

Rotary Club of Indio



Newsletter March 25, 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

March 25th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed

April 1st
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed

April 4th
Zoom - Coachella
Valley Pres Council

April 8th
Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed

April 11th
RYLA

April 15th
Weekly Club Meeting
RSVP Needed

April 22nd



Rotary Club of Indio Meeting March 25, 2025

Fantasy Springs Casino, upstairs

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Robin Corkery, Stacy Fifield, Bob Furring, Ben Guitron, Philip Jones, Bruce Latta, Carla McNamara, Bryon Montgomery, John Niederkorn, Moises Nuno, Jose Ramirez, Chris Schultz, Jenn Schultz, Sue Stedding, Merlina Tate, Mark Zacovic

Guests: Don Gregory, visiting Rotarian from Kent WA; Jose Esparza, Speaker

Opening: The meeting was opened by Past Pres Ben Guitron in the absence of Dennis Sheehan. The flag ceremony was led by Sue Steding. The 4 Way Test by Philip Jones.

Information:

- The Board at the March 20 Meeting decided it would be better to pass the Gaboon only to those members that signal the person passing the Gaboon.
- **The next meeting on April 1 will be at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, 47470 Van Buren St, Indio. Lunch will be at noon followed by a tour of the facility.** Ms Kristen Crawford, the development coordinator will be providing us with more details.
- April 11 the Rotary Club of Indio will have a booth at the Sun City Shadow Hills Volunteer Fair to be held at the Montecito Clubhouse from 11 am - 1 pm.
- April 19 District Training Assembly in Hemet. So far 4 are attending from our club. Our goal is to have at least 6. Stacy Fifield is the Chairman of the event. sdfifield@aol.com
- **April 29 Guest Day**
- May 3 Math Field Day. To Volunteer contact Sue Steding 760-485-1843 sgs3291@aol.com
- May 17th District Conference at Galway. Following is the link for tickets & information <http://www.district5330.org/rotary-day-at-galway-district-conference-celebration-community/> 11am-6pm at Galway Downs Equestrian Facility in Temecula Wine Country
- Rotary Club of Indio sponsored 10 juniors from SHHS to attend the RYLA Rotary Leadership Camp March 21-23. They had a great time.

**Indio Weekly Club
Meeting RSVP
Needed**

Club Leaders



Dennis J. Sheehan
President



Avisinia Rodriguez
President-Elect
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz
Treasurer



Mark Zacovic
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

Albert R. Rubio
District Membership



Speaker: Bob Furring introduced Jose Esparza the podcast host.



[The New Mindset of the Coachella Valley](#)

Jose Esparza described how he enjoys listening to people's stories. He monthly downloads interviews with a variety of people with a story to tell. They usually last about 30 minutes. His podcasts are now available world wide & in many languages.

He is interested in working with the Rotary Club of Indio on sharing information about our activities & projects on his podcasts.

Jose has recently been hired by Assemblyman Jeff Gonzales. He invited our club to attend the Community Coffee on March 29.

ASSEMBLYMAN
JEFF GONZALEZ

INVITES YOU TO A

Community Coffee



SATURDAY, MARCH 29 | 8:30AM-11AM

81730 US HIGHWAY 111, SUITE 14
INDIO, CALIFORNIA 92201

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
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Sonia M Lamas
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Michele Nobleman
Assistant Governor

Bryan E Sullivan
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

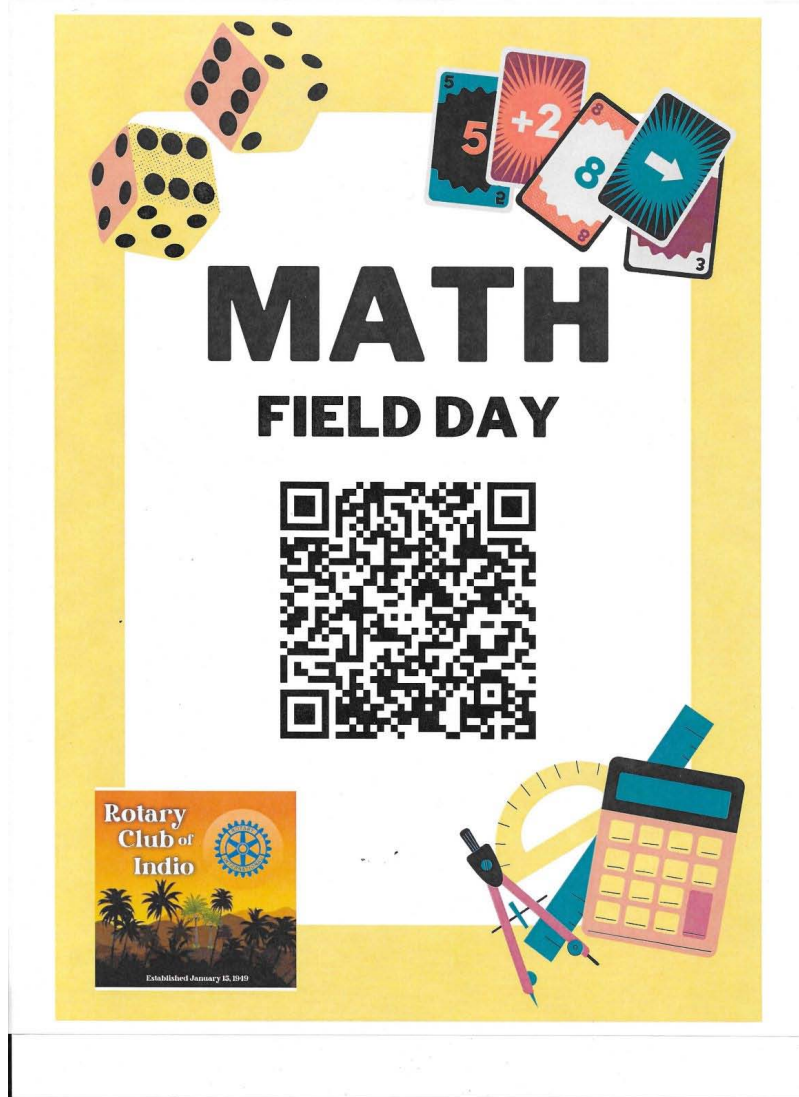
Karyn G. Westervelt
Assistant Governor

Linda Kay White
Assistant Governor

Drawing: Bob Firing had the lucky number & our guest speaker had the right answer to the Sports & Leisure category: How long can the responses be for the Awards for Podcasters. The answer is 5 words.

Gaboon: The Gaboon was passed by Mark Zacovic

Rotary Club of Indio Math Field Day May 3, 2025



District 5330 Conference

Here is the link for tickets and information:
<https://www.district5330.org/rotary-day-at-galway-district-conference-celebration-community/>

Rotary Day at Galway - District Conference, Celebration, & Community

May 17th, 2025
 11 AM to 6 PM

Galway Downs Equestrian Facility in
 Temecula Wine Country

Ticket prices range from \$31-\$42

Full Meal included in the \$42 ticket price

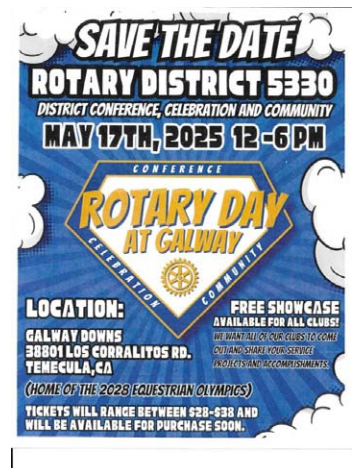
Additional food and drinks available for purchase

No-Host Bar Onsite

SCHEDULE

An Epic Day of Service

Join us for an inspiring and action-packed day as Rotary District 5330



comes together to celebrate service, leadership, and community impact! This special event will feature engaging activities, impactful speakers, and well-deserved recognitions, culminating in an evening of celebration and fun.

Morning Activities

We will start the day with our Epic Day of Service. Interactors will join forces with Roteractors and Rotarians to assemble wellness bags for foster children in the Inland Empire.

After the Epic Day of Service, Interactors will participate in the opening ceremonies of the District Conference. After which they will break off and participate in interactive games, team-building activities, leadership development exercises, and club brags.

Afternoon Program

A heartfelt Celebration of Life presentation will honor and remember those who have impacted the Rotary community.

The program continues with an equestrian team demonstration featuring an exceptional performance of the National Anthem. Following this, attendees will gather for group photos, capturing the spirit of fellowship and service.

Rotary leaders will then lead a reflective moment, including the Pledge of Allegiance, a recitation of the 4-Way Test, and an inspiring Rotary Moment. Distinguished guests and VIPs will be introduced, setting the stage for the keynote address.

Our keynote speaker, Rotary International Trustee Vicki Puliz, will deliver an insightful and motivational speech that highlights Rotary's profound impact worldwide.

The afternoon features the highly anticipated Club Awards and Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence (RAVE), recognizing outstanding contributions and achievements within District 5330 and our community.

Finally, we will have the "Passing of the Banner" as we celebrate Judy Zulfiqar's year as District Governor and welcome District Governor Nyron McLean for 2025-2026.

Evening Festivities

A special Peace Pole dedication ceremony will take place, symbolizing Rotary's ongoing commitment to peace and unity.

Another evening highlight will be the KCBS BBQ Award Presentations, honoring the best in barbecue craftsmanship and competition.

To close out this incredible day, attendees will gather for a lively after-party featuring music by Rotarian Larry Potter. The party will celebrate fellowship, service, and the event's successes.

This event promises to be a memorable gathering of Rotarians, Interactors, and community leaders, united in the spirit of service, leadership, and celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

BBQ Teams - If you or your club would like to participate in the BBQ competition for Rotary Clubs, please contact Stephen Levine at rotarysteven@icloud.com.

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If you would like to stay the night or stay the weekend in Temecula Wine Country, here are some options on-site at Galway Downs and nearby.

There are RV parking spaces at a discount. Contact Chris at 949 230 1488 and let her know you are with our event. She will book your spot. A 30-amp space is \$75 per night, and a 50-amp space is \$90 per night.

There are two-bedroom units available at Galway Downs; you have to call Orianna at 951-514 3120 or email stay@galwaydowns.com since their two bedroom units are not currently listed on their website.

They have a few bigger houses with four bedrooms and four bathrooms that people could share if you wish. Those are on the Galway Downs website. <https://staykentina.com/accommodation/gd-ranch-house/>

There is also a KOA with small cabins at Vail Lake, 2 miles away. <https://koa.com/campgrounds/temecula/>

<https://www.visittemeculavalley.com/>

Please share this information along with the attached flier with your club members. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring family and friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Maryalice Owings at maryalice.albergowings@gmail.com.

Judy Zulfiqar



Judy Zulfiqar
District Governor, District 5330
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✉️ dgjudy2425@gmail.com



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 & creator of the [podcast](#)

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

April 8th

[Ceasar Rodriguez](#)

Our Lady of Guadeloupe Pilgrimage

April 22nd

[Peter Sturgeon](#)

Ophelia Project Guest Day

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



[Michael Colby](#)
March 27th



[Chris Pickering](#)
March 27th



[Jennifer Schultz](#)
April 1st



[Mark Zacovic](#)
April 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Yucca Valley Sunset
March 1st

[Crestline-Lake Gregory](#)
March 1st

Cathedral City
March 5th

Highland
March 16th

[Hemet](#)
March 19th

Joshua Tree
March 28th

[Riverside](#)
March 1st

[Palm Springs](#)
March 4th

Twentynine Palms
March 15th

[Rialto](#)
March 18th

[Menifee](#)
March 25th