



This Week – No Tuesday Meeting It's a Day Of Rest

Unless, of course, you are joining club members and supporters at the Hitting for Hope Golf Fundraiser tomorrow at Shadow Mountain Golf Club. It will be a perfect day to putt, drive and enjoy the weather at this delightful and historical course in the heart of Palm Desert.

Next Week – Pollinators: Little Things That Move The World



Our own **Jack Fitzsimmons** will be with us on April 1 to talk about the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group's (ESRAG) Operation Pollination. Although fairly new to Palm Desert Rotary, Jack has been a Rotarian for over 10 years and volunteers for Amigos de Guatemala, a non-profit founded and led by Rotarians. His special interest in environmental issues has led to his participation as a US Ambassador for ESRAG as well as Food Plant Solutions, based in Australia. He has been certified as a Climate Steward through UC Riverside and as a Pollinator Specialist through the global Pollinator Partnership organization. After his retirement 10 years ago, Jack started a graphic design business that provides pro bono advertising services for non-profit, community and service organizations. He also has

the honor of being a Specialist Docent at the Palm Springs Air Museum, Art Director for the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert and a board member of the Palm Springs Public Library Foundation. In his spare time since his retirement, Jack has pursued his passion for travel and photography with his husband of 32 years and fellow Palm Desert Rotarian Walter Gendell. He regularly displays his photography at the Stephen Baumbach Gallery and SOPA Creative Gallery & Studios in Palm Springs and at UC Riverside Palm Desert Center.

Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **March 25 – No meeting, the day after the Golf Tournament**
- **April 1 - Rotary ESRAG, Jack Fitzsimmons**
- **April 8 - District VTT Brazil Recap, Jennifer Loretta and Maryalice Owings and the team**
- **April 15 - Sunline Transit, Edith Hernandez**
- **April 19 – District Training Assembly**
- **April 22 - Club Assembly**

HELLO

MY NAME IS

New Member

We are pleased to present the application for membership for Kelly Perez.

Kelly is the Regional Human Resources Manager for the Management Trust. She was born Claremont, CA and has lived in Flagstaff, AZ, Sedona, AZ, and several cities in California. Kelly currently lives in Morongo Valley. She has a B.S. degree in

Northern Arizona University. Kelly's hobbies include spending time with her family, attending ice hockey games, caring for her farm animals and her dogs. Both her parents are Past Presidents of the Claremont Noon Club and Kelly has wanted to join Rotary for some time.

Books for Third-Graders

Thanks to generous grants from Big Horn Charities and Stater Brothers, Palm Desert Rotary Club was able to purchase a **book for each third-grader in the Palm Desert schools**. Now it is time to deliver them. Our Youth Chair, Maryalice is looking for volunteers for the mornings of:



- March 19 to go to Lincoln Elementary at 9:30 am
- March 25 to go to Ford Elementary at 9:30
- March 25 to go to Reagan Elementary at 10:30

Volunteers will visit the classrooms, tell the students a little about Rotary and what our club does, and then hand out the books. It should take about 30 minutes.

If you cannot make one of these dates, do not fear, there will be opportunities to visit Carter and Washington Charter, and Sacred Heart announced shortly!

For more information or to volunteer, contact Maryalice at maryalice.albergowings@gmail.com

Angels of Service

If you would like to volunteer to shop for our local food pantries,
contact Buffy Cavaness

310-410-0001 only.buff.2020@gmail.com

(You can also support the AOS with a Happy Dollars
donation or the PayPal link below.)

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Information

Ways to help the CV Animal
Campus

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT

Rotary
District 5330



TRAINING

ASSEMBLY

Preparing Rotarians to Shape the Future

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

CHECK IN @ 7:30 AM

\$30.00 PER PERSON

OPEN TO ALL ROTARIANS

TAHQUITZ HIGH SCHOOL
4425 Titan Trail, Hemet, CA 92545



REGISTER @
www.rotary5330.org

Register Here for the District Assembly

ROTARY DISTRICT 5330

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

MAY 17TH, 2025 11:30-6 PM



LOCATION:

**GALWAY DOWNS
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RECOGNITIONS, ENDING IN
CELEBRATION!**



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY



Food Now Presents the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off

ROUND-UP TO END HUNGER

Friday, March 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Palm Springs Air Museum

Tickets: \$45 (children under 12 free)

Come join for a fun evening while helping to feed the community!

Highlights include:

- Chili tasting
- Admission to the Air Museum (\$24 value!)
- All you can eat hotdogs, pulled pork, chips and soft drinks
- Square AND line dancing!
- Kid Zone: carnival games, mini golf, face painting, balloon man
- Cash bar available
- AND so much more!

For more information and to buy tickets:
www.FoodNowDHS.org



Meeting Information

Palm Desert
Rotary
Club  Authorized: _____

\$125 LUNCH TICKET

\$25 **\$25** **\$25** **\$25** **\$25**

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Help the Club save money by buying a lunch ticket or paying with cash for lunch

Do you pay for your lunch with a credit card? Consider buying a 5 punch lunch ticket so we pay credit card fees on 1 transactions instead of 5. The more we save on administrative cost, the more club funds go to doing good!

Weekly Rotary Meeting Information

We meet in person at 11:45 am on Tuesdays at the Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert. The meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon so arrive early to register and socialize.

We also offer a Zoom option for our out-of-town members. We ask all Rotarians and guests who are able to, to please attend in person.

[NEW-Regular Zoom Meeting Link](#)

The Zoom Room opens at 11:45am and the meeting begins at 12 Noon.

Join by [CLICKING HERE](#)

or Join Zoom Meeting via the Zoom web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770058317?pwd=OQtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Dialing in? Find the number by your location at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770058317?pwd=OQtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317

Passcode: PD885



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Rotary Club of Palm Desert Board of Directors 2024-25

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