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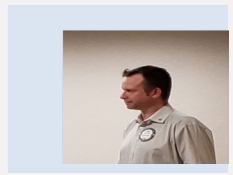
The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California



November 19, 2020

November is Rotary International Foundation Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Frank Peabody

We began with our speaker, Jennifer Richard from Voices for Children. They provide an additional volunteer, called a Casas, for children in Foster Care. Foster children receive support from a Judge for the legal issues, a Social Worker to assist with educational needs, and a person to assist with keeping the Foster child in touch with brothers and sisters.

The Casas is a volunteer advocate and problem solver, who coordinates with the other team members to ensure the Foster child's needs are met. The workload of the average Social Worker can be 35+ cases. The Judge deals with 135+ cases. The Casas offers a valuable one on one assistance to the Foster child to monitor their emotional needs, educational needs, and Foster Family requirements and regulations.

Casas' must be 18+ years old, be available for an 18-month period, and be a full-time resident of the Valley. Ms. Richard asked us to spread the word for volunteers, since there is a waiting list for their invaluable services. Her email is JenniferR@speakupnow.org and the website is www.speakupnow.org.

Vocational Speaker: Nandy Kruger

Nandy Kruger shared her vocation and life with us. Her history with Rotary began with her Dad as President of a Manila, Philippines Rotary Club. She's married to Karl for almost 40 years. Nandy and Karl have years of Hotel Management experience together. She has travelled the world with a Medical Surgery Team. Nandy is blessed with a huge family with her own kiddos plus 10 brothers and sisters!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We acknowledged and thanked Honorary Member, Marjorie Aikens, for her generous family donation to our Palm Springs Rotary Foundation. We miss you, Marjorie, and look forward to in person meetings once again! Time Ellis has sent flowers to Marjorie on behalf of the club a token of our appreciation!
- Judy Bronstein has been ever active, organizing fundraising and food gathering projects with the PSHS Interact Club.
- **We are dark November 25th for Thanksgiving!**

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Member Birthdays	Birthday
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)

From Jacque Wachs regarding Mizell Center



*Please help us put smiles on the faces of **Meals on Wheels** clients this holiday season 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 BOTTLES, PLEASE

We have 450+ bags to fill with your help!

Hands free drop off of your donated items is as easy as 1, 2 or 3

1. Before dropping off your items please call 760-323-5689 to let us know your coming. At that time, we will ask you for your contact information so we may send you a letter of thanks.
2. Our Front Desk staff and volunteers are happy to take your if you ring our doorbell! Prefer truly hands-free? Call us from the parking lot and we'll come out to you. You never have to leave your car!

**Donations Accepted
Monday thru Friday
from 8:00 to 11:00 am or from 12:30 to 3:30 pm
until Monday, December 7, 2020.**

*PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS AT OUR DOOR
WHEN THE BUILDING IS CLOSED.*

3. **OR ORDER ONLINE AND SHIP IT TO MIZELL:**
Mizell Center Attn: Stacy Maddux
480 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Thank you and happy holidays! Please share this request with your contacts.

