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CRUISE INTO THE NEW YEAR AT THE LIVING DESERT'S MILDLY WILD '50s SOCK-HOP CELEBRATION

PALM DESERT/INDIAN WELLS, CA -- (December 5, 2018) – Cruise into 2019 with a '50s sock-hop theme at the year's most mildly wild party at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens on Monday, December 31, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The celebration includes themed food stations, full cash bar, followed by live entertainment and dancing, plus animal encounters. Guests will experience all of the fun and excitement of New Year's Eve earlier, as The Living Desert will offer a complimentary champagne toast when the ball drops on the east coast at 9 p.m.

"This event has become an annual tradition and is a wonderful way to celebrate the New Year, while benefiting our educational and conservation programs," said Dawn Petrick, Director of Park Services and Guest Relations. "We invite everyone to dress the part and join us at the sock-hop this New Year's Eve."

Guests are encouraged to dress in '50s sock-hop attire. The event is open to those 18 years and older and is an indoor/outdoor event.

Tickets for the Mildly Wild New Year's Eve Party are \$125 per person and can be purchased online at: Livingdesert.org. For more information call (760) 346-5694, ext. 2111. Tickets include: champagne toast (21+), one drink ticket, dinner, animal encounters and live entertainment.

About The Living Desert:

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit, accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, ensuring the highest standards of all aspects of animal care, education, conservation, public service, and operations. The Zoo is active in conservation research, habitat protection, breeding programs and education initiatives around the world, as well as in its own community. The Zoo has been a top attraction in the Palm Springs area for nearly 50 years. The Living Desert is located at 47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260. For more information: (760) 346-5694 or visit livingdesert.org.

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