



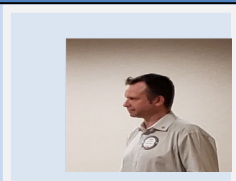
The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California



February 17, 2021

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Barbara Lippert

Our guest speakers were the Palm Springs Rotary Interact Club President Ava Hemstreet along with Donald Slusher and Ella Cash. Unlike other high school clubs, this Interact group has continued to meet weekly and continue to serve the community. This group rose to the occasion with their ability to be adaptability. They meet monthly in the park putting together Covid protection bags for Mizell's stay at home seniors. They also had a clothing and food drive for The Well of the Desert, and they sent personalized notes to the Ralph's supermarket, hospitals, and other first responders to say thank you for their service.

These wonderful young people love to serve and feel like they are helping others and making a difference helping the community. They have a higher increase in membership from prior years with between 20-30 students on zoom for their meetings.

They also voiced the benefit of Rotary Interact that they can do small or big things and there are lots of opportunities to serve. This makes the members feel like they have the power with Rotary to make a difference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Helene shared that our club earned \$750 from the art auction.
- Frank announced we sold \$700 in raffle tickets for the Tour de Palm Springs, netting \$600. for our club.
- Frank announced that April 1st is our fundraiser. Donations are coming in. Look for future emails sharing auction items and particulars.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Bronstein, Judy J. (JUDY)	2/17/21
Kalfuss, Helene A. Ph.D. (HELENE)	2/28/21

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Dunn, James M. Jr.(JIM)	2/1/95	26
Kalfuss, Helene A. Ph.D.(HELENE)	2/1/95	26

This Weeks Program (Continued)

Donald Slusher and Ella Cash contributes the growth and success to Ava's leadership. The members shared how going to school during Covid has changed their school experience. If I didn't know they were in high school I would have thought I was listening to College students.

This program was truly very inspiring!

- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>

Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354

