

The Desertarian

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

Rotary



Rotary Opens Opportunities

August 13, 2020

August is Membership Month "We are all on the Membership Committee!"



President John Fitch

President: John Fitch, **President-Elect:** Paul Raffer, **Secretary:** Ed McBride, **Treasurer:** VACANT
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PALM SPRINGS

This Week's Meeting

Desertarian Report: Jim Dunn

Janet Haas discussed the DG in her district who is skydiving with club members as a fundraiser for polio eradication.

Guest Speaker: Geoff Kors, Mayor, City of Palm Springs

Mayor Kors reported that COVID hospitalizations are down in the valley. County numbers are declining also which is positive progress toward reopening more widely. Kors noted that most businesses have worked cooperatively to adhere to restrictions.

The City was facing a projected \$25 million shortfall. It appears that sales tax is coming in better than projected. 80 City staff positions were eliminated along with all capital projects with the exception of the downtown park. The park will continue already initiated construction. Expected completion is spring of 2021.

The Mayor also noted that Palm Springs is getting a relatively small amount of COVID financial assistance from the State. He explained that the greatest amount of funds will go to larger cities as measured by number of residents. The top six cities will get \$175/resident, the next six will receive \$85/resident and the rest (under 300,000 residents) will get \$12/resident.

Restaurants will be allowed to utilize parking spaces in front of their businesses. That will be happening soon.

The Mayor concluded with a Q&A on a wide range of topics. If you would like to reach out to Geoff directly, you may email him at: geoffkors@palmspringsca.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ed McBride reminded everyone to check the Club Roster for any errors and be sure to update your DacDB Profile. If you need help let him know!
- Michelle donned her Coins for Kids hat to remind everyone to drop some coins into their home collection cups and then send that in or bring to our club meeting when we resume in-person meetings. Michelle reported that she is up to \$3-4.
- Frank introduced former club president and member Jim Dowler, who will join our calls for future meetings.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

Birthdays	Birthdate
Alderman, David	27-Aug
Fritch, John	31-Aug
Wedding Anniversaries	Anniversary Date
Kalfuss, Leonard & Helene A.	29-Aug