



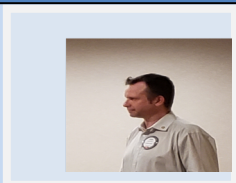
The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California



September 30, 2020

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Frank Peabody

Carole Rodgers, introduced Dr Les Zendle, retired Doctor of Geriatrics and Director of Desert Healthcare district. He brought us up to date with the present status of Covid 19 in our Coachella Valley. Indio, Coachella, and Cathedral City have the most cases, due to folks more unable to work from home, and living in closer conditions in multi-generational homes. More senior deaths occurred in PS, RM, and PD, due to an older population. Our number of cases peaked in June and have since decreased to the point we graduated to the 'Red Zone', allowing greater outdoor and social opportunities. Space doesn't allow for all Dr Les' latest stats. He recommends that we all continue to wash your hands, socially distance, and wear face coverings. Thank you for your professional and insightful presentation.

Our first vocational moment went to Tim Ellis whose live begins in England. His Granddad founded the local Rotary Club, and his Dad continued the tradition by becoming President of the same Club. His family owned a Hotel. Tim's first job was to change beds! His Mom discouraged him to ever enter the Hotel business. Well, he didn't listen! Tim came to the US at the age of 24 and launched an impressive hotel career, beginning in Houston as Director of food and beverage, then manager. He arrived in PS and brought the Riviera Hotel back into profitability. The Riviera purchased Sonny Bono's restaurant under his leadership.



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		

This Weeks Program (Continued)

That led to a 10-year stint, managing the Palm Canyon Resort. After a shot with Travel Host Magazine, Tim is now involved with developing low income housing and homeless shelters. Tim has contributed his skills to numerous organizations, including PS Resorts, Police Advisory and PS CofC Boards, and, of course, Past Prez of our PS Rotary Club!

Michele Nobleman graduated from Long Beach College with a degree in Sociology. Because of her parents and family's engineering talents, Michele joined Xerox where she served in several positions including Tech and System Analyst work for 35 years. During that time, she was a volunteer Community Coordinator for a local police center. Michele was married to Lewis who came with 2 children. She is now a proud Grandma to 4 grand-children and two great grand kiddos! After Lewis' passing, Michele moved to Palm Springs in 2017 to retire. Forever active, she became Director of Hanson House, located next to the Desert Medical Center. They house family members of cancer patients and cancer patients who are in Desert Medical Hospital.

Next week will be Chief Nalder of the Palm Springs Fire Department. Paul Raffer will introduce him and also do some "Name That Tune". Vocationals will be determined by Barbara or Victoria.

I will be away on vacation so Paul will conduct the Zoom meeting and will be in charge of Zoom!