

Rotary

Club of Indio



Newsletter March 4, 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
President



Avisinia Rodriguez
President-Elect
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz
Treasurer

Mark Zacovic



Rotary Club of Indio Meeting March 4, 2025
Fantasy Springs Event Center

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Robin Corkery, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Ben Guitron, Philip Jones, Bruce Latta, Kim Maguire-Hardee, Carla McNamara, Bryan Montgomery, John Niederkorn, Michelle Penn, Jose Ramirez, Dennis Sheehan, Jenn Schultz, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Steve Welsh, Mark Zacoric.

Guests: Moises A Nuno, Amy Lobado (Palm Desert Rotary), Ian Cozens

Opening: Meeting was opened by President Dennis Sheehan. Bryan Montgomery led the flag salute. Randy Bateman led the 4 Way Test.

Rotary Moment: Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month. Dennis reflected on the Rotary Club of Indio's projects & fundraisers all in the spirit of "Live the Magic of Rotary".

For Information:

- Induction of 3 new members: Michelle Penn, Jose Ramirez, & Philip Jones. A big welcome to all 3.



President-Nominee



Stacy Fifield
Rotary
Foundation
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

Richard F. Lemire
DG-Nominee

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

Bill Orr
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn
District Treasurer



Sponsor Mark Zacovic for Philip Jones, sponsor Bryan Montgomery for Jose Ramirez, Michelle Penn & her sponsor Bob Firing, Membership Chairman Bruce Latta

- April 23 or 30 will be our 2nd Guest Day
- March 8 is the Artisan Festival at Towne & Bliss Street in Indio, all members needed to help Chairman Carla McNamera coachcarla@yahoo.com 530-355-3562.
- March 18 Mid Year Review
- April 1 Club Meeting will be held at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission at 47470 Van Buren St, Indio, CA Lunch Meeting with a tour of the facilities.
- March 21 Mark Zacovic needs drivers to take RYLA Campers to the meeting spot.
- Following today's meeting Amy Lobado will explain the Anti-Trafficking Trailer that our club is hosting at the Artisan Festival.

Speaker: Bob Firing introduced Ian Cosens, the Director of Information Technology for the City of Indio. Ian was in the first graduating class from the Palm Desert High School. He joined the City of Indio in 2012. He leads a team of 10 technicians that have modernized the City of Indio's technology for all of its departments.

Their major projects that have taken the City of Indio from basically paper systems to state of the art digital.

- Payroll with electronic time cards, invoices, & Finances
- MS 365 kept up to date with all departments
- An online portal for Permitting & Business Licenses
- Electronic Plan Checks
- Fiber Master Plan & Network
- Fiber buildout for underserved & unversed areas of Indio.
- Electronics & digital for the new Public Safety Campus
- Electronics for new City Hall, Council chambers, & Conference Room
- Wireless Master Plan

Drawing: Kim's number was drawn. The history question was who said "Make America Great Again" before Trump. With a little help Kim had the correct answer: Ronald Reagan.

Gaboon: Steve Welslh passed the Gaboon.

Following the meeting Amy Lobado explained the Anti-Human Trafficking Trailer as to how we can host it on Sat Mar 8 at the Artisan Festival.



The new Club Banner that will be used for the first time at the Artisan Festival

Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day May 3, 2025



SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY DISTRICT 5330
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, CELEBRATION AND COMMUNITY

MAY 17TH, 2025 12-6 PM

CONFERENCE

**ROTARY DAY
AT GALWAY**

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY

LOCATION:
GALWAY DOWNS
38801 LOS CORRALITOS RD.
TEMECULA, CA
(HOME OF THE 2028 EQUESTRIAN OLYMPICS)

FREE SHOWCASE
AVAILABLE FOR ALL CLUBS!
*WE WANT ALL OF OUR CLUBS TO COME
OUT AND SHARE YOUR SERVICE
PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.*

**TICKETS WILL RANGE BETWEEN \$28-\$38 AND
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE SOON.**

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](#).



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

March 11th

[Leslie Namvar. Indios public arts analyst](#)

March 18th

[Bill Smith. Cervical Cancer Doctor](#)

Also the Midyear Review for the Rotary Club of Indio

March 25th

[Jose Esparza, Host & creater of the podcast "The New Mindset"](#)

Past Pres Ben Guitron will preside in Dennis Shehan's absence.

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Yucca Valley Sunset

March 1st

[Crestline-Lake Gregory](#)

March 1st

[Riverside](#)

March 1st

[Palm Springs](#)

March 4th

Cathedral City
March 5th

Highland
March 16th

Hemet
March 19th

Joshua Tree
March 28th

Twentynine Palms
March 15th

Rialto
March 18th

Menifee
March 25th