Resort  
Casino/Special Events Ctr  
84-245 Indio Springs  
Parkway  
Indio, CA 92203  
Time: Tuesday at 12:10  
PM

### Events

No Events found

### Club Leaders



Dennis J. Sheehan  
President



Avisinia Rodriguez  
President-Elect  
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz  
Treasurer



Mark Zacovic  
President-Nominee

Stacy Fifield  
Rotary  
Foundation



### Directions to the Jan 28th Club Meeting which is upstairs in the Fantasy Springs Casino, in the Cabazon Rooms

There will be directional signage directing guests to the Cabazon Rooms. The easiest way to get there would be two options.

**ONE**, you may valet park at Casino Valet (not hotel valet). Once you enter the building it is straight ahead passing the security desk. It is located



Chair



Bruce Latta  
Membership  
Chair



Chris Pickering  
Webmaster



Merlina Tate  
Webmaster



Benjamin  
Guitron IV  
iPast President

## District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar  
District Governor

Nyron H. McLean  
DG-Elect

Douglas W. Baker  
District Foundation  
Chair

Albert R. Rubio  
District Membership  
Chair

Calvin B. Boothby  
Assistant Governor

William R. Chase  
Assistant Governor

Stacy Fifield  
Assistant Governor

Richard F. Lemire  
Assistant Governor

Bill Orr  
Assistant Governor

Chris Schultz  
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne  
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn  
District Treasurer

above the CASHIER. You may take the elevator or the stairs.

**TWO**, parking at the bowling center and enter through the main door all the way down and out of the doors leading to the casino floor. You will make a right and straight ahead on the right side you will see the second floor of our Casino. Again, you may access the stairs or the elevators.

## Newsletter Jan 21, 2025

Rotary Club of Indio Meeting Jan 21, 2025  
Fantasy Springs Event Center

**Members:** Don Casper, Andres Coronel, Diana Cabot, Robin Corkery, John Dolan, Stacy Fifield, Bob Farring, Ben Guitron, Bruce Latta, Carla McNamara, Chris Pickering, Dennis Sheehan, Chris Schultz, Jenn Schultz, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Elizabeth Tucker, Steve Welsh, Mark Zacovic.

**Guests:** Philip Jones (yes, it only has one I), Kern & Gayle Hunewill (Newman, CA Rotary Club. Kern has never missed a Rotary Meeting in 48 years), Marcas Coronel Jr (brother to our wonderful Andres Coronel), Suzanne James (President of the Rotary Club of Edmonds WA & High School friend of Sue Steding).

4 Way Test Participants from Shadow Hills High School: Parker Jaeger, Savannah Vela, & Alex Zuriga. Teachers: Monika Vjick & Khristina Clous.

**Opening:** Meeting opened by President Dennis Sheehan. Flag Ceremony led by PDG Don Casper, & 4 Way Test led by Chris Pickering.

### 4 Way Test Contest:

9-12th Grade Students can compete on a local level in a 5-8 minute speech. Winners go on to District.

The purpose of the student's speech is to persuade others while applying the principles of the Rotary 4-Way Test to an ethical issue, dilemma or problem. The goal is for students to make the world a better place, to practice the virtues of critical thinking and ethical decision making, to develop public speaking and leadership skills, and to positively influence and inspire others through their speeches. Contestant speeches must be 5-8 minutes in length, and the Rotary 4-Way Test must be integrated throughout the speech.

Parker Jaeger  
1st Place for Rotary Club of  
Indio at Shadow High School  
4 Way Test Contest  
Local Level

His amazing & captivating speech guided us through his thought process of creating a social media site that was successful. It required a few white lies common in today's Journalism.

Then he applied the 4 Way Test & decided he would



choose the ethical path set out in the 4 Way Test, not the shock value Journalism popular today.



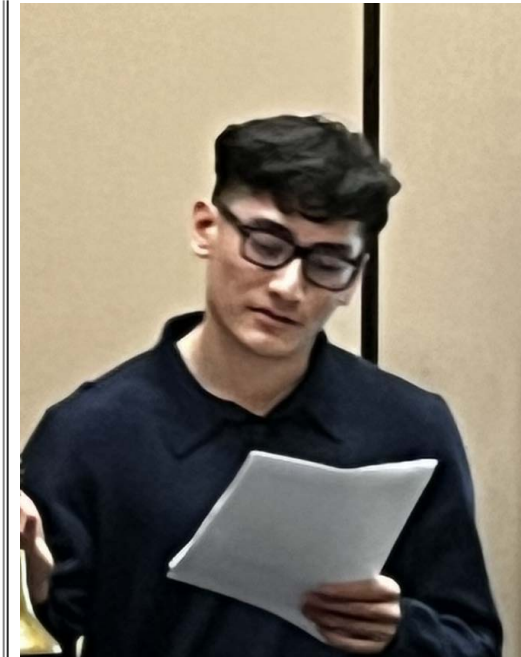
Savannah Vela  
2nd Place for Rotary Club of  
Indio at Shadow High School  
4 Way Test Contest  
Local Level

President of Interact Club

Savannah analyzed her use of Social Media by applying the ethical principles of the 4 Way Test. Her examples showed how Social Media would be so much better with the application of the 4 Way Test.

Alex Zuniga  
3rd Place for Rotary Club of  
Indio at Shadow High School  
4 Way Test Contest  
Local Level

Alex presented the premise that all higher education In the United States should be free & strove to prove it by applying the 4 Way Test.



Much thanks to Chris Pickering for putting the contest together and bringing it to the club meeting to enjoy.

### **Announcements**

1. Next week's meeting will not be in the convention center, but in the casino, second floor Cabazon rooms.
2. President Dennis, PE Avi and AG Stacy all attended the District's mid-year review and first step to PETS for the Pes this past weekend. Thank you all for representing us.
3. The annual first MFD ad hoc committee meeting was at Sue's home with Martha thankfully managing this event AGAIN for us.
4. Ben thanked the speakers from the 4 Way Test Contest for their engagement with our club.

**Speaker:** Bob Firing introduced Lynn Conrad representing the Living Desert. She provided a listing of the current programs available at the LD this winter and spring. Most noteworthy may be WALKING CLUB guided hikes each Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 8 AM; HOPPY HOUR each Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5.

She noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each January has been designated by the state as World Desert Day.

She mentioned that President Biden designated Chuckwalla a national monument. It is the land on the south side of the freeway east of Indio. The LD will be reintroducing the Peninsula Longhorn sheep to that protected area for their home.

The LD is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> International Desert Conservation Summit on 2/7 from 6 PM-8:30.

Highschool and Junior High girls interested in Women in STEAM Career Day should come to the LD on 2/15 from 10-1.

There is a zoo camp for adults called Wild at Heart on 3/7 from 9-1230. For those interested in Xerophilous (plants that can live in the desert) come on 4/5 at 9 AM

There is a spring break camp for kids beginning 4/23 through 4/25 from



9:30 to 12:30.

Glow in the Park will be back, with dates TBD in March or April.

She brought pictures of many of their animals and provided a bit of their story. Take time to visit with Mayhem and Mischievous, the two new brown/white striped skunks.

Opportunity Drawing: Dennis won \$15/16? Dollars for accepting Robin Cockery's suggested answer to the history question that it was President Andrew Jackson who was the US President who forced the expulsion of Native Americans from their homes.

Thank you to Mark Zocovic for carrying the gaboon.  
Bob announced next week's program, a group associated with Rotary which builds homes in Mexico.

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## Ice Hockey



**2024  
2025  
SEASON**

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5330 NIGHT!**

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM**

**ACRISURE ARENA, THOUSAND PALMS, CA**

**Rotary**  
District 5330

JOIN ROTARY DISTRICT 5330 AT A FIREBIRDS HOCKEY GAME. A PORTION OF EACH TICKET WILL BENEFIT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED. PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY USING THE QR CODE BELOW OR FOLLOWING THE LINK: [HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/ROTARYDISTRICT5330](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/rotarydistrict5330)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SAMANTHA MONTANO: [smontano@coakviewgroup.com](mailto:smontano@coakviewgroup.com) / 760-835-8944

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**Zelle email addresses**

For Rotary Club of Indio, email addresses when paying by Zelle:

- **indiorotaryjenn@yahoo.com** for the **Rotary Club of Indio Foundation** account. Use for all Raffle Tickets, Fund Raising, Club Projects, all CharitableProjects, & Interact support & scholarships.
- **indiorotary@gmail.com** for the **Operating** account. Use for clubmemberships, club lunches, happy dollars, & drawing tickets.

Jenn's telephone number goes to her personal account.

## Business Memberships

Rotary Club of Indio was named  
2024 Best Non-Profit of the Year by the:



Groups:



Thank you to our Business Memberships:



Chris & Jennifer Schultz Mike C olby



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## Speakers

January 21st

[Lin Conrad](#)

Living Desert

February 4th

[Chris Pickering](#)

February 18th

[Andrew Caplan](#)

Author

January 28th

[Corazon](#)

A Rotary Project in Mexico

February 11th

[Jason Anderson](#)

City of Indio

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries



[Bruce Latta](#)  
January 30th

## Club Anniversaries

[Corona-Circle City](#)

January 10th

[Lake Elsinore](#)

January 18th

Indian Wells

January 27th

[Indio](#)

January 15th

[Big Bear Lake](#)

January 18th