



Desert Waves

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Message from the **PRESIDENT...**



Hello AVDD Members!

Firstly, a massive THANK YOU to each and every one of you who attended our January meeting. Your overwhelming support truly made it an unforgettable gathering. We were thrilled to receive valuable feedback on your expectations for the upcoming year.

As we gear up for the Catalina Clean-up, we want to acknowledge the changes brought about by the sale of Seaport Village to new owners. This shift has impacted our special connection to the island, but fear not – we are actively working on establishing new relationships with other hotels to recapture that unique bond. If you still require accommodation for the event, don't hesitate to reach out, but act quickly as the island is expected to fill up fast.

Now, onto an event you won't want to miss – our Banquet! Have you secured your tickets yet? If not, you should, because we have an exciting lineup in store. The charismatic Ken Kurtis will once again take the stage as our MC, and get ready for an evening filled with fantastic raffle prizes and guaranteed good times.

Your ongoing support means the world to the club, and we can't express our gratitude enough. Looking forward to catching up with each and every one of you very soon!

Sincerely,

Jeff Carlon

President, AVDD



2024 ANNUAL BANQUET

BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 9TH AVDD IS ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE OSCAR-THEMED 2024 ANNUAL BANQUET.

THE BANQUET WILL BE HELD AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN PALMDALE, CA.

TICKETS ARE \$40 PER ATTENDEE WHICH INCLUDES ADMISSION, DINNER, AND DESSERT. A CASH BAR IS AVAILABLE. OSCAR OR COCKTAIL ATTIRE IS REQUESTED.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE CLUB WEBSITE STORE.

WWW.AVDESERTDIVERS.ORG



BANQUET SNAPSHOT

Get ready for the most exciting night of the year! Join us for the 2024 Annual Banquet. Purchase your tickets online by February 16th to ensure we roll out the red carpet just for you!

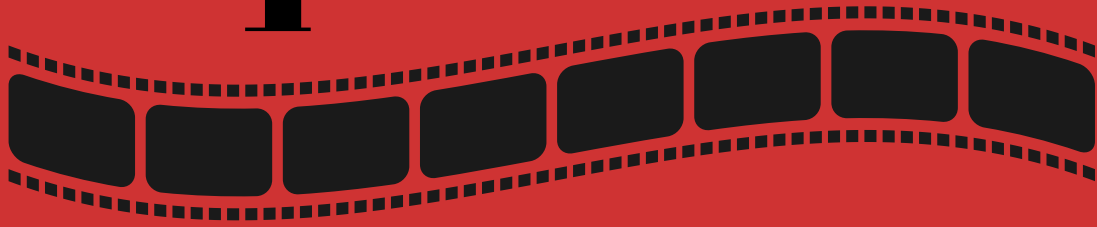
Indulge in delectable dinner and mouthwatering desserts that will tantalize your taste buds.

Dive into a sea of excitement with our scuba gear raffle, offering thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Capture the magic in our Photo Contest and strike a pose at our fabulous Photo Booth!

But wait, there's more! Be part of the grandeur as we present our very own Oscar Awards, and witness the crowning moment as we award the Scholarship Recipient.

Don't miss out on this spectacular evening - grab your tickets now and let the festivities begin!

Banquet Photos



Do you have photos from your scuba adventures that you want to enter into the photo contest? Email your photos ahead of the banquet to avdesertdive@gmail.com. In the subject line enter "Banquet Photo Contest."

If you have additional photos or videos you would like to share for the banquet slide show please also email them to AvDesertDive@gmail.com or text them to Scott Gerstl at 661.609.6155



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 12th @ 7pm

Join us for our monthly general meeting. Catch up on the latest events going on with the club. You can join us in person or virtually with the link below. We will have snacks and drinks for those that join us in person. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!



759 W LANCASTER BLVD, LANCASTER, CA

Zoom Meeting ID: 868 6291 2484

Passcode: 798725

February 2024 Dive

AVALON HARBOR UNDERWATER CLEAN UP



February's dive will be the annual Avalon Harbor Underwater Clean Up on February 24th, 2024. Please sign up directly at www.AvalonHarborCleanUp.org. When signing up, select Antelope Valley Desert Divers as your club. Select Step Beach as the Dive Location.



Room Accommodations

AVDD is currently working with Hotel Catalina to put together a group rate. **Please email AVDD if you are interested in accommodations so we can establish a final rate.**

AVDesertDive@gmail.com

An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef with many colorful fish swimming around it. The scene is set in clear blue water.

Important Dates

February 12th - @7pm General Meeting

February 24th - Avalon Harbor Clean Up

March 9th - @5pm Annual Banquet (tickets available for purchase)