

# Rotary



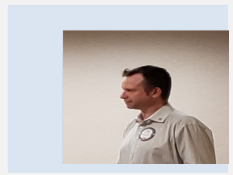
## The Desertarian

The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,  
California



February 24, 2021

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



President John Fitch

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### This Weeks Program

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15 participants

#### Annual Four-Way Speech Contest

The Four-Way test was conceived in 1932 as an ethical guide to do business and to follow in all business matters. It was adopted by Rotary International in 1934.

Our guests/contestants today were 3 students from our Interact Club competing for the 4-Way Speech Contest prize. The students were Ava Hemstreet, Ella Cash and our own Sam Hostrop.

Our judges were Frank, Ryan and Carol. The Club voted to raise the prize amounts to \$250 for 1st prize, \$150 for 2nd prize and \$100 for 3rd prize. The winner will go on to compete in our District.

As always, these wonderful students were amazing however, Ava Hemstreet was our 1st Place winner, Ella Cash was our 2nd Place Winner and Sam Hostrop was our 3rd Place winner. You may recall from last week that Ava is the current President of Interact and is a Senior at PSHS this year. Judy shared that last year on day one as the vice president she entered the meeting and the current president resigned. She stepped up to the plate and is doing a great job.

Congratulations to all of you and JOB WELL DONE!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for February

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Bronstein, Judy J. (JUDY)	2/17/21

Kalfuss, Helene A. Ph.D. (HELENE)	2/28/21
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Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Dunn, James M. Jr. (JIM)	2/1/95	26

Kalfuss, Helene A. Ph.D. (HELENE)	2/1/95	26
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## This Weeks Program (Continued)

### Our Vocational Speaker for February 17th was Chris Seidel

We were delighted to hear about the life of Chris Seidel. After graduating from Dickinson College he got to work with his fraternity at an international level. Meeting future leaders, while working on legislature that governed these fraternities and after working with an international firm for 14 years he decided to further his education at NYU and focus on becoming a certified public accountant.

Service has always been a part of his life and he has served on many boards. His father was also a Rotarian. Currently Chris is the president of the Palm Springs Concert Series. He's been with our beloved Mike for 30 years. He is both active in our club as well as his home club in Michigan.

