

Rotary

Club of Indio



Newsletter Feb 18, 2025



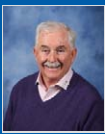
Club Meeting

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
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Jennifer Schultz
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President-
Nominee

Stacy Fifield
Rotary
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Rotary Club of Indio Feb 18, 2025
Fantasy Springs Event Center

Members Attending: Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Bruce Latta, Carla McNamera, Steve Morgan, John Niederkorn, Dennis Sheehan, Jenn Schultz, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Robin Corkery.

Guests: Philip Jones (who has applied for Membership), Dick Nicholson (of the St Paul Rotary Club) Andrew Caplan (outstanding author of Spy Mysteries & other genres).

Rotary Moment: February 2025: Our worldwide theme is Peace Building: RIPE Mario's new message for 2025-26: Unite for Good.

For Information:

- Feb 20 Board Meeting. On the agenda is to discuss & act on the applications of 3 new members. Target March 4 for induction of all new members.
- Date Festival Parking Sign Up sheets available on the tables & also in the Newsletter. In the Newsletter, the google.sheets sign up is an interactive file. Click on the file, enter your name in the cells where you can volunteer for a specific shift. Each shift earns \$150 for our club. A major fundraiser. So far, 9 members have volunteered for 26 shifts, earning \$3900. Please see adjoining story for more information & to sign up. With any questions contact Stacy Fifield at 760-578-2963 "sdfifield@aol.com" or Merlina Tate at 509-641-0537 "tate.merlina@gmail.com".
- March 8 is the Artisan Festival. Chairman Carla McNamera has sent out the Sign Up Sheet to all members. Please let her know what times you can volunteer. Carla McNamera "coachcarla@yahoo.com".
- March 4 please plan to stay for a short presentation by Amy Lobado, training volunteers on the Anti-Trafficking Trailer that will be at the Artisan Festival.
- March 15 The Rotary Club of Indio Sunrise invites our club to join them in a fundraiser dinner & entertainment evening at the Coachella Valley History Museum. Mark Zacovic has his ticket & challenges our club to join him so he can take a full carload. See following story.

Speaker: Bob Firing introduced author Andrew Kaplan. Andrew Kaplan is the New York Times bestselling author of two spy thriller book series: "SCORPION" and "HOMELAND", including the international phenomenon, "HOMELAND: CARRIE'S RUN", the international bestselling prequel novel to the award-winning "Homeland" television series. His



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Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn
District Treasurer

Homeland novel, "HOMELAND: SAUL'S GAME" won the Scribe Best Novel of the Year award. His books have been translated into 22 languages. BLUE MADAGASCAR is his latest novel.

A former journalist, war correspondent and business consultant, he covered events around the world and served in both the U.S. Army and the Israeli Army during the Six Day War. In addition to his HOMELAND and SCORPION novels, his standalone novels include the NY Times bestsellers "DRAGONFIRE," "HOUR OF THE ASSASSINS," and "WAR OF THE RAVEN," cited by the American Library Association as "one of the 100 Best Books ever written about World War Two."

Of his writing, Kirkus Reviews hailed it as "Electrifying," Readers Favorite said "Flawless . . . Kaplan is up there with the best," Publishers Weekly called it "Smashing, sexy and unforgettable," Reader to Reader stated "Kaplan's writing is reminiscent of the best of Ian Fleming, Robert Ludlum and Tom Clancy," and Suspense Magazine declared: "Kaplan's writing matches the best work of the late Robert Ludlum and then surpasses it."

His screenwriting career includes the James Bond classic, "GOLDENEYE". His books are listed by Book Scrolling as among "The Top Spy & Espionage Books Of All-Time."

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.

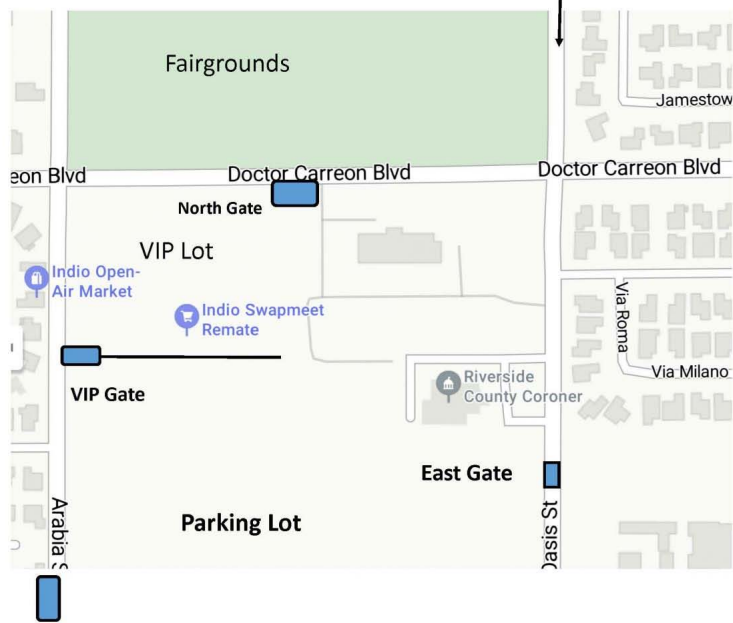
The Club will be paid by the hour for their participation.

[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.

Parking for Date Festival 2025 Hwy 111



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.

- 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

Artisan Festival Sign Up Sheets

The Rotary Club of Indio Artisan Festival is just around the corner. We need volunteers Friday, March 7th in the morning and Saturday March 8th morning and afternoon. I have attached the sign-up sheet so you can pick an area you would like to volunteer for. Feel free to email coachcarla@yahoo.com or call 530-355-3562 if you have questions.

Thank you!

Carla McNamara
Chair, RCI Artisan Festival

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INDIO
ARTISAN FESTIVAL
FRIDAY/SATURDAY MARCH 7th and 8th
VOLUNTEER LIST

FRIDAY MARCH 7

8-10 AM trash pick-up delivery of porta-potties, paint lines

1. John Niederkorn
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SATURDAY MARCH 8

Logistics: John

Vendor Traffic Control 7:30 AM-10 AM

1. John Niederkorn
2. Stacy Fifield
3. _____

Setup 7:30 AM-9 AM:

1. Robin Corkery
2. Bryan Montgomery
3. _____
4. _____

All morning volunteers be present to help with setup

Tear down 3 PM – 5 PM:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

All afternoon volunteers be present to help with tear down and clean up

Information and Business Booth: Merlina

- 8-12: 1. Sue Steding
2. Steve Morgan
3. _____

- 12-3: 1. Bob Firing

2. _____
3. _____

Artisan Support: Carla

- 8-11: 1. Philip Jones
2. _____

- 11-3: 1. _____
2. _____

8:00-3:00 Interact Club

Vendor Assistance – these slots are for Interact Volunteers

- 8-12: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- 12-3: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Human Trafficking 101

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

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:

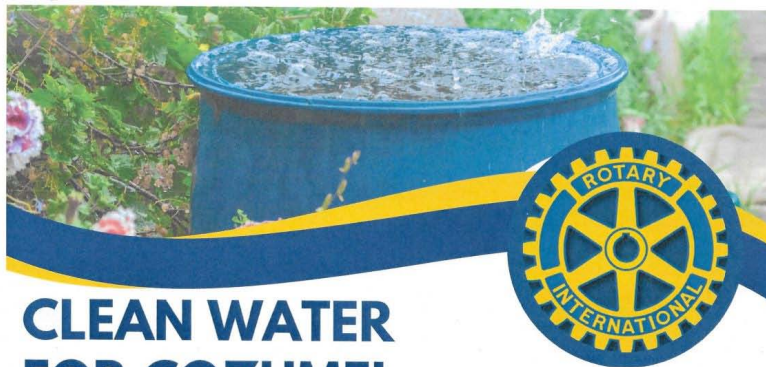
- Human trafficking victims have experienced significant trauma and harm. Victims may be unable or prevented from getting help due to existing vulnerabilities. It is important to treat victims with care and respect, and get immediate, professional support to ensure a victim-centered and trauma-informed 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](#).



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](mailto: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

SCAN



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!



Sponsorships Available!
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LAS TIAS

INDIO
take center stage

INDIO
water authority

A portion of funds raised to benefit
DesertCompost

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:

 GREATER COACHELLA
VALLEY CHAMBER

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