

Rotary Club of Palm Springs



Friday, January 31, 2025

Next Week at Hilton!

Palm Springs
Meets at Tapestry Room
(off lobby entrance)
Palm Springs Hilton 400
E Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262
Time: Wednesday at
11:45 AM

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Mike on a Bike

February 12, 2025

[Zubair Bakabye](#)
Global Grant number in
place ITT Vocational
School & Toilets for Life
in Uganda

February 19, 2025

[Matthew McLeroy PE](#)
Rotary Club of Indio
Sunrise
Desert Best Friend's
Closet

February 26, 2025

[John Shay](#)
Palm Springs Police
Officers Association



The Rotary Club of Palm Springs will be meeting next week **at our regular meeting space, in the Tapestry Room at Hilton Palm Springs**. The catering team was able to move their business around and enable us to be with them on Feb 5.

Our program will be aligned with the Tour de Palm Springs as Mike Di Blasi will present about a life-changing 4200-mile journey across the US on a bicycle during the summer of 2022.

(CT and RI) but he has lived on the west coast about 20 years. He currently splits his time between Portland and Palm Springs. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in architecture and worked as an architect / project manager for Multnomah County in Portland for about 11 years.

Mike is originally from the east coast,



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Past President



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Chair



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Club Director
Sergeant-at-Arms
Past President



Ryan Saunders
Club Director



Ector Simpson
Club Director



John W. Williams
Club Director



Timothy A. Ellis
Club Foundation
President
Past President

Birthdays

Judy J. Bronstein
February 17th

HOME for a HOME

By Michele Nobleman



Joel Vendette, executive director of Home for a Home, was our speaker today. They provide homes for people from Guatemala. The homes can be built for approximately \$3000 to \$4000. The poor

families there may live in huts with dirt floors and metal or plastic roofs. They get concrete floors, solid roofs, brick walls and metal locking doors. Stoves, water filtration, beds are also provided. They don't provide bathrooms, plumbing or electrical at this time. They have built over 500

homes. A home takes one week to build.

Not a huge overhead. \$.88 of each dollar is used for the build process. Only \$.12 per dollar is used for overhead. Various levels of giving/sponsorship are available. There are 90 donor members of the organization.

Joel is interested in joining a Rotary Club. It would be wonderful to have Joel in our club!



home for a **home**

Tour de Palm Springs

All Hands on Deck! February 8 & 9 Tour de Palm Springs

This is the year's premier opportunity for fundraising as our club sells shirts at the start of the race site.

Our Interactors from Palm Springs High School will be joining to assist.

Sign up for a time slot with Frank Peabody and Rossana Jeran.



Announcements



Please keep our members in mind; Bob Allan, who is in the hospital, and Joanne Bruggemans, who had some surgery last week and is at home now.

Dick O'Linn came in to tell us that his wife, Carolyn, is doing well following a very difficult and concerning year. Looking forward to seeing her back with Dick at a future club meeting!

Karl referred to that the Rotary Club of PS Sunup had asked if volunteers from

our club would like to join them for the 38th Annual Palm Springs Black History Month Parade and Town Fair. The **Parade** will start at 11:00AM Saturday February 22, 2025 on Palm Canyon Drive in Downtown **Palm Springs**. Judy is checking with our PS High School



Interactors who may be interested. The parade is Feb 22nd in Palm Canyon. We are not committed yet, so let Karl know if you are interested.

Mizell Center is having their annual fund-raising gala on March 11 at Tamarisk CC. 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Rotary Club of Palm Springs Sunup would like to have a combined table for ten to show our support and affection for

this community treasure. The tickets are \$350 per person.



IGNIGHT TRAINING



The **Ignite App** is a **mobile app** for smartphones and tablets designed by DACdb. Download Member Ignite on Playstore or Apple Store on phone

This **app** takes the most common tools and features from DACdb and makes them easier.

This tool will assist our membership in recruiting new members, looking at our calendar, paying invoices and dues etc...

Our meeting program will be a ZOOM presentation. Bring your phone and Dacdb User ID and Password.

If you need to know your ID and PW reach out to Michele before our meeting.

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