

The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,

Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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November is Rotary International Foundation Month



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This Weeks Program

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The meeting started with a few shout outs to:

- Judy and Marge for an amazing Thanksgiving get together this past week. Nothing but compliments and kudos for a great job.
- Frank for a very informative and fun Fireside Chat where most of the new members were able to attend along with some current members to add support.
- Judy for marshalling through a Wallace Jones Grant for \$1100.

Vocational Speaker – Barbara Lippert

Barbara talked about how she got involved in Rotary after being in Kiwanis for 15 years. As with many of us, she moved here (in her case 4 years ago) and was looking to hook-up with a service organization and a spiritual center. A friend mentioned Rotary and at the 3rd meeting got to speaking with Marge – and the rest as they say was history. They talked about projects that really resonated with Barbara and she immediately got involved. And even though she is 25 minutes away from the Palm Springs Rotary – this is where she wants to be.

Barbara is also a psychic medium. She helps mothers, grandmothers and others to talk to loved ones who have passed over. She finds great joy in helping people connect with those they have lost and help guide and advise them on their loss. Barbara also volunteers at Desert Regional doing in-person mindful meditations every week at the Cancer Center.

Help Is On The Way!

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to sharing with the club the importance of service and giving of your time. Michelle began by asking folks to help by volunteering to run a project, a committee, etc. to help lighten her load since she will President next year. To help get a better understanding of all the activities the club is involved in and to support our Five Avenues of Service, we heard from club members what those areas are, how they and others are involved and the projects that fall under them. As a reminder here are the Five Avenues of Service:

- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Youth Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us **IN PERSON** or on **ZOOM** each week at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>
Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354
- **Next Week's Program: We are dark**
- We have a new Club email that you can send emails, requests or comments to:
Psrotaryclub886@gmail.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Member Birthdays

Hacker, Dennis
(DENNIS) 11/14/21

Madrigal, Andrea
(ANDREA) 11/18/21

Saunders, Ryan
(RYAN) 11/15/21

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Bronstein, Judy J. (JUDY)	11/22/00	21
Ellis, Timothy A. (TIM)	11/24/10	11
McBride, George Edward (ED)	11/8/17	4
O'Linn, Richard J (DICK)	11/28/18	3

This Weeks Program (Continued)

Frank kicked off this session with the Membership Committee. We have several new members, and we were all privileged to see many of them receive their new membership packages standing beside their sponsors. For Frank, the first thing he thinks about after a new member comes on board is retention and how to get these new members involved in the club. There is also a new focus on the sponsors mentoring the new members to ensure they are connecting with projects that best meets their interest level and passion.

Frank also talked about his involvement with the Tour de Palm Springs which he has been doing for 20 years (great example of service to the club!). We mostly sponsor the apparel sales and two years ago made \$3,000 with over 6,000 riders. This year we are giving away to kids at the Safe House extra t-shirts from this event. The Tour de Palm Springs will be held this year February 11-12.

Frank closed by saying "If you have time in your life for service this is the best organization". This was followed by Margie emphatically saying that potential candidates for membership should of course be service oriented – but even more important "would they be fun to do projects with".

Next up was Ed McBride who talked about all the Signature Annual Events we were involved in. There are many – so this is mostly a listing and some highlights so you can see all the different ways you can get involved! As Ed said – we need more people to say YES!

- Our annual book giveaway now renamed after the club member who started it – the Milt Levinson Annual Book Giveaway. This takes place at the Cahuilla Elementary School and is a huge, exciting treat for the kids – they love receiving their new books.
- Angel View Prom – this has changed Ed's life as a Rotarian providing an annual prom for these kids so they can experience what many kids do going to their prom.
- Tour de Palm Springs – mentioned above.
- Four Way Test Contest – working with the school district to choose seniors to compete and give a speech in front of the club – with judges and prizes (think about being a judge).
- Scholarships for students.
- Foundation Grants – annually members can nominate charitable organizations to receive grants from the club. Examples are the Mizell Center and the Library Foundation.
- Homeless Youth Project – this year CVS donated supplies and space dividers so kids can feel like they have some privacy when on their computer.
- Coins for Kids – a weekly event!
- Mizell Center holiday event

Judy Bronstein then talked briefly about Youth Services – which involves for the club two programs – EarlyAct and Interact. The Interact Club has two events that the Rotary is involved with – PRYDE (for middle school kids) and RYLA (for high school kids). Both focus on developing leadership skills for the students and include a summer camp.

Paul wrapped up the meeting with Happy Bucks and the drawing. He also reminded everyone that there will be no meeting next week (11/24) and Christmas week (12/22). Meeting was adjourned at 1:00

