

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Club Assembly - Membership

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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Speakers

March 20, 2024

[Nyron McLean Chief Financial Officer and District 5330 DGE](#)

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March 27, 2024

[Paul Alvarado, PS Fire Chief](#)

April 03, 2024

[Scott Styles, PS City Manager](#)

Club Leaders



[Karl D. Kruger](#)
President



[James M. Dunn Jr.](#)
Secretary



[Michele Nobileman](#)
Treasurer
iPast President

By James M. Dunn Jr.

President Karl kicked off the discussion by recapping our last Club Assembly where Dennis shared the results of our club poll where everyone identified the club projects they wanted to support each year. It was clear by our club's ambitious activities list that we need more members to help execute the desired projects. Below are just a few of our accomplishments this year:

Provided six (6) \$2,000 Secondary School Scholarships through our club foundation

Sent four (4) campers from Raymond Cree Elementary to PRYDE camp.

Purchased glasses for children in need through our Coins for Kids program

Attended Chamber of Commerce mixers

Supported the Interact Club of Palm Springs High School

Presented the Milt Levinson Book Giveaway to students at Cahuilla Elementary School

Conducted club Four Way Speech and Music competition, sending representatives to District competition.

Supported former club member GG with \$1k club and \$6k district commitment.

Partnered with an India host club on a global grant with support of district funds.

Support Palm Springs Concerts series.

Participated in community parades, PS Pride, Veterans Day, Christmas

Supported Palm Desert Rotary Mexicali weekend Project.

Supported past member granddaughter Ravin Levinson in graduation from Nursing School

Our **membership chair, Walter Gendell**, reviewed the club's updated new member approval and induction process. Briefly outlined each member

- ID prospective member
- Sponsor invites them to an initial meeting (paid for by the club).
- Invite prospective members to three meetings
- Access application on DacDb
- Board gets the application/sponsor and provides a recommendation
- The prospective member's name is emailed out to members for approval
- Once dues are paid, the new member can be inducted

Membership Goal

At July 1st, we had 27 members and our goal for this year is a net membership goal of 32 members.

Karl reminded everyone to complete their form identifying potential new members and turn those into him asap, and he would reach out to them.

New Member Induction Upcoming

Please join as we welcome our newest member, **David McGil**, through his induction during our club meeting on March 20, 2024.

David expressed that his desire to join Rotary stems from his search for an organization that is committed to local and international community service, is values and ethics based and provides leadership development opportunities.



Robert C. Allan
Club Director



Judy J. Bronstein
Club Director
Youth Services
Chair



Jack Fitzsimmons
Club Director
Rotary
Foundation
Chair
International
Service Chair



Dennis V. Hacker
Club Director
Community
Service Chair



Frank E. Peabody
Club Director
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Walter William Gendell
Membership
Chair



Timothy A. Ellis
Club Foundation
President

Birthdays

Daniel R. Keller
March 28th

Bernadette Kruger
April 1st

James Griffes
April 15th

Club Assembly - Rotary International Foundation

By James M. Dunn Jr.

Jack Fitzsimmons next reviewed the RI Foundation efforts and funds available within our own district that we can access to help with projects around the world (and those clubs can in-turn assist with any local projects we might have). Jack highlighted that the funds available to us are determined by how much we have donated in past years, so make your RI Foundation donations today! You can easily do a one-time or ongoing donation via debit or credit card at <https://my.rotary.org/> . If you need assistance logging in or donating, see Jack, Jim or Michele at any of our meetings in March, and we will help you log-in and donate at the meeting!

Jack summarized that \$475 million was donated by Rotarians around the world to support Rotary's activities and projects. ***The Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) initiative*** seeks to have every Rotarian in every club donate to Rotary International every year. Donations as little as \$25 make a big impact when combined with others! See Jack to make your annual contribution right away we only have a few more months in the current Rotary year to achieve our EREY goal!

Jack also reviewed the list of Rotary Annual Fund Areas of Focus. He asked everyone to share in what area our club members (you) have an interest. The District currently has over \$200,000 in funds available to sponsor global projects. We can identify projects of interest and apply for the funds to sponsor a project.

During the year 23/24 our Rotary Club of Palm Springs has participated in two Global Grants, both in India and Africa. Jack is looking to involve us in more next Rotary year.

Plan-It Life, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Riverside

For over two decades, we have been dedicated to offering a residential treatment safe haven for at-risk Riverside and San Bernardino County teens who have endured mental, physical, and sexual abuse, sexual trafficking and unimaginable neglect. These youth, burdened with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to their past experiences, have been removed from their homes and given to us, where they can embark on a healing journey to change the arc of their lives.



Speaker Nyron McLean, CFO

Nyron McLean was introduced to Rotary when he was asked to speak to the Rotary Club of Covina about his leading medical, dental and surgical teams to Haiti after the massive earthquake of 2010. It was because someone at this meeting asked him to join Rotary, and then, subsequently, introduced him to a Rotary club in his hometown of Riverside, California, that Nyron became a Rotarian.

Announcements

March 17: Progressive Dinner Social Event

March 18: Board Meeting Monday, March 18th at 5pm here at the Hilton

March 20: Ector has asked us to be a community partner with Mizell on the speaker series. The club can have a booth (good way to spot potential members). Please let Karl know if you can attend and greet people at our booth.

Coachella Valley Rotarians Firebirds Event also!

March 23: One PS Community annual picnic, we will have a booth and it is a fun event put on by the City's neighborhood groups—come out and show your neighborhood pride!

April 6: District training (half day) in Hemet where you can learn about the workings of Rotary from DacDb to best practices on community projects, let Karl know if you want to attend. Carpooling is available.

