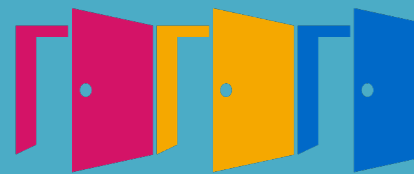


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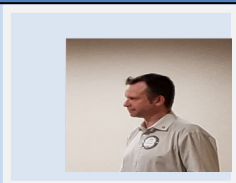
The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,



Rotary Opens Opportunities

September 10, 2020

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Frank Peabody

Prez Elect, Dr. Paul Raffer chaired our meeting today, covering for Prez John Fritch. After Michele Nobleman displayed her 'sanitizing bomb machine' to all, Paul introduced Gloria Landau, Trainer, for the Desert Cities Chapter of Rock Steady Boxing program. They provide exercises for those with Parkinsons. Gloria proceeded to 'Zoom us' all through a set of chair exercises, including proper posture, breathing, and stretching. We ended with six boxing arm movements. Parkinsons happens when the mind cannot communicate what the body is requested to do. Although, it is not curable, this program allows one to FIGHT for MOTION and THOUGHT. Learn more at rocksteadyboxing.org

Victoria Bentley and Margie Taft shared their life stories. Victoria earned a Masters Degree of Counseling Psychology from University of Oregon. This was preceded by a colorful life in college, becoming a hippie in Hate Ashbury, and living in a commune by Mt. Shasta. As a single Mom, raising two daughters, Victoria spent 40 years in Panic, Anxiety, Trauma Consultation. After moving to Santa Barbara, she learned about the shocking plight of women in Congo. SO, you guessed it, she ventured there, with her expertise in solving a very serious situation. As a happy footnote, she met and married Kevin in 2018, moved to Palm Springs, and joined our Rotary family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vocational Committee Chair, Barb Lippert announced a Zoom Video program, introducing PSHS students to career opportunities in Health and Business. There will be 16 sessions hosted by local professionals. Victoria and Becky are on the committee
- Hanson House Blood Drive 9/15 9AM-2PM Call Michele Nobleman 562-338-3798
- Rotary World Polio Day Fundraiser 10/24. Per Helene, please contribute some of your lunch money!

This Weeks Program (Continued)

Margie Taft's family emigrated to Wisconsin from Norway in the 1940's. After growing up in Wisconsin, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin with her CPA degree. Margie entered the world of accounting which, she said, was not a good fit. Looking for excitement, she became a flight attendant for TWA, based in LA. In 1974 she arrived on the scene in Palm Springs, and never looked back! Margie joined NBC before entering the world of commercial Real Estate. She became an expert, managing shopping malls. In fact, she convinced Pierre Cardin to build a hotel downtown which eventually became the Hyatt. In the 90's. She became a home builder. A book was authored about Margie, called "I'll Take Care Of You". Margie founded Taft & Associates in 2000. She has successfully placed businesses, such as KFC, McDonalds, in local malls. Her latest venture is finding a buyer for iconic Lord Fletchers. Margie served as President of PS CofC, Rotary, and member of several Boards. She's the proud Mom of Brent Norwine, a Fireman (fighting many fires as we speak!) and her 4 grandbabies. Thank you, ladies!

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Barrett, Robert (ROBERT)	9/4/02	18
Peabody, Frank E. (FRANK)	9/15/99	21
Birthdays	Birthdate	
No Birthdays		
Wedding Anniversaries	Date	
No anniversaries		

