

Rotary Club of Indio



Newsletter for Feb 25, 2025

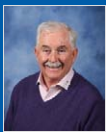
Club Meeting

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

No Events found

Club Leaders



Dennis J. Sheehan
President



Avisinia Rodriguez
President-Elect
Secretary



Jennifer Schultz
Treasurer



Mark Zacovic
President-Nominee

Stacy Fifield
Rotary
Foundation



Rotary Club of Indio meeting Feb 25, 2025
Fantasy :March 4

Members Present: Randy Bateman, Stacy Fifield, Bob Firing, Bruce Latta, Kim Maguire-Hardee, Steve Morgan, John Neiderkorn, Dennis Sheehan, Sue Steding, Merlina Tate, Michael Colby, Howard Hoffenberg, Jenn Shultz, Robin Corkery.

Guest: Brent Verry, Palm Springs Animal Shelter

Meeting Opening: Meeting opened by Pres. Dennis Sheehan. Steve Morgan led the flag ceremony. Mike Colby led the 4 Way Test.

Rotary Moment: Happy Birthday to Rotary! Rotary celebrated a 120th Birthday on February 23. Our 2025 Worldwide theme is Peace Building.

For Your Information:

- Membership:** The Board met Feb 20th, approving 3 new members. Their induction is planned for March 4
- Guest Day:** A 2nd Guest Day is planned for April 23 or 30.
- Mid Year Review:** will be March 18.
- Our Club Meeting April 1:** will be held at the CVRM & will include lunch & a tour of the facilities.
- PETS** (President Elect Training Session) update by Stacy Fifield.
- Date Festival Parking Fundraiser:** There are still some open spots. See the story following. Any questions call Joe Ceja of the Rotary Club of Coachells #760-636-9281.
- Human Trafficking info following our March 4 Meeting:** Amy Lobado will talk to our club immediately following our meeting.
- Rotary Club of Indio Artisans Festival March 8:** Sign up to help with Carla McNamera 536355-3562 coachcarla@yahoo.com.
- Rotary Club of Indio Sunrise:** Fundraiser dinner & entertainment March 15th at the CV Historical Museum. Mark Zacovic is attending & hopes others will go to give him a carload. Contact Mark at 951-537-9384 mzacovic@gmail.com
- Interact Students to RYLA:** Mark Zacovic needs 2 other drivers to take Interact Students from the Shadow Hills High School to the bus meeting point near I-10 early March 21. Contact Mark 951-537-9384 mzacovic@gmail.com

Speaker: Bob Firing introduced Brent Verry the Development Director of the Palm Springs Animal Allies.



Chair



Bruce Latta
Membership
Chair



Chris Pickering
Webmaster



Merlina Tate
Webmaster



Benjamin
Guitron IV
iPast President

District Leaders

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District Governor
Nyron H. McLean
DG-Elect

Richard F. Lemire
DG-Nominee

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District Foundation
Chair

Albert R. Rubio
District Membership
Chair

Calvin B. Boothby
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Assistant Governor

Stacy Fifield
Assistant Governor

Bill Orr
Assistant Governor

Chris Schultz
Assistant Governor

Mary Towne
Assistant Governor

Jamie M Zinn
District Treasurer

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Bart Verry



The Palm Springs Animal Shelter has combined with the animal clinic in Desert Hot Springs & the Desert Wildlife Center in Indio. They are a no kill shelter. The Desert Wildlife Center in Indio may open in 6-8 weeks for rehab for injured birds, then will expand to other animals in the future. Presently Ramona is the closest animal rehab center.

Greater Palm Springs Animal Allies (formerly Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which operates the Palm Springs Animal Shelter and the Desert Wildlife Center. The Palm Springs Animal Shelter is an open admissions municipal shelter serving the city of Palm Springs and providing programs for animals, pets and pet owners across the Coachella Valley. The Desert Wildlife Center, located in Indio, CA, will open in Spring 2025 and will serve as a safe refuge for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife needing medical treatment and rehabilitation. Kim Maguire-Hardee also spoke about the high kill rate at the Riverside Human Society. She emphasized the need for Spay & Nutering Dogs & cats.

Drawing: John Niederkorn's lucky number was drawn. The History question was, "which car co closed it's doors in 1963. Several were able to help John as most knew the answer, "Studebaker". Shows the age of our membership.

Gaboon: Randy Bateman passed the Gaboon.

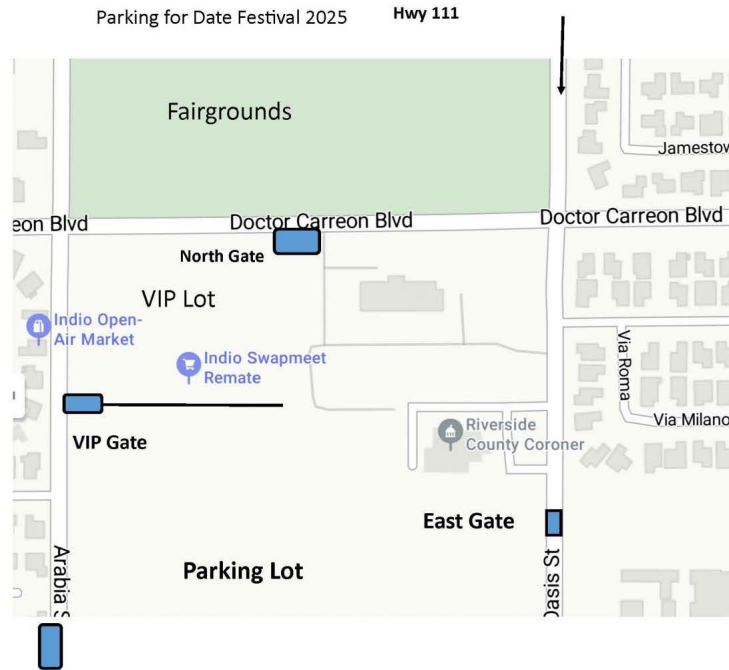
Date Festival Parking Project

Rotary Club of Indio has a huge opportunity to raise funds for our many community projects by taking part in the Date Festival Parking Project.

The Club will be paid by the hour for their participation.
[Date Festival Parking Sign Up Sheet](#)

Please read all the following information, then sign up for as many shifts as you can manage.

For those already signed up, you can click on the [Sign Up Link](#) to see for which days & times you signed up.



Arabia Exit Gate

For Volunteers:

- Go South on Oasis Street from Hwy 111
- Turn Right into Parking Lot Entrance (This is the East Gate)
- If there is a long line, just get around it the best you can. Go past the line & ask a Volunteer who you should check in with. It is usually Joe. You can park near the gate for which you have volunteered.
- Wear your Rotary shirt. Bring a chair, appropriate clothing for the weather, a hat, water, any snacks you may need, something to read if you are at the North or VIP gate, & a flashlight if you have a late shift.

- If you have not already signed up for your shifts, please take this opportunity. The sign up sheet is an interactive google.docs sheet. Open the following link, scroll to the days & times that you want to Volunteer & enter your name. The form will automatically record & save your entry. [Date Festival Parking Sign Up.](#)
- The East Gate is where all cars enter for parking. This is the busiest gate & needs volunteers that are comfortable taking money, making change, using the Credit Card Square.
- The North Gate is where the Fairgoers cross Dr Carreon to enter the Fairgrounds. You are the first person to greet them & answer questions.
- The VIP Exit Gate is mainly to not let those without VIP parking from entering the VIP area. Sometimes those that are leaving the VIP area need a little help in knowing where the Exit is. After they leave the VIP gate they need to Exit the gate on Arabia (the West Gate).
- For any questions contact Stacy Fifield sdfifield@aol.com 760-578-2963 or Merlina Tate tate.merlina@gmail.com 509-641-0537

Artisan Festival Sign Up Sheets

The Rotary Club of Indio Artisan Festival is just around the corner. We need volunteers Friday, March 7th in the morning and Saturday March 8th morning and afternoon. I have attached the sign-up sheet so you can pick an area you would like to volunteer for. Feel free to email coachcarla@yahoo.com or call 530-355-3562 if you have questions.

Thank you!

Carla McNamara
Chair, RCI Artisan Festival

THE ROTARY CLUB OF INDIO
ARTISAN FESTIVAL
FRIDAY/SATURDAY MARCH 7th and 8th
VOLUNTEER LIST

FRIDAY MARCH 7

8-10 AM trash pick-up delivery of porta-potties, paint lines

1. John Niederkorn
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SATURDAY MARCH 8

Logistics: John

Vendor Traffic Control 7:30 AM-10 AM

1. John Niederkorn
2. Stacy Fifield
3. _____

Setup 7:30 AM-9 AM:

1. Robin Corkery
2. Bryan Montgomery
3. _____
4. _____

All morning volunteers be present to help with setup

Tear down 3 PM – 5 PM:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

All afternoon volunteers be present to help with tear down and clean up

Information and Business Booth: Merlina

- 8-12: 1. Sue Steding
2. Steve Morgan
3. _____

- 12-3: 1. Bob Firing

2. _____
3. _____

Artisan Support: Carla

- 8-11: 1. Philip Jones
2. _____

- 11-3: 1. _____
2. _____

8:00-3:00 Interact Club

Vendor Assistance – these slots are for Interact Volunteers

- 8-12: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

- 12-3: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Human Trafficking 101

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

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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Is the employer or someone else:

- Creating debt for the potential victim or adding to a never-ending balance of debt?
- Processing payroll infrequently, not giving worker's compensation insurance outlays where mandated, or forcing the potential victim to transfer funds to an employer's account?
- Escorting the potential victim to the bank and/or using his or her banks accounts?
- Threatening the potential victim with deportation, arrest, or jail?
- In possession of the potential victim's identification, travel documents, money, or cell phone?
- Forcing, defrauding, or coercing the potential victim to engage in a commercial sex act?

BEHAVIOR OR PHYSICAL STATE

Does the potential victim:

- Act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous particularly around their work or someone they know?
- Defer to another person to speak for him or her and avoid eye contact?
- Show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- Show signs of being harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, other life necessities, or personal possessions?

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR OF THE TRAFFICKER

Is someone else:

- Restricting the potential victim's contact with friends or family?
- Limiting the potential victim's social media use and/or stalking or monitoring their accounts?
- Preventing the potential victim from socializing or attending religious services?
- Preventing children from attending school and forcing them to work?
- Holding a large group in one place with poor conditions and limited space?
- Constantly watching or accompanying the potential victim?
- Threatening the potential victim or his or her family with harm if he or she leaves or quits work?
- Posting harmful content online about the potential victim to compel him or her to engage in a commercial sex act?

MINORS:

- Is someone under the age of 18 engaged in 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.

What Should I Do Next?

If the answer is **YES** to any number of the above questions:



- Report suspected human trafficking to the Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line at 1-866-347-2423 or www.ice.gov/tips.
- Get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1-888-373-7888 or texting HELP or INFO to 233733 (BEFREE).
- If you have information on goods produced with forced labor destined for importation into the United States, provide it to CBP at www.eallegations.cbp.gov and HSI at ICE.Forced.Labor@ice.dhs.gov.

Remember:

- Human trafficking victims have experienced significant trauma and harm. Victims may be unable or prevented from getting help due to existing vulnerabilities. It is important to treat victims with care and respect, and get immediate, professional support to ensure a victim-centered and trauma-informed response.

- Visit DHS.gov/BlueCampaign for additional resources to combat human trafficking.
- Read the [DHS Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the Importation of Goods Produced with Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation](#).



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

February 25th
[Brent Verry](#)
Palm Springs Animal Shelter

March 11th
[Leslie Namvar. Indios public arts analyst](#)

March 4th
[Jan Cozens. Indio's chief technology officer](#)

March 18th
[Bill Smith. Cervical Cancer Doctor](#)
Also the Midyear Review for the
Rotary Club of Indio

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Anniversaries

Beaumont-Cherry Valley
February 8th

[San Geronio Pass \(Banning\)](#)
February 23rd