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NEWSWHEEL

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS SUNUP

MEETS TUESDAY MORNINGS, 7 AM AT MIZELL CENTER, 480 S. Sunrise Way, PALM SPRINGS- www.palmspringssunuprotary.org



Our speakers this morning were **Sasha Acuna**, the Alzheimer's Coachella Valley Community and Social Services Coordinator and **Linda Barrack**, their Executive Consultant. They are a non-profit, to be distinguished from the *Alzheimer's Association*. The provide a number of very important programs including "care giver" education and "screening" for people possibly afflicted with any potential aspects of the disease. Their facility is located at: 75105 Merle Drive, Suite 800, Palm Desert. Their e-mail is: info@evalzheimer.org, or you may reach Sasha at: sasha@evalzheimer.org.

REMEMBERING OUR TWO PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

1928-2013



GILLAR BOYD

1935-2016



TED GROFER

Gillar Boyd: Gillar was born in Colorado Springs, CO. His family then moved to Palm Springs in 1935. He attended PSHS then went on to Chaffey College in Ontario for 2 years then graduated from USC in 1950 with a degree in Public Education. He received his Juris Doctor in 1953. He entered the Army for 2 years. He served on the board of Desert Water Agency for many years. He was a Charter Member of the PS Breakfast Rotary Club, later to be known as the Sunup club. He was married to Shirley for 53 years and they had 2 children-Joan and Florian. Joan is still living. Gillar was our Charter Secretary serving from 1984-2004.

Ted Grofer: Ted was a former publisher of the *Desert Sun* from 1974-80. He served as marketing director for the *Detroit News* before moving to the Coachella valley in the 1970s. He arrived here not long before former president Gerald Ford also decided to make his home here. Ted became acquainted with Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra. Ted was a former president of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, and sat on the PS Administrative Appeals Board. Ted taught journalism at the College of the Desert and served on numerous boards. He was married to Mej They had two daughters, Catherine and Laura. Ted took over as club secretary when Gillar took ill.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I had the honor of knowing both of these gentlemen when I joined the club in 2005. Their personalities were quite different but they were very devoted secretaries. **Kevin Taylor** took over for Ted in 2009 until Kevin and his partner relocated to Summerlin, NV for a few years. Glad he's back!

VOLUNTEER AWARD



What a proud moment we experienced last Friday evening at the James O. Jessie Unity Center receiving the **VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION of the YEAR** award from both the *City of Palm Springs/Parks and Recreations Department*, and the *James O. Jessie Center*! We are truly grateful to have received such a wonderful recognition!

5th GRADE GRADUATION

Youth Service Chair **Scott Adkins** is looking for volunteers to help with the 5th Grade Graduation ceremonies at both *Kathryn Finchy* and *Vista del Monte Elementary Schools* on June 6th. The event at **Kathryn Finchy** will be from 7:45-9 AM and the one at **Vista del Monte** will begin at 9 AM and end at 10 AM. Scott needs two sets of volunteers. Please contact him at: scott9464@hotmail.com

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Another *Rotary Leadership Institute* is in the books. Ebony, Heidi, Kevin and Chad all completed PART 1 of 3 parts towards their certification last Saturday. Bill was a Facilitator that day.

SPEAKERS

6/10..Brian Brodowsky
Artist Council

6/17..David Preston, Future
of School Learning

6/24..Kristin Bloomer, Desert
Water Agency

7/1... IPDG
Judy Zulfiqar

7/8..PS Library

EVENTS

6/6..5th Grade
Graduation/
Kathryn Finchy
and Vista del Monte

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/6...Brigitta Grimaldi

6/26..Scott Adkins



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THE DAY
KRISTIN
BLOOMER

IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT
STEVE GALE

PRESIDENT-
ELECT
NICK CAMPBELL

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ACRONYMS: PDG-Past District Governor; DG-District Governor; DGN-District Governor Nominee; DGE-District Governor Elect; DGND-District Governor Nominee Designate; TRF-The Rotary Foundation; PHS-Paul Harris Society; RLI-Rotary Leadership Institute; DDF-District Designated Funds; PE-President Elect; PN-President Nominee; IPP-Immediate Past President; DTA-District Training Assembly; P.E.T.S.-Presidents-Elect training Seminar; COL-Council on Legislation; R.Y.L.A.-Rotary Youth leadership Awards; P.R.Y.D.E.-Personal Youth Development Experience; PHF-Paul Harris Fellow; MOP-Manual of Procedure; PRIP-Past Rotary International President; YE-Youth Exchange Program; FE-Friendship Exchange; RID-Rotary Intl' Director; PRID-Past Rotary Intl' Director; RIP-Rotary Intl' President