



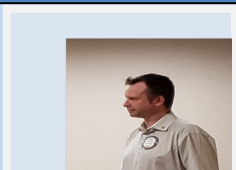
# The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California



January 7, 2021

January is Vocational Service Month



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## This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Frank Peabody

Our speaker today, Janet Haas, Rotarian from Livonia, MI, introduced us to the accomplishments her Rotary Club pre and during the COVIG challenges. She shared her Club's fundraising programs and service projects for her community. Janet has been a welcome guest on our Zoom meetings. Thank you for your informative presentation.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Red Badge, Fireside Zoom meeting will be held at 5PM on Thursday, January 28th for Victoria and Walter.
- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373052286>

Meeting ID: 863 7305 2286

### Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
O'Linn, Richard J (DICK)	1/4/21	
Johnson, Rebecca (BECKY)	1/19/21	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Halftermeyer, Dorys	1/4/17	4
Freyemuth, Peter	1/7/15	6
Fritch, John	1/9/19	2

## This Weeks Program (Continued)

### Valentines Auction

Frank Peabody introduced the possibility of a Valentines Auction, suggested to be held on Thursday, February 11th at a cocktail party Zoom at 5:00 PM. Our goal would be to provide items, such as gift baskets, restaurant meals, possible hotel stays, and 'white elephant' items that you may have and are in new or almost new condition. He laid out a plan that he'll share within a few days. This will be a festive activity, involving our Sojourners and friends of Rotary. Details to follow!

### From Club member Victoria Bentley

I recently donated 30 laying hens to the Congo Peace School in DR Congo in the name of Rotary Club of Palm Springs. The gift was made in conjunction with Rotary Club of Morgan Hill, who donated one pregnant milking cow to the same school, which enrolls 500+ children, 85 of them orphans housed with local families. The chickens and cow will contribute in a major way toward feeding students two meals each day, as well as provide manure for the school gardens. Founded and run by Amani Matabaro, the school embodies and teaches the policies of nonviolence and peace, community development, economic sustainability, and caring for the planet. To learn more, go to

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?shva=1#inbox/FMfcgxwKjnfKdZKwHrIkVTFNfbsKMPTsw>

