

NICK NIGOSIAN

In 1955, Nick's family purchased a date ranch in the Coachella Valley. For the next several years, he divided his time between the ranch and Los Angeles, where he lived until he finished his years of school at Black-Foxe Military Academy and Pepperdine University. He made the desert his permanent home in 1975, when he married his wife, Carolon. They raised two children in the desert. Their daughter is a high school counselor in Los Angeles after graduating from UCLA, and their son, is studying architecture and business at USC.

Supervisor, Roy Wilson, appointed Nick to the Fair Board in 1997, to represent the date industry in Riverside County. In 2003, he was elected and served as President of the Fair Board. Nick has been growing dates in the Coachella Valley for over 35 years. His involvement with the Date Festival goes back many years, as an exhibitor of dates and later helping out with the management of the Taj Mahal building during the Fair. Each year, he and his family look forward to enjoying and experiencing the many exhibits, carnival rides, Nightly Musical Pageant, and, of course, the food.

As a Fair Board member, he is an ambassador for the fair. Nick feels it is his job to make sure that the vendors and exhibitors are happy and that everyone who comes to enjoy the fair has the best time possible. You will usually find him judging karaoke, calling raffle tickets at the rodeo, supporting the FFA and 4H students in the barn, testing all the gadgets in the Fullenwider building and eating at Charlie's Chicken. Also, the entire Fair Board is on stage every night before the Nightly Musical Pageant to greet you.

During his years as a Fair Board member, there have been many improvements. The Board has helped oversee the addition of asphalt in the ride areas, barn improvements, repainting of the pageant stage and the repaving of a major portion of the Fairgrounds, including backstage. The Fair brings in top name entertainment and local talent each year, for your enjoyment. The board of directors meets regularly throughout the year to discuss the necessary improvements to help make each year more successful than the last.

The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival is unique as it showcases the history, culture and agriculture of the valley. Nick is proud to serve on the Fair Board as the Fair celebrates its 65th year.

