

# Rotary

## Club of Indio



## Newsletter March 18, 2025

By Sue F. Steding



### 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 Members present:** Dennis Sheehan, Avi Rodriguez, Philip Jones, Stacy Fifield, Mark Zacovic, Sue Steding, Jose Ramirez, Bob Firing, Randy Bateman, Bruce Latta, John Niederkorn, Jenn Schultz and Carla McNamara.

**Visitors and Associate Members present:** Dr. Rick Gross, Christine Crawford with CVRM who is hosting us on April 1 for lunch and a tour, Glen Olinek from the Rotary Club of Aldergrove, B.C. Canada and Moises Nunos, prospective member.

**Opening:** Flag Salute: Avi 4-Way Test: Carla Gaboon: Randy

Membership chair, Bruce Latta provided the club shirt to Philip and Jose, and is holding one for Michele Penn.



President-Nominee



[Stacy Fifield](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Bruce Latta](#)  
Membership Chair



[Chris Pickering](#)  
Webmaster



[Merlina Tate](#)  
Webmaster



[Benjamin Guitron IV](#)  
iPast President

This was a mid-year reports update meeting:

Treasurer Jenn Schultz reported income to date to the operating account, \$25,000 plus and expenses to date at \$23,000 plus. She reported the foundation account currently has \$26,000 plus with all but \$1300 restricted to upcoming projects costs. Randy wanted to remind us that co-mingling the two accounts can create some serious problems for a Rotary Club. Our current accounts with First Bank will become accounts with California Bank and Trust as of March 24, 2025 due to the later taking over the former.

Avi, as PE reported that primary themes at SW PETS focused on membership recruitment and retention and a reminder that in order to grow members there is a need to be open to change. Her priorities, at this point, include increasing the local club's opportunities to volunteer; supporting district trainings and assembly; opening up communication with Interact parents as a good practice and perhaps some marketing; (She speaks as a parent of a PDHS Interact student); and a focus on marketing Rotary in order to demystify it. She will identify her board members with their assignments shortly.

Stacy, as Rotary Foundation chair presented the next level PH pin to Carla and Jenn, and handed Jenn a pin for Chris. Each reached the next mark with thanks to Barbara Dreis donating her PH points. We wait to learn if we have achieved our club's goals of \$10,000 to the Annual Fund and \$2000 to Polio Plus.

Mark identified the 9 goals for Youth Service this year and noted successes, in progress, and nothing yet"s". He will be managing the updating of the club's live scan of all members job.

President Dennis walked through the progress to date on the 3-year strategic plan.

**Opportunity drawing:** Bob Firing, with a roll-over resulting from sheer bewilderment of all concerning the flavor of orange, marshmallow, peanut circus candy: Banana.

**Artisan Festival 2025:** To view the photo gallery of the Rotary Club of Indio Artisan Festival [Click Here](#)

#### Dates to keep in mind for CVRM:

- Golf Tournament Monday, April 7, 2025 at Palm Valley Country Club
  - Digital Flyer and Form Attached
- Morning Mixer & Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at CVRM
  - Digital Flyer Attached
- National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 1, 2025 at CVRM
  - 7:00 am Full Breakfast
  - 8:00 am Powerful Time of Prayer and Worship
    - I will send digital flyer once we created

## District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar  
District Governor

Nyron H. McLean  
DG-Elect

Richard F. Lemire  
DG-Nominee

Albert R. Rubio  
District Membership Chair

Calvin B. Boothby  
Assistant Governor

Stacy Fifield  
Assistant Governor

Michelle French  
Assistant Governor

Carissa Gerry  
Assistant Governor

Matthew Goatcher  
Assistant Governor

Linda Kaye Hanley  
Assistant Governor

Leroy Johnson  
Assistant Governor

Sonia M Lamas  
Assistant Governor

Michele Nobleman  
Assistant Governor

Bryan E Sullivan

## 4 Way Test Speech Contest Results



Assistant Governor  
Mary Towne  
Assistant Governor  
Karyn G. Westervelt  
Assistant Governor  
Linda Kay White  
Assistant Governor



Parker is in the top row on the right.  
Parker Jaeger was the Rotary Club of Indio's entry in the District 5330 4 Way Test  
Speech Contest on March 8  
Even tho Parker had food poisoning from the day before, he struggled through  
earning 7th place for a \$200 prize.  
Congratulations to Parker.



2025 DISTRICT ROTARY 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST  
RESULTS ARE IN!

BY MARY SCOTT, CHAIRPERSON, DISTRICT 5330 ROTARY 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

CONGRATS TO THESE SPEAKERS AND THEIR SPONSORING CLUBS!

★ On Saturday March 8, These contestants performed prize-winning speeches at the District Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest:

Contestant	Achievement	Sponsoring Rotary Club	Amount awarded
Thomas Nelson	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Palm Desert	\$700
Peyton English	2nd Place	Moreno Valley	\$600
Stephania Garcia	3rd Place	Murrieta	\$500
Amrutha Hamsini Lattal	4th Place	Temecula	\$400
Anna Staack	5th Place	Redlands Sunrise	\$300
Christopher Persechini	6th Place	Temecula Sunrise	\$200
Parker Jaeger	7th Place	Indio	\$200
Hope Johnson	8th Place	Yucaipa	\$200
Aubree Gonzalez	9th Place	Colton	\$200
Natalie de la Cruz	10th Place	Lake Elsinore	\$200

★ These contestants, many first-time speakers, earned honorable mentions:

Contestant	Achievement	Sponsoring Rotary Club
Itza Vera	Honorable Mention	Big Bear Lake
Julia Rose Aler	Honorable Mention	Desert Hot Springs
Jorge Martinez	Honorable Mention	Palm Springs
Fabian Rivera	Honorable Mention	Palm Springs Sunup
Eduardo Solano	Honorable Mention	Perris
Hugo Trejo	Honorable Mention	San Bernardino

THANKS TO THESE SPECIAL CONTEST SUPPORTERS

- ★ San Gorgonio Pass Rotarians Linda Hanley and Mayda Cox shape-shifted from pre-contest registrars to post-contest tabulators.
- ★ Hemet Rotarians Scott Tilley, Rick Thomsen, Debbie Conway, and David Simpkins heroically handled food service and sergeant-at-arms duties while Sandy DeLeon of San Gorgonio Pass Rotary rescued the caffeine-deprived with cartons of Starbucks.

## Rotary Club of Indio Date Festival Parking

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Coachella Valley for asking the Rotary Club of Indio to volunteer for the Date Festival Parking Project. This is a big fund raiser for our club.

A big Thank You to each of our club that participated:

Mark Zacovic, Philip Jones, Carla & Mike McNamara, Bryan Montgomery, Dennis Sheehan, Merlina Tate, Bruce Latta, John Niederkorn, John Dolan, Randy Bateman, Stacy Fifield, Avi Rodrigues, & Mike Colby.



Chris Pickering, Stacy Fifield & Ceasar Rodrigues



Mark Zacovic Randy Bateman

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## Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day May 3, 2025





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**District 5330 Conference May 17, 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.**

## 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 25th

[Jose Esparza, Host & creater of the podcast](#)

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

April 8th

[Ceasar Rodriguez](#)

Our Lady of Guadeloupe Pilgrimage

April 1st

[Tour of the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission](#)

Noon Meeting held at the CVRM followed by a tour of the facility.

April 15th

[Brian Equez](#)

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## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Club Anniversaries

Yucca Valley Sunset

March 1st

[Crestline-Lake Gregory](#)

March 1st

Cathedral City

[Riverside](#)

March 1st

[Palm Springs](#)

March 4th

Twentynine Palms



March 5th  
Highland  
March 16th  
Hemet  
March 19th  
Joshua Tree  
March 28th

March 15th  
Rialto  
March 18th  
Menifee  
March 25th