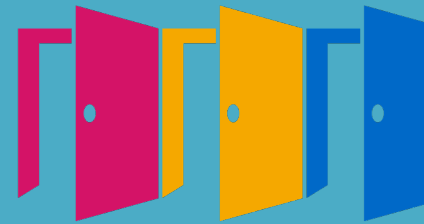


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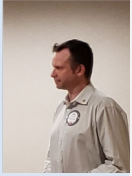
*The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California*



Rotary Opens Opportunities

August 5, 2020

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



President: John Fritch, **President-Elect:** Paul Raffer, **Secretary:** Ed McBride, **Treasurer:** VACANT
Board Members: Bob Allan, Victoria Bentley, Judy Bronstein, Tim Ellis (Ex-officio), Doris Haltermeyer-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



Today's Meeting

Desertarian Reporter: Frank Peabody

President John Fritch opened the meeting of 17 participants with the 4 Way Test.

Barb Lippert invited more to participate in her Desertarian Committee and Michelle Nobleman invited all to donate to Coins for Kids.

The "Who Am I?" program began with President John Fritch's impressive career in the world of food. He was born in Simi Valley, attended SV High, Ventura College, and Cordon Beau Culinary School, extraordinaire. His career included being Executive Chef at the Ritz Carlton and Viva France. He honed his managerial skills, overseeing many branches of Stewart Anderson Steak Houses and Macaroni Grills. That led to the Tram as Executive Chef and Convention Dinner Arranger at venues across SoCal. John was PS CofC Board President last year before becoming our President. Wow...and congratulations!

Next, we heard from Dr. Paul Raffer, our President Elect. He was born in NY into an Italian and Russian Jewish family. They moved to New Jersey, where his Dad was a chicken farmer, then department store owner. (By the way, Paul was allergic to chicken feathers!) He developed his musical talents throughout school. Paul was a talented singer of Opera and professional pianist. In fact, he sang in La Traviata with Beverly Sills! His Mom wanted him to be a doctor, so he did both! Paul and wife, Donna, moved to Chula Vista where he opened a practice of Neurology in 1994. Paul was the go-to Neurologist for medical community. It was there, where he became a Rotarian. After selling his practice and beating Cancer... Paul and Donna moved to Palm Springs. They are proud parents of 4 daughters and 5 grand kiddos. Thanks, Paul, for bringing your talents and enthusiasm to the Rotary Club of Palm Springs.

We ended the meeting with some fun trivia and tunes, of course, from Paul!

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!

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