

The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,

Rotary



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September is Basic Education and Literacy Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Jim Dunn

Paul opened our first meeting of the new Rotary year and welcomed returning and NEW members...Dennis Hacker and Bob Hughes.

Paul presented new badges to Victoria & Walter...they are official!

Anniversaries: Frank Peabody 22 years and Bob Barrett's 19 years (I think this officially makes them "old timers")

Paul also updated us on PRYDE for this Rotary year:

Paul attended a PRYDE meeting on Saturday. Victoria has agreed to lead the PRYDE project for our club.

Food Packing Project Update: Michele updated us on the club's project to fund and pack food to distribute food to those in need in the community. Michele has invited the Sun-up and DHS clubs to partner with us. Michele

Thursday, 9/16 at 4pm is the next board meeting

Today's program was staged by all of the club members in attendance answering the question..."What did you do during COVID?"

Paul: Family shopping, reading multiple newspapers daily, went to Oregon, drank red wine, arranged our club's speakers

Walter: Found the time to learn through college programs. PS Art Museum offered learning programs to the docents each week.

Nandy: Took care of 9 month and 5 year old grandchildren while the parents were relocating and she celebrated 40 years with husband Karl. More recently attended the immersive Van Gogh exhibit in Anaheim.

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: Guide Dogs of the Desert

Rotary District 5330 Club: Palm Springs

Birthdays and Anniversaries for July

Member Birthdays Birthday Age

No birthdays this period.

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Total
Barrett, Robert (ROBERT)	9/4/02	19	19
Peabody, Frank E. (FRANK)	9/15/99	22	50

This Weeks Program (Continued)

Judy: As a barber, Judy was off work 25 weeks so got a training course on dog training and commenced to work training (not Bill). Every Sunday she and Bill now do a weekly zoom call with family all over the country.

Bob (Hughes): He spent a lot of time at his farm in Poppit Flats up the hill...he also took up bird watching and continued his efforts toward hiking 500 miles per year

Margie: They added a new grandchild to the family. Her son is working to fight the fires in NoCal. Margie did a lot of reading and socialized with neighbors in their COVID "bubble" and found a stronger community in her neighbors.

Dorys: Explored her interest in Indian philosophy. Unfortunately her world travel plans were canceled because of the pandemic. Her sister was sequestered in India for a month as the pandemic took hold. Dorys assisted her sister after she returned from India and was quarantined. She became closer with her sister who lived with her for three months. Feels as if she grew as an individual.

Victoria: Enjoyed the time without pressures. She grew much closer to family. She wrote a grant for her Rotary Congo project and via Zoom she was able to "visit" more clubs which was very enlightening and interesting. She also discovered that she likes her SD boat and conversely...the desert summer heat.

Ed: Mr. 5 lives...#1) Rotary - as Secretary, he was busy organizing the zoom meetings and keeping things on track for all of us and he has been working to move our technology. #2) Domestic duties at home to keep things running there while Tad continued to work at the bank; 3) Visited family and friends back in Mississippi and then did a train trip; 4) Library - working with the library as a volunteer and Trustee to prepare for reopening; 5) Salon Services - the franchiser for the business went out of business and now they are independent

Dennis (Hacker) - In May of last year they were prepared to move to South Africa. They decided to move from the Bay Area and have relocated to PS. Since they are new to town Dennis is looking forward to meeting new people...starting with us!

Michele: Hanson house closed to new guests for one year. Volunteers were not available and she had new board members who joined the organization. During this time she rediscovered British talk shows through streaming services. A new great-granddaughter was added to the family.

Jacque and Frank were online but due to low sound levels could not share with the crowd.

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