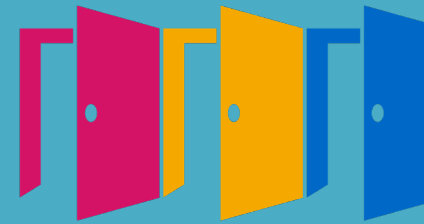


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The Desertarian

*The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California*



July 15, 2020

July begins our Rotary New Year!



President: John Fritch, **President-Elect:** Paul Raffer, **Secretary:** Ed McBride, **Treasurer:** VACANT
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District Governor: Barry Valdez
Desertarian Reporters: Frank Peabody, Barbara Lippert, Jim Dunn



This Week's Meeting

Desertarian Report: Jim Dunn

Program: Nona Watson, CEO, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce

Nona shared that the Chamber is open and very busy during these uncertain COVID times. Currently the City's two visitor centers are closed down so the Chamber is providing visitor information about the statuses of various businesses in the community as well as assisting local businesses with information about proper safety rules/practices that are in place at any given time.

Nona also advised that the Chamber, along with sponsors, has commissioned a public art piece akin to the "Indy" sign as seen on the HGTV show "Good Bones". The piece, built by a local fabricator, allows individuals to take photographs with a person serving as the "I" in "PS I ❤️ U". The individual can then post #PSI ❤️ U on Instagram. The pieces can also be moved to be a part of special events around the City with a certain amount of planning. It should debut in the plaza near the Rowan in the next two-three weeks.

From the Palm Springs Sunup Club

Hi John, Jacque and Frank - Good morning!
Our Club is having its monthly Happy Hour on Zoom, next Tuesday 7/21 at 5:00 PM.
We would love to have your members join us! And hopefully every month going forward :-). We're trying to pull off a Hawaiian theme, the operative word being trying. Feel free to ask your members to dress accordingly... or not :-)!
Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84679210385?pwd=Z3pYTmZzZksyNkxRUzZhWmx6dFg1Zz09>
Password: 1776
Hope to see you all next week!

From Rotary International:

Eriksen Dickens (eriksen@platinumpeek.com) wrote:
Hi George, My name's Eriksen Dickens and I'm a filmmaker from California. I just recently released a short documentary on Rotary's involvement in providing polio vaccinations to children in India. The film has been selected to three film festivals so far, and we're just trying to get as many Rotarians to see it as possible! So if you see fit, sharing it with your organization would be much appreciated. The film is called Two Magic Drops and can be found here for your reference: <https://youtu.be/BkuJR7TBxms> Thank you kindly, Eriksen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ed will be sending a sign-up out for club members to sign up for committees so that even during these uncertain times we can still work to make a difference.
- The club donated to Action Kivu assisting residents of the Congo during the pandemic. To see more about the project, visit: actionkivu.org, facebook.com/ActionKivu and instagram.com/actionkivu
- Fundraising Bake Sale Announced!
John is putting together information about a fun and tasty bake sale fundraiser that can be conducted online...contact John to be a part of the committee!
- Club Foundation Scholarships:
This year the club foundation granted \$2,000 scholarships to PSHS graduating seniors. The scholarships were funded by the Kevin Brill Memorial and the Donald Aikens Scholarship Funds. A virtual awards ceremony was created by the school, you can view the recipients at <https://youtu.be/rZ6hNuS9QdM>, you can see the Rotary Scholarships by scrolling to "14:00" at the bottom of the video.

