

# Rotary

## Club of Indio



Newsletter 01/14/2025



### 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  
President-Nominee



### Rotary Club of Indio Guest Day Meeting Jan 14, 2025

#### Fantasy Springs Event Center

**Members:** Randy Bateman, Robin Corcor, Stacy Fifield, Bob Furring, Ben Guitron, Kim Hardee, Harold Hoffenberg, Bruce Latta, Carla McNamera, Bryan Montgomery, Steve Morgan, John Niederkorn, Chris Pickering, Dennis Sheehan, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Steve Welsh, Mark Zacovic

**Guests:** Alejandra Zamora, Michelle Penn, Rolf Gillardon, John Hardee, Denise, Dave Jenks, Jon Nicks, Jose Ramirez, Nicole Mendoza, Aaron Perez, Cesar Delgado, Bryan Eguez, Martin Caniza, Leilani Baudoin, Lydelle Snell, Phillip Jones, BJ Kaske, Jesus Del Toro

**Opening:** Meeting opened by Pres Dennis Sheehan. Flag Ceremony led by Randy Bateman, 4 Way Test led by Bob Furring

**Rotary Moment:** January is Vocational Service Month. Rotarians are encouraged to use their professional skills to serve their communities. It is based on the belief that all useful occupations are worthy of respect and that every Rotarian's vocation is an



Stacy Fifield  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Bruce Latta  
Membership  
Chair



Chris  
Pickering  
Webmaster



Merlina  
Tate  
Webmaster



Benjamin  
Guitron IV  
iPast  
President

opportunity to serve society,

**Presentation:** Dennis made a special presentation to Kim Hardee, founder of CAN for being named the Champion of Animals by the Palm Springs Animal Shelter. See story later in this Newsletter.



**Introduction of Guests:** Each Rotarian introduced their guests.

**Half Yearly Report:** Pres Dennis Sheehan shared the Mission of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Indio's projects with our guests.

**Announcements:**

- January 21 - "Four Way Test Speech Contest" Meeting. Students from Shadow Hills High School will deliver their speeches.
- Feb 5th "Dine to Donate" at the Texas Roadhouse.

**Drawing:** Robin Corkery held the winning number. The question was what country serves Chimichurri sauce & Steak. Fortunately, Sue Steding's guest Martin Caniza is from Argentina where the dish is served. Robin won \$25.

**Gaboon:** Carla McNamera passed the Gaboon

## District Leaders

Judy A. Zulfiqar  
District Governor

Nyron H. McLean  
DG-Elect

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

Richard F. Lemire  
Assistant Governor

Bill Orr  
Assistant Governor

Chris Schultz  
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne  
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn  
District Treasurer

## Champion for Animals - Kim Hardee

## CHAMPION FOR ANIMALS HONOREE KIM HARDEE



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coachellaanimalnetwork CAN Founder Kim Hardee has been named 'Champion for animals' by Palm Springs Animal Shelter !! This is an incredible honor and highlights Kim's dedication to helping animals 🐾

Palm Springs Animal Shelter: Celebrating Dedication


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December 22, 2024

## The Rotary All Valley Fire Relief Drive a Huge Success




**ALL-VALLEY  
ROTARY  
FIRE RELIEF  
DRIVE FOR  
LA COUNTY**

FIRE CREWS AND DISPLACED RESIDENTS NEED OUR HELP!  
LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS  
AND TRANSPORTING THEM TO LOCAL RELIEF  
ORGANIZATIONS IMMEDIATELY.  
MONETARY DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED.

**Collection Date  
JANUARY 12TH, 11 AM - 5 PM**


**ITEMS NEEDED**

- ✓ Canned Foods
- ✓ All warm clothes
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Sleeping bags
- ✓ Tissues
- ✓ Toilet papers
- ✓ Bottled Water


Donate to the Rotary 2025 Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund here: 

**3 DROP OFF LOCATIONS FOR CONVENIENCE**

<p>ACME Moving &amp; Storage 77550 Enfield Ln, Palm Desert, CA</p>	<p>Sam's Club Parking Lot 34220 Monterey Ave, Palm Desert, CA</p>	<p>Smart &amp; Final Parking Lot 5001 Ramon Rd Bldg 4, Palm Springs, CA</p>
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 SPECIAL THANKS TO ACME MOVING & STORAGE FOR BEING OUR TRANSPORTATION PARTNER. DELIVERING ALL DONATIONS

For more information or to volunteer contact: Kelly Garcia 760.831.114 or Matt McLeroy 760.423.8670



A Trememdous outpouring of caring, as Rotary Club Members, Businesses, & other Volunteers held a Fire Relief Drive on Jan 12 from 11 am-3 pm at 3 locations. The Acme Storage Facility, Sam's Club, & Smart & Final were all very busy.

The Smart & Final Location had a wonderful crew. Rotarians Matt McLeroy (Indio Sunrise), Merlina Tate (Rotary Club of Indio), Michele Nobleman (PS Noon), Judy Bernstein (PS Noon), Jorge Martinez (PS Interact) Other Volunteers: Leilani Baudoin came with Merlina. Five other Volunteers just stopped by & offered to help.



At the Smart & Final location we filled 2 big Bright trucks in 4 hours. The quality of the items donated was amazing, Many brought shopping carts from Smart & Final filled with purchases of water & other supplies.

Merlina & Leilani with the signs on the Bright Truck.  
Thank you so much to Bright & Acme Storage for their donation of trucks & transport.  
Dennis Sheehan volunteered at one of the other two locations.



Eric Davenport of Indio Sunrise (left) and Doug Bowser of Acme (right) moving bedding to make room for even more donated toiletries!  
All donations will be delivered by tomorrow or Tuesday to the Red Cross and YMCA in L.A.'s Koreatown. If there's no room there, they'll be stored at Acme's Milford Street location in L.A.  
Thank you to everyone who contributed to this incredible outpouring of aid! Your generosity

makes a difference.

Stacy Fifield volunteered at the Sam's Club Location.

## Leticia DeCuir exhibiting at Rotary Artisan Festival, also at an Art Show

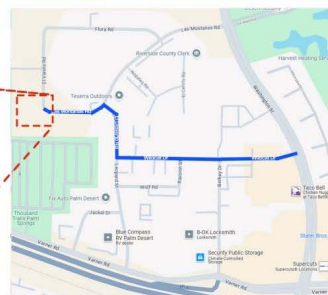
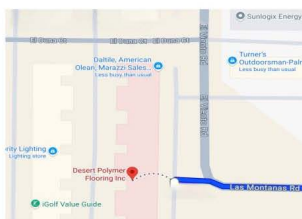
Leticia DeCuir

[Divinelycreatedart@gmail.com](mailto:Divinelycreatedart@gmail.com)

Leticia will be exhibiting at the Rotary Club of Indio Artisan Festival as well as the Art Show at the Desert Polymer Flooring Co on Jan 17.



**DESERT POLYMER FLOORING INC.**  
77583 El Viento Palm Desert, CA 92211



## District 5330 Peace Conference Jan 25

Dennis Sheehan & Merlina Tate are attending the Jan 25 Peace Conference at the Nixon Library. Dennis has room for 1 more in his car. Please let Dennis know if you would like a ride.



**GARBIS DER-YEGHIAN  
ANNUAL  
PEACE**  
*Conference*

**25  
JAN  
2025**

**8:00AM - 12:00PM**



Rotary  
District 5300

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum  
18001 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA  
**DISTRICT5300.ORG/PEACE-CONFERENCE/**

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District 5330

Register Now @ <https://www.district5300.org/peace-conference/>

Helen has shared her insights on world peace with audiences across the globe, including in Russia, China, India, Australia, Europe, and North America. She played a pivotal role in creating the *Ending War 101 Education Program* and currently serves as Chair of its Organizing Committee. As the founder of *Pivot2Peace* and a *Positive Peace Ambassador* for the *Institute on Economics and Peace*, Helen brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to the cause of global peace.

Before dedicating herself to peace advocacy, Helen had a successful career as a Computer Executive and Management Consultant, specializing in leadership and team-building for corporate groups.

We are excited to have Helen join us as our Keynote Speaker for this impactful event. Her vision and leadership will inspire all attendees to work toward a more peaceful world.

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## Ice Hockey

2024  
2025  
SEASON

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5330 NIGHT!**

**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM**  
**ACRISURE ARENA, THOUSAND PALMS, CA**



Rotary  
District 5330

JOIN ROTARY DISTRICT 5330 AT A FIREBIRDS HOCKEY GAME. A PORTION OF EACH TICKET WILL BENEFIT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED. PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY BY USING THE QR CODE BELOW OR FOLLOWING THE LINK : [HTTPS://FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/ROTARYDISTRICT5330](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/rotarydistrict5330)



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SAMANTHA MONTANO [smontano@oakviewgroup.com](mailto:smontano@oakviewgroup.com) / 760-835-8944

## 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

January 14th

["Bring a guest day" also Dennis Sheehan](#)  
Each Rotarian bring a guest. Also Midyear report

January 28th

[Corazon](#)  
A Rotary Project in Mexico

February 11th

[Jason Anderson](#)  
City of Indio

January 21st

[Lin Conrad](#)  
Living Desert

February 4th

[Chris Pickering](#)

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries



[Bruce Latta](#)  
January 30th

## Club Anniversaries

Corona-Circle City

January 10th

Lake Elsinore

January 18th

Indian Wells

January 27th

Indio

January 15th

Big Bear Lake

January 18th