

The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California

July 22, 2020

July begins our Rotary New Year!





<u>President-</u> John Fritch, <u>President-Elect-</u>Paul Raffer, <u>Secretary</u> Ed McBride, <u>Treasurer</u> VACANT <u>Board Members</u>: Bob Allan, Victoria Bentley, Judy Bronstein, Tim Ellis (Ex-officio), Dorys Halftermeyer-Ross, Helene Kalfuss, Barbara Lippert, Andrea Madrigal, Michele Nobleman, Frank Peabody, Paul Raffer

District Governor: Barry Valdez

Desertarian Reporters: Frank Peabody, Barbara Lippert, Jim Dunn, Nandy Kruger



This Week's Meeting

Desertarian Reporter: Nandy Kruger

REMINDER: The weekly Zoom Meeting invite never changes. It will be used until further notice. There is a different Zoom Meeting invite for the Board Meeting and the Monthly Happy Hour. If you have any problems let Ed know.

Today's Meeting was led by President John Fritch

We opened with the 4-Way Test.

14 members were present at this meeting.

Michele Nobleman is now in charge of Coins for Kids. Please get a cup or box and fill them with loose change you find around your home. Paper bills are welcome.

Our Guest Speaker was Davis Meyer, Director of Partnership with the Greater Palm Springs CVB. Davis shared information that you can find on their website like restaurants that are open, safe travels when visiting Palm Springs, covid-19, etc. They're also in the process of raising money for hospitality workers for employees who have lost their jobs. Please visit www.visitgreaterpalmsprings.com

Victoria Bentley of the Vocational Committee – shared she talked to Ryan and they were good on supplies but the committee will work with Ryan and Cahuilla Elementary to identify any needs they have as they start the new school year.

Ed McBride and Judy Bronstein have been talking to the Palm Springs Unified School District. They are in need of school supplies, sanitation supplies, etc. The district will be sending a written list to us so we can decide what we want to donate. Homeless students are also a big concern and have a lot of needs.

All weekly meetings are being recorded on Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS From Club Secretary Ed McBride:

- Ed sent out the 2020/2021 Committee signup email today. Please reply back to him with your selections.
- Ed sent out a Club Rooster from the current information in DacDB.
 Please review and update.
- Please update your contact information in DacDB or email Ed with changes and he will update it for you. All Club communications go through DacDB so don't miss a thing!

From the District

- ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)
- Coming to your computer soon via ZOOM. A least the COVID virus will be blocked! Will present PART I only. Half on Friday, September 4, at 6:00pm to 8:45pm; and the last half Saturday, September 5, 9:00am-11:45am. Both sessions will need to be taken to complete PART I. Registration will be limited to the first 20 to register because of the interactive format of the sessions.
- Join use for the first RLI Seminar of the new Rotary Year. A great way to get some pointers on how to make your club better and more exciting. Meet like minded Rotarian from other clubs with great ideas to energize your club!