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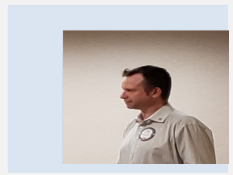
The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California



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November is Rotary International Foundation Month



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This Weeks Program

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Today's presenter was **Dr. Helene Kalfuss** talking to members about the Rotary Foundation in honor of RI Foundation month, celebrated by Rotary clubs around the world. **(November is Rotary Foundation Month)**

Helene began her slide presentation by showing some of the beneficiaries from your generous annual Foundation donations. Projects represented including surgeries for children with disabilities resulting from polio or others born with birth defects; projects creating clean water and care for burn victims. These are just a few of the ways your Rotary Foundation are aggregated to be a force for good around the world benefitting individuals and entire villages/communities.

Preventing disease, providing clean water, supporting education, growing local economies, saving mothers & children and promoting peace are the primary areas identified for utilizing the funds. You should know that you can direct your donations to a degree. Funds may be designated for Polio Plus, the Permanent Fund (endowment), Restricted Focus (Polio Plus, Peanut Butter Program, etc.) or the Share fund. These funds are returned to the district for use in additional programs.

A grant begins with a community needs assessment to look at economic, environmental, cultural and social aspects of a potential beneficiary community. This protects from money being spent in ways that are not in line with community needs and culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jacque reminded us about the passing of Stewart Cross. Judy sent a plant to Christine Cross also a former member. Jacque also noted the generous donations from Stewart and Christine over the years, including recent donations for the Foundation.
- Don't forget to send in your Coins for Kids \$\$

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

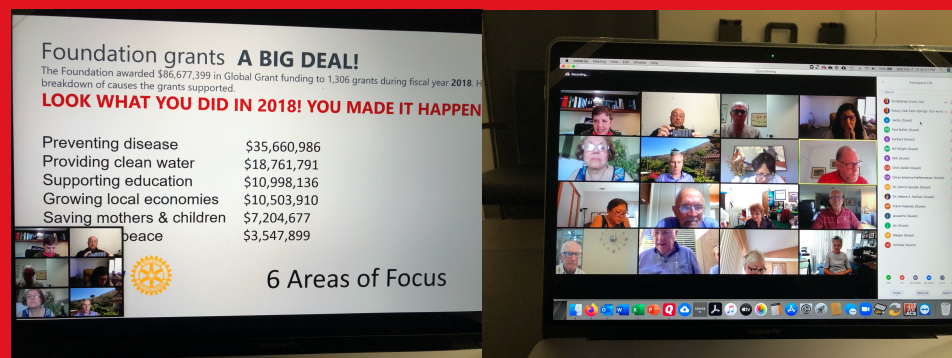
Member Birthdays	Birthday
Madrigal, Andrea (ANDREA)	18-Nov
Saunders, Ryan (RYAN)	15-Nov

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)

Our club participated in an art project benefitting disabled children in Israel. This was replicated and spread to 15 other locations. Lake Arrowhead funded sewing machines for women in India to teach them to sew and provided the machines to ready them for jobs. Our club also partnered with an Indian club to provide computers for our local Raymond Cree middle school to help teach children for whom English is a second language. These are just a few of the programs making a difference locally and around the world.

Helene shared that one of the best reasons to give during RI Foundation month (or at any time) is the opportunity to do good around the world (your funds are leveraged to do more than you ever could as an individual). Even a small contribution makes a BIG difference.



Vocational Speaker:

Dorys Haftermeyer is from Nicaragua originally. She lived with severe asthma from the age of 3 to 26. This was quite debilitating so she was very limited in her activity. Her parents supported her learning and development through reading. She eventually became a translator with the consulate in Nicaragua. She survived the revolution between the Sandanistas and the Samosa regime. She was encouraged to leave Nicaragua because of her work as a journalist and was offered asylum in the US. She went to University in the US. She eventually became a financial advisor. She joined Rotary in 1989. In 1994 she became the first women Rotary Club president in her Tucson club. Dorys relayed some of the projects in which she was involved around the world. She considers Rotary as her US family and has valued her many years involved with Rotary and its projects. She was introduced to our club by Milt Levinson.

Weekly Zoom Meeting Information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373052286>

Meeting ID: 863 7305 2286