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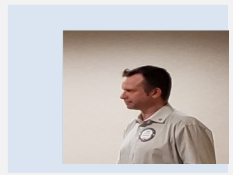
The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California



November 11, 2020

November is Rotary International Foundation Month



President John Fitch

President: John Fitch, **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



This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Barbara Lippert

Great meeting today with 20 participants.

Our Speaker was Laura Ahmed a two time president of the Cathedral City Rotary club and a two time past assistant Governor. Laura spoke to us about Polio Plus. She shared her story of a close friend stricken with the disease at 9 years old and the awful treatment she endured. Waking up and not able to move she was taken to the hospital where she was separated from her family. She endured painful treatments of hot towels that the nurses had to use thongs to prevent burning themselves. These burning towels were then placed on her legs. She was unable to move. She took bile tasting salt pills every day and suffered from depression.

Even though this was in 1949, some places like Pakistan are still getting cases. They are using old dilapidated crutches if they can afford them.

There is still a great need for funding this program. Rotary is matching funds over \$100.

Please make your checks to Rotary and put **Polio Plus** on memo and send to:

Helen Kalfuss
1506 Chico Circle
Palm Springs, Ca. 92264

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Helene announced our upcoming zoom art and jewelry fundraiser. We're joining the Cathedral City group in this fundraiser. Starting the beginning of December. Flier and instructions to follow
- We will be dark on November 25th, December 23rd
- We are doing gift bags for Mizell. More information to follow!

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Member Birthdays	Birthda y
Madrigal, Andrea (ANDREA)	18-Nov
Saunders, Ryan (RYAN)	15-Nov

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Bronstein, Judy J. (JUDY)	11/22/00	20
Ellis, Timothy A. (TIM)	11/24/10	10
McBride, George (ED)	11/8/17	3
O'Linn, Richard J (DICK)	11/28/18	2
Rogers, Carole S. (CAROLE)	11/5/14	28

This Weeks Program (Continued)

Judy announced nominations for our Paul's new Board.

- President -Paul Raffer
- Vice president-TBD
- Secretary-Ed McBride
- Treasure-Eileen Reilly

Board members:

- Jacque Wachs
- Michelle Nobleman
- Barbara Lippert
- Walter Gendell
- Frank Peabody
- Jim Dunn
- Tim Ellis-Foundation (Ex Officio)

Judy made the motion and Bob Allan seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor. Since we now officially have a new Board they will meet soon and select a Vice President and Paul will appoint three more members.

Here is the information for Mizell Center (Meals on Wheels) Holiday Project

Please help put smiles on the faces of the Meals on Wheels Clients of Mizell Center this holiday by donating the following items:

Shampoo	Conditioner	Body Lotion	Bars of Soap
Razors	Shave Cream	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	Socks	Toilet Paper	Blankets
Flashlights	Batteries		

NO TRAVEL SIZE OR OPENED OR USED BOTTLES, PLEASE

Mizell Center has 450 Plus bags to fill. Since we are in Covid-19 Restrictions here is how our club can donate:

1) You can order online and ship it to Mizell Center, Attn: Stacy Maddux, 480 Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262
You can order through Amazon or Walmart.

2) You can contact Jacque Wachs at jacwachs@gmail.com or 760-219-5235 to make arrangements for pick up your items. Jacque will let Mizell know that the donations came from our club. Please put your donated items in a bag or box for easy carry. It will be much appreciated.

3) If for some reason you want to deliver your donation to Mizell you must do the following:
call 760-323-5860 (Mizell) to let them know you are coming. Or you can call the staff while you are in the parking lot so they can connect with you come out to your car to get the donations. You never have to leave your car. If you choose this option

Donations are Accepted:

- Mizell is not open for you to walk in and just drop off. Please do not leave the items at the front door.
- Donations by mail can be made until Monday, December 7, 2020
- Pick up donations (Jacque Wachs) to be done by December 5, 2020
- If you have any questions please contact Jacque Wachs jacwachs@gmail.com Or 760-219-5235