

Rotary Club of Indio



Date Festival Parking Project

Rotary Club of Indio has a huge opportunity to raise funds for our many community projects by taking part in the Date Festival Parking Project.

The Club will be paid by the hour for their participation.

[Date Festival Parking Sign Up Sheet](#)

Please read all the following information, then sign up for as many shifts as you can manage.

For those already signed up, you can click on the [Sign Up Link](#) to see for which days & times you signed up.

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



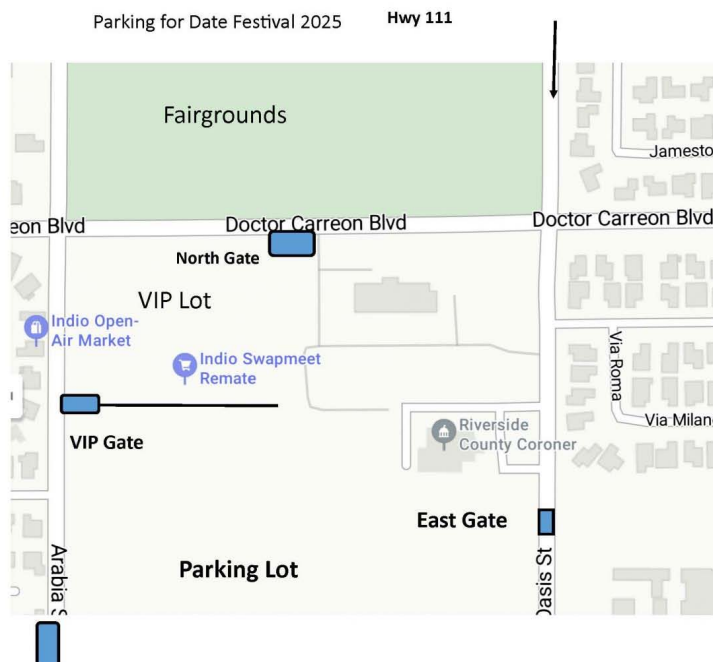
[Avisinia Rodriguez](#)
President-Elect
Secretary



[Jennifer Schultz](#)
Treasurer



[Mark Zacovic](#)
President-Nominee



Arabia Exit Gate

For Volunteers:

- Go South on Oasis Street from Hwy 111
- Turn Right into Parking Lot Entrance (This is the East Gate)
- If there is a long line, just get around it the best you can. Go past the line & ask a Volunteer who you should check in with. It is usually Joe. You can park near the gate for which you have volunteered.
- Wear your Rotary shirt. Bring a chair, appropriate clothing for the weather, a hat, water, any snacks you may need, something to read if you are at the North or VIP gate, & a flashlight if you have a late shift.



Stacy Fifield
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Bruce Latta
Membership
Chair



Chris
Pickering
Webmaster



Merlina
Tate
Webmaster



Benjamin
Guitron IV
iPast
President

- If you have not already signed up for your shifts, please take this opportunity. The sign up sheet is an interactive google.docs sheet. Open the following link, scroll to the days & times that you want to Volunteer & enter your name. The form will automatically record & save your entry. [Date Festival Parking Sign Up.](#)
- The East Gate is where all cars enter for parking. This is the busiest gate & needs volunteers that are comfortable taking money, making change, using the Credit Card Square.
- The North Gate is where the Fairgoers cross Dr Carreon to enter the Fairgrounds. You are the first person to greet them & answer questions.
- The VIP Exit Gate is mainly to not let those without VIP parking from entering the VIP area. Sometimes those that are leaving the VIP area need a little help in knowing where the Exit is. After they leave the VIP gate they need to Exit the gate on Arabia (the West Gate).
- For any questions contact Stacy Fifield sdfifield@aol.com 760-578-2963 or Merlina Tate tate.merlina@gmail.com 509-641-0537

District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar
District Governor

Nyron H. McLean
DG-Elect

Richard F. Lemire
DG-Nominee

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District Foundation
Chair

Albert R. Rubio
District Membership
Chair

Calvin B. Boothby
Assistant Governor

William R. Chase
Assistant Governor

Stacy Fifield
Assistant Governor

Bill Orr
Assistant Governor

Chris Schultz
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn
District Treasurer

Newsletter Feb 11, 2025



Rotary Club Meeting Feb 11, 2025
Fantasy Springs Event Center

Members Attending: Randy Bateman, Robin Corkery, John Dolan, Irene Dolan, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Philip Jones, Bruce Latta, Carla McNamera, Bryan Montgomery, Steve Morgan, John Niederkorn, Dennis Sheehan, Jenn Schultz, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Mark Zacovic.

Guests: Kelly Garcia (Rotary Club of Indio Sunrise), Jason Anderson

Opening: Meeting was opened by President Dennis Sheehan. Flag ceremony led by Sue Steding. Robin Corkery led the 4 Way Test.

For your information:

- Membership: The Board will meet on Feb 20th to discuss & act on each new application
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - A Big Thank You to Steve Morgan, Jenn & Chris Schultz & all other Volunteers for the Tour de Palm Springs.
 - Date Festival Parking Project: Rotary Club of Indio has been asked to join the Rotary Club of Coachella Valley to take shifts at the parking gates. See story. **Note correction: phone for Stacy Fifield is 760-578-2963.**
 - March 8 Rotary Club of Indio Artisan Festival led by Chairman Carla McNamera. Volunteers need to sign up to volunteer for the Festival. Contact: Carla McNamera 530-355-3562 coachcarla@yahoo.com
 - March 15, Saturday: Kelly Garcia of the Rotary Club of Indio Sunrise invites our club to join them in a fundraiser at the Coachella Valley Historical Museum for dinner & entertainment. Tickets are \$40. Proceeds go to a clean water project in Cozumel Mexico. See following Flyer.
 - Not enough interest in the Texas Roadhouse "Dine to Donate". It is stopped for now.
 - Following the March 4 meeting Amy Laboda of District 5330 will prepare volunteers to understand the Human Trafficking Trailer that will be on display at the March 8 Artisan Festival. Please stay for a short presentation following the club meeting.

Speaker: Bob Firing introduced Jason Anderson. Jason is in charge of the City of Indio's Code Enforcement Department. There are 16 employees in this Department dealing with enforcement of the City's Codes regarding Residential, Commercial, Short Term Rental, Quality of Life, & Graffiti. Their night time team deals with short term rental violations, homelessness, & party response.

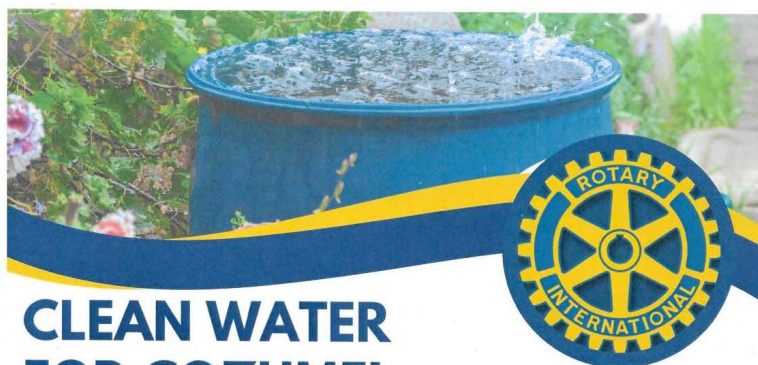
Drawing: Bruce Latta's number was drawn. The history question was which president, in 1809 was inaugurated at the inaugural ball. The answer: James Madison. The drawing money will roll over to next week.

Gaboon: Randy Bateman passed the Gaboon

Sunrise Club Fundraiser

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets & learn more about their clean water project.

For more information & tickets
Contact: Kelly Garcia 760-831-1114
<http://kelly.garcia0704@gmail.com>



CLEAN WATER FOR COZUMEL

Presented by Indio Sunrise Rotary & The City of Indio

 Saturday, March 15th, 2025

 4:00 - 8:00 PM

 Coachella Valley History Museum
82-616 Miles Ave. Indio, CA 92201



Early Bird Tickets Available Until February 20th!

\$40 Individual Tickets | \$400 Table of Ten

Your Ticket Includes an Authentic Mexican Buffet Dinner, Live Entertainment featuring Las Tias, & music from AMP AND One Entry to Win a Cozumel Getaway!



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LAS TIAS

INDIO
take center stage

INDIO
water authority

A portion of funds raised to benefit
DesertCompost

Ice Hockey

**2024
2025
SEASON**

ROTARY DISTRICT 5330 NIGHT!

FEBRUARY 19TH 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)



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Human Trafficking 101

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion in exchange for labor, services, or a commercial sex act. Causing someone under the age of 18 to engage in a commercial sex act, regardless of using force, fraud, or coercion is human trafficking under U.S. law. Human traffickers use various forms of force, fraud, and coercion to control and exploit victims. These forms include imposing of debt, fraudulent employment opportunities, false promises of love or a better life, psychological coercion, and violence or threats of violence.

The crime of human trafficking hinges on the exploitation of another person. People often falsely believe "human trafficking" implies victims must be moved from one place to another to qualify as a victim. Human trafficking does not require transportation to be considered a crime. It is a crime that can be committed against an individual who has never left his or her hometown.

Who are the Victims?

Human trafficking victims can be any age, race, gender identity, sex, ethnicity, nationality, immigration status, and socioeconomic class. In many cases, victims do not come forward to seek help because they are vulnerable, potential language barriers may exist, they have a fear of law enforcement, or they do not identify as a victim.

Human traffickers exploit many vulnerabilities to victimize people. Vulnerabilities for children can include a lack of safety at home from violence, abuse, and neglect; homelessness or runaway status; and a lack of proper care in the child welfare system. Other vulnerabilities for adults and children can include having a lack of trust in government institutions, economic hardship, isolation from family and/or community, and displacement from natural disasters.

Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate industries, including primarily:

- **Sex Trafficking:** escort services, illicit massage services, outdoor sexual solicitation, residential brothels, bars and strip clubs, pornography production, personal sexual servitude, and livestreaming of sexual exploitation.
- **Forced Labor:** domestic work (such as housekeepers), traveling sales crews, restaurants, peddling and begging, agriculture (field/farm work), beauty services, construction, hotels, landscaping, entertainment, commercial cleaning services, manufacturing, fishing, mining, carnivals, forestry, healthcare, recreational facilities, and even criminal enterprises (such as illicit drug dealing).

DHS law enforcement alone identifies hundreds of girls, boys, women, and men as victims of human trafficking in the United States every year. The National Human Trafficking Hotline also receives thousands of contacts annually from people in areas all across the [United States](#).

How Do I Identify Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is often "hidden in plain sight." Recognizing the signs is the first step in identifying victims. No single indicator is proof that human trafficking is occurring. The indicators listed below are a few examples that may alert you to a potential human trafficking situation:

WORK CONDITIONS

Does the potential victim:

- Experience verbal or physical abuse (particularly from a supervisor), prevented from taking adequate breaks, made to work in unsafe conditions, or forced to meet daily quotas?
- Work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Accept a specific job but feels coerced or forced into a different job?
- Appear to be living at his or her place of work?
- Receive paychecks with negative balances or unreasonably low amounts for the pay period?



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Is the employer or someone else:

- Creating debt for the potential victim or adding to a never-ending balance of debt?
- Processing payroll infrequently, not giving worker's compensation insurance outlays where mandated, or forcing the potential victim to transfer funds to an employer's account?
- Escorting the potential victim to the bank and/or using his or her banks accounts?
- Threatening the potential victim with deportation, arrest, or jail?
- In possession of the potential victim's identification, travel documents, money, or cell phone?
- Forcing, defrauding, or coercing the potential victim to engage in a commercial sex act?

BEHAVIOR OR PHYSICAL STATE

Does the potential victim:

- Act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous particularly around their work or someone they know?
- Defer to another person to speak for him or her and avoid eye contact?
- Show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- Show signs of being harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, other life necessities, or personal possessions?

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF THE TRAFFICKER

Is someone else:

- Restricting the potential victim's contact with friends or family?
- Limiting the potential victim's social media use and/or stalking or monitoring their accounts?
- Preventing the potential victim from socializing or attending religious services?
- Preventing children from attending school and forcing them to work?
- Holding a large group in one place with poor conditions and limited space?
- Constantly watching or accompanying the potential victim?
- Threatening the potential victim or his or her family with harm if he or she leaves or quits work?
- Posting harmful content online about the potential victim to compel him or her to engage in a commercial sex act?

MINORS:

- Is someone under the age of 18 engaged in a commercial sex act?
 - Causing someone under the age of 18 to engage in a commercial sex act, regardless of using force, fraud, or coercion, is human trafficking under U.S. law.

What Should I Do Next?

If the answer is **YES** to any number of the above questions:



- Report suspected human trafficking to the Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423 or www.ice.gov/tips.
- Get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 or texting HELP or INFO to 233733 (BEFREE).
- If you have information on goods produced with forced labor destined for importation into the United States, provide it to CBP at www.eallegations.cbp.gov and HSI at ICE.ForcedLabor@ice.dhs.gov.

Remember:

- Human trafficking victims have experienced significant trauma and harm. Victims may be unable or prevented from getting help due to existing vulnerabilities. It is important to treat victims with care and respect, and get immediate, professional support to ensure a victim-centered and trauma-informed response.
- Visit DHS.gov/BlueCampaign for additional resources to combat human trafficking.
- Read the [DHS Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the Importation of Goods Produced with Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation](#).



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

February 18th
[Andrew Caplan](#)
Author, Mystery Writer

February 25th
[Brent Verry](#)
Palm Springs Animal Shelter

Birthdays

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Wedding Anniversaries

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Club Anniversaries

Beaumont-Cherry Valley
February 8th

[San Gorgonio Pass \(Banning\)](#)
February 23rd