

Rotary Club of Palm Springs



Saturday, February 8, 2025

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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place ITT Vocational
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in Uganda

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[Karl D. Kruger](#)

Program 2.5.25

By Michele Nobleman



Mike Di Blasi, originally from the east coast, now on the west coast. Mike went across the country on a bike in 83 days. Transamerica Trail, a cross-country bike trail established in 1976. The trail is 4000 miles, down the Oregon coast, Idaho, Montana, through the Rockies, Pueblo Colorado, then due east. Didn't camp, rather, used motels, hostels, friends, and a program called "Warm Showers" for free stays. Wrote "Mike on a Bike". The highest ride was 11,000 ft. at Hoosier Pass.

The scariest thing was the tales of wild dogs in Kentucky. He prepared with Bear Spray, Pepper Spray, Airhorn, but ended up not going through Kentucky. Whew! The back tire in the ocean in Oregon, the front tire in

the ocean in Delaware. The next book will be "Mike on a couch in the living room looking for the remote."

Tour de Palm Springs Fun

Frank and Rossana organized our Rotarians and friends who volunteered to sell Tour de Palm Springs Apparel.



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Birthdays

Judy J. Bronstein
February 17th



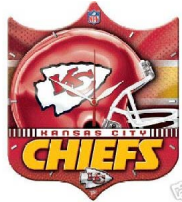
Nandy and Karl worked Friday. More pictures next week!



Happenings & Announcements

It was a wonderful treat to have Honorary member, Marjorie (Marj) Aikens and '97-98 Past President of our club, Jim Dowler, join us today, along with several visiting Rotarians and guests.

Jim Dowler gave an update on the Global Grant which our club supported last year. In Kenya, Mother / Child grant in rural Kenya. Rotary will have 9 rural hospitals in 11 counties in Kenya, updating maternity equipment, impacting maternity death rates.



Sojourner from Kansas City, Tom Koch, asked the Recognition Trivia questions. Football...again? Do you think Tom is thinking ahead to the Chiefs vs Eagles Superbowl?

Opportunity Drawing: Roger Micalko won the initial drawing, but didn't draw the black marble! **Sorry Judy!**



Thirsty Thursday will be NEXT Thursday, Feb 13th (rather than the 3rd Thursday),

at the Thompson Hotel 414 North Palm Canyon, at 5 p.m. Come join us for a drink, then take your sweetie out for an early Valentine's Dinner! There is additional parking behind the stores across the street. We will either be on the first floor inside the Hall Napa Valley Tasting Room, located on the first floor to the left of the front desk OR second floor lounge area at the entrance to the Lola Rose Restaurant. **Karl will update with a note next week.**

Upcoming Programs



Zubair Bakabye will come back next wee February 12 to present his RI approved Global Grant. Lots of opportunity here for our club.

Matthew McLeroy, PE Indio Sunrise Rotary will join us February 19 to tell us about their clubs community service and how we can assist!

On February 26 we will have LuLu California Bistro, COO, John Shay visit with our Palm Springs Police Officers Association.

PSPOD topic: Loss of an Officer