

The Desertarian

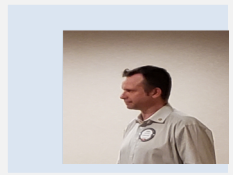
The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,

Rotary



February 3, 2021

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Barbara Lippert

David Brinkman, M.B.A., Chief Executive Officer & President, joined DAP Health in 2006. David has led the organization through a period of unprecedented expansion, increasing the number of clients and volunteers, diversity and volume of services, number of staff, and size of the budget by 100%. Under his leadership, DAP Health established a dental clinic, a permanent supportive housing complex, a community center, a department of Community Health, a sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinic, and a vocational program as well as achieved Federally Qualified Health Center status.

During his tenure, DAP Health was named one of the "Top 20 HIV/AIDS Charities" by [About.com](#), for the high percentage of funding spent on programs vs. overhead, fundraising efforts (raising \$100 for every \$15 spent), and financial transparency. In addition, Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, awarded DAP Health "four-star status" for five, consecutive years. This is an achievement reached by only 6% of all nonprofits their rank.

DAP Health has a history of not only seeing to the emotional, physical and medical care of their clients, but also for their family as well. That goal has insured a higher success rate of serving their patients and noting the common denominator is 90% of their patients live in the poverty level. As needs expand services have expanded and Covid 19 brought on the name change to DAP Health. Their vast experience with the AIDS pandemic was invaluable to our current Covid Pandemic. DAP Health has not only provided mental and physical health and financial assistance but added phones and WIFI for their clients to stay connected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr Helene sent an email announcing our **Valentines Art Auction** February 12th, 13th and 14th from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. The link is below to see the art and get the Zoom information with dates.
Meeting ID: 837 2203
0695 Passcode: 119033
- Dr. Raffer is still looking for talent to perform in next week's Valentine's Day program. Please email him if you are interested!

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)

DAP Health is proud of PS Rotary's early involvement in the creation of Desert AIDS Project. DAP Health has proven health equity leads to equality. DAP Health has also added woman's health and trans community health. With the DAP Health hotlines, volunteers, doctors, nurses, food delivery and delivery of essential supplies, even delivering toilet paper during the early pandemic made a huge difference.

If DAP Health doesn't have the service, they will find those that do. Mental health is a huge challenge with the isolation and fear Covid has brought. DAP Health currently has had 7,000 therapy sessions. They meet people where they are at believing peace of mind which helps their health.

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Due to the short planning time, Frank Peabody moved the Auction from a Valentine Theme on 2/11 to an Easter/Spring Theme on Thursday, April 1st. He needs a few committee members...please contact him.

Frank, also announces the Tour de Palm Springs is going viral this year! After a huge success last February, with 6,000 riders and huge apparel sales (Rotary made \$3,000!)...The TDPS felt the importance of being present, in spite of Covid. We can participate in three ways:

1. Buy Raffle tickets at \$1 each (for gift cards, meals, entertainment, etc..) or \$25 tickets for a \$2,500 state of the art bike. Rotary receives 90% of proceeds.
2. Sell registrations, where riders ride individually at their chosen distances. Earn a t-shirt and some good exercise for \$40. Rotary will receive 90% of proceeds.
3. Donations to TDPS will be welcome with 100% proceeds for the Tour. This covers publicity, operations, and administration, since they will receive no other income this year.

Frank has raffle tickets for Tour De Palm Springs. Email to follow. Remember our club gets 90% back.

Join us on our new Zoom each week at the following link:

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

Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354

