



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

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Club Leaders



<u>Dennis J.</u> <u>Sheehan</u> President



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Jennifer Schultz Treasurer

Mark Zacovic

Newsletter March 4, 2025



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

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Robin Corkery, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firring, 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



<u>Chris</u> <u>Pickering</u> Webmaster



Merlina Tate Webmaster



Benjamin Guitron IV iPast President

District Leaders

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Sponsor Mark Zacovic for Philip Jones, sponsor Bryan Montgomery for Jose Ramirez, Michelle Penn & her sponsor Bob Firring, 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 <u>coachcarla@yahoo.com</u> 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 Firring 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.

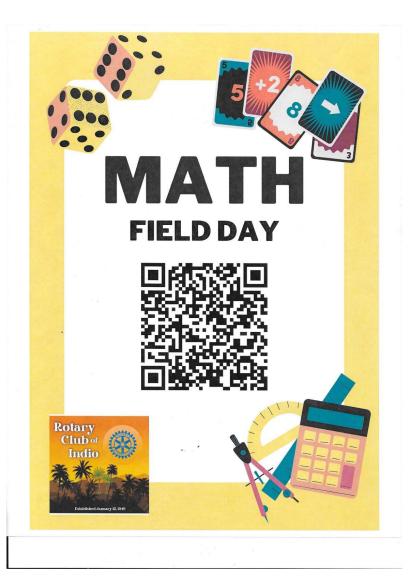
Gaboon: Steve Welslh passed the Gaboon.

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.

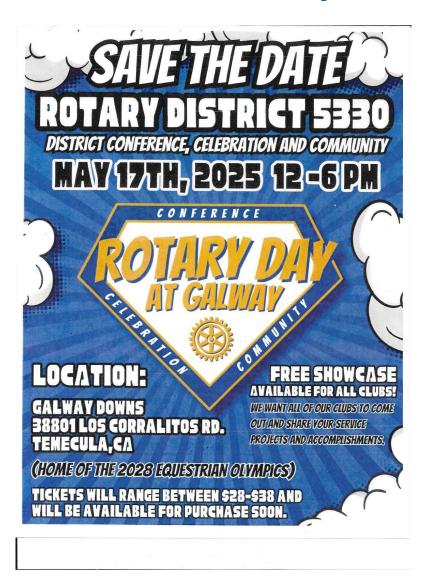


The new Club Banner that will be used for the first time at the Artisan Festival

Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day May 3, 2025



District 5330 Conference May 17, 2025



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:

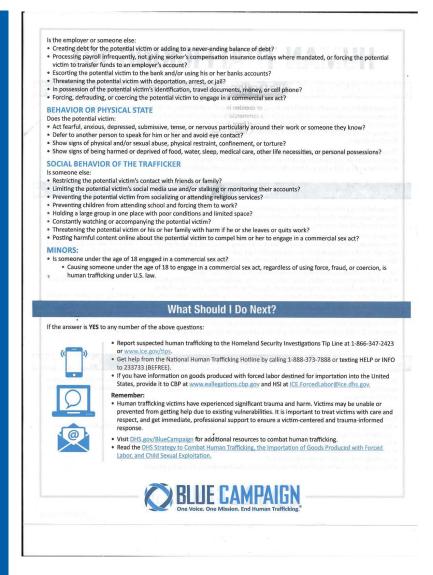
WORK CONDITIONS

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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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 25th

Jose Esparza, Host & creater of the podcast "The New Mindset"

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

March 18th

<u>Bill Smith. Cervical Cancer Doctor</u>

Also the Midyear Review for the Rotary
Club of Indio

Birthdays

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Wedding Anniversaries

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Club Anniversaries

Yucca Valley Sunset March 1st <u>Crestline-Lake Gregory</u> 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