

# Rotary Club of Indio



Newsletter April 1, 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

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 April 1, 2025  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
47470 Van Buren Street, Indio CA**

**Members Present:** Randy Bateman, Mike Colby, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Pilip Jones, Carla, McNamara, John Niederkorn, Chris Pickering, Jenn Schultz, Dennis Sheehan, Merlina Tate, Elizabeth Tucker, Mark Zacovic.

**Guests:** Billy McDonald, Jill Bateman, Dr Rick Gross, Scott Wolf (Director of CVRM), Kriston Crawford (CVRM).

**Opening:** Meeting was opened by President Dennis Sheehan. Flag Salute was led by Chris Pickering. 4 Wa Test was led by Bruce Latta.

Indio Weekly Club Meeting  
RSVP Needed

April 29th

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

**Rotary Moment:** Renew our commitments to each other and to the community we serve. "Identify emerging needs - engage with local organizations to understand where our club's support can make the most difference."

### Information:

- April 11: Sun City Shadow Hills Volunteer Fair. Rotary Club of Indio will have a booth promoting our club. From 11am-1pm at the Montecito Clubhouse in Sun City Shadow Hills. Chairman: Mark Zacovic.
- April 19: District Training Assembly. So far 5 club members are registered. Chairman of the Event: Stacy Fifield.
- April 29: Guest Day. Bring a guest to lunch
- May 3: Math Field Day. Chairman Sue Steding
- May 6 & 7: Scholarship Interviews at Shadow Hills High School. Contact Mark Zacovic [mzacovic@gmail.com](mailto:mzacovic@gmail.com) or 951-537-9384 to volunteer for the interviewing team.
- May 17th: Rotary Day at Galway. See following story

**Tour of Coachella Valley Rescue Mission:** Kriston Crawford took the group on a tour of the facilities. CVRM is supported by mostly private donations. All services are free to it's clients. The facility can house men, women, children, & families in their several programs. Everyone is welcome at the CVRM. If they do not meet the criteria for staying, CVRM helps them reach out to programs in other facilities that can help them. CVRM's goal is to be the help that restores a useful life to all it's clients.

April 29 is the Grand Oping of the Women's & Children's Shelter II. 8 am is breakfast & 10 am is the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

May 1 is the National Day of Prayer. A service will be held at CVRM 47470 Van Buren St, Indio from 7-9 am.

For mor information call Kriston Crawford 760-347-3512 Ext 246

**Drawing & Gaboon:** Drawing & Gaboon were skipped due to how long the tour took.

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

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.visitemeculavalley.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](mailto:maryalice.albergowings@gmail.com).

*Judy Zulfiqar*



**Judy Zulfiqar**  
District Governor, District 5330

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**District 5330 Conference May 17, 2025**



Dear Rotarian Dennis,

Ever wanted to be part of an EPIC DAY of SERVICE but weren't sure how? Here's your chance!

On May 17, at the Rotary Day of Service at Galway Downs, we'll be assembling 200 wellness bags for children and youth supported by Voices for Children, Oak Grove Center, and The Rose Again Foundation—and we need your help to make it happen!

We've created an Amazon Wish List with the items that will go into these bags, providing comfort and care to those who need it most.

You can help by purchasing items directly from the EPIC DAY OF SERVICE, Rotary Day at Galway list here: <https://shorturl.at/TWAqs>

Important: When checking out, please select the registry address to ensure your donation is shipped to the correct location for the event.

Your donations—big or small—will make a real difference!

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this incredible day of impact!  
If you have any questions, please reach out to Ana Flores at [aflores614@gmail.com](mailto:aflores614@gmail.com) or you can reach out to me directly.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Jackie Chatman

Email: [jackiedhsrotary@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedhsrotary@gmail.com)  
HPhone: (213) 822-2634

## Rotary Youth Showcase Event

**Rotary Youth Showcase Event**

**Rotary District 5330**

**4-WAY TEST SPEECH AND MUSIC COMPETITION SHOWCASE**

DISTRICT-LEVEL WINNERS WILL PERFORM THEIR WINNING SPEECHES AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES FOR THE FIRST 100 TICKET PURCHASERS IN DISTRICT 5330 AND OUR COMMUNITY. LIMITED SEATING! TICKETS WILL SELL OUT FAST!

**BENEDICT CASTLE,  
5445 CHICAGO AVE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92507**

**\$15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS)**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [ROTARY5330.ORG](http://ROTARY5330.ORG) (EVENTS PAGE)**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL  
6TH  
3 PM TO 4:30 PM**

## 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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Howard Hoffenberg

## Speakers

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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April 29th  
[Craig Magaw](#)  
Operation Safe House

April 8th  
[Ceasar Rodriguez](#)  
Our Lady of Guadeloupe Pilgrimage

April 22nd  
[Peter Sturgeon](#)  
Ophelia Project Guest Day

## Birthdays



[Jennifer Schultz](#)  
April 1st



[Mark Zacovic](#)  
April 6th



## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Club Anniversaries

Redlands

April 1st

San Bernardino North

April 11th

Riverside Sunrise

April 28th

Redlands Sunrise

April 30th

Perris

April 4th

Rancho Mirage

April 27th

Murrieta

April 28th