



The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California



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December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Jim Dunn

The Cadre is 700 members strong and comprised of doctors, accountants, agricultural experts, engineers, educators and mediators. They ensure that the projects funded by the foundation are well managed and completed as anticipated and agreed upon.

Helene and Len shared their experience of one site visit they conducted to India to review the work performed as part of a cataract surgery program. Len described the process of pre and post-surgery evaluations in which they were involved. They also provided the logistics and process for implementing this particular project.

Because of the conditions in India, the person with cataracts is often confined to their home and often require another family member to be with them, preventing both members of the household from working. By getting the surgery, both family members can be freed up to work to help support the family. Helene noted that the high rate of diabetes has caused the high rate of cataracts in India.

At the end of the inspections, the Cadre volunteer provides a written report to RI documenting the elements of the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ed McBride announced that we must postpone the Milt & Sandra Levinson book giveaway due to COVID. Hopefully it can occur in January.
- The next board meeting will be held on December 17th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for December

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Bentley, Victoria (VICTORIA)	12/27/20
Lippert, Barbara (BARBARA)	12/15/20

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Griffes, James (JIM)	12/1/95	25
Hostrop, Richard W. (RICHARD)	12/1/93	27
Johnson, Rebecca (BECKY)	12/11/19	1
Lippert, Barbara (BARBARA)	12/20/17	3
Madrigal, Andrea (ANDREA)	12/7/16	4

This Weeks Program (Continued)

Announcements:

- Michele reminded everyone to send money
- Thanks to Walter and Judy for their work with Interact on the recent Mizell Meals on Wheels project providing personal care products for the those on the program.
- Dorys reminded everyone to give to Polio Plus and reminded everyone that you can donate in honor or in memory of someone else.
- Frank reported on the Zoom call by the incoming RI President, Jennifer Jones, the first female RI president.
- Thanks to Chris and the Community Concert Foundation for this week's concert broadcast.
- Tim suggested that people take a look at this year's Blue Light Ceremony honoring fallen safety personnel...here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmomjE9ZW8M>
- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:

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

Meeting ID: 863 7305 2286