

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Palm Springs fire Chief Paul Alvarado

By James M. Dunn Jr.



Karl introduced Chief Alvarado, who is approaching his first year as our city's fire chief. The chief began his career in Long Beach 27 years ago as a firefighter/paramedic and through the years worked his way up. He has served as Assistant Fire Chief in Long Beach since 2018.

Since arriving, Chief Alvarado has commissioned a study by a national contractor to measure fire coverage for the City. With the growth of the city, it is

important to measure density and fire coverage to respond to emergency calls. Using heat mapping to represent the number of fires in different areas and that is overlaid on the fire station locations to determine whether the stations are properly located to maintain response times.

The Chief emphasized work on partnerships between other local emergency agencies, the tribe and the City to deliver services and also to share resources. The Chief also noted that the department is currently fully staffed.

Alvarado and his wife Kitty are the parents of two adult sons, who are both first responders -- and a Cairn Terrier named Bette Davis.

Just before we adjourned, we said farewell to another season with Roger Mickalko and his wife Judy, who will be heading home to Canada safe travels!

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

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[Scott Styles, PS City Manager](#)

First Year as Palm Springs City Manager

April 10, 2024

[Angel View](#)

Angel View A non-profit serving children and adults with disabilities. Angel View's mission is helping children and adults with disabilities reach their maximum potential.

Club Leaders



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Chair



Timothy A. Ellis
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Birthdays

Bernadette Kruger
April 1st
James Griffes
April 15th
Timothy A. Ellis
April 23rd

Announcements

April 3 Representatives of the **Tour de Palm Springs** will visit our club this week and recognize us for the effort we provided in making this year's event successful. Come say "Thank you" or this great ongoing relationship!

April 6: District Training from 8am to Noon in Hemet and the cost is \$35 and includes lunch. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the different avenues of Rotary service as well as learn more about things like the 4 Way Speech Contest, club officer duties, Rotary promotion, etc. All committee chairs and board members should attend. Sign up through Dacdb or see Karl to register.

April 13: All club members will want to participate in this event. **Angel View Prom** is at 3pm. Sign up to come and participate in this outstanding event. It is a wonderful afternoon and the Angel View Clients so appreciate the day.

May 23rd: PSHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony where our local club's foundation scholarships are awarded to the students that we are sponsoring. Please feel free to attend.

June 15: The annual District Conference will be replaced with the **Ignite FESTIVAL** at Lake Skinner in Winchester. This will be a day of fun at the fantastic new Lake Skinner recreation area. Be sure to sign up on Dacdb or directly on the District flyer website! \$75 per person Rotarians and guest for the day. Well worth the registration.

Activities and Upcoming Opportunities



Our program this week - Scott C. Stiles was appointed City Manager of Palm Springs, CA, on March 6, 2023, following a long career in city management with the cities of Garden Grove, CA and Cincinnati, OH. He has more than 35 years of experience in public administration, community relations and management. In Palm Springs, Mr. Stiles leads a dynamic Executive Leadership Team in the operation of 19 departments employing 620 staff, with a General Fund operating budget of \$210M and an all-funds budget of \$527M.

Michele, Nandy and Karl looked great representing our club at the ONE-PS Annual Picnic in Ruth Hardy Park this past weekend. Walter, Jack and Judy also came by to assist. It was a very successful day in meeting potential members for our club.





Mark your calendars for our District Celebration at Lake Skinner in June. Children and/or grandchildren are invited with lots to do! Register for the event using the QR code on the flayer below. If you want a lesson on using a QR code, ask your grandkids!

WWW.DISTRICT5330.ORG/IGNITE/
Rotary
 District 5330
June 15, 2024
LAKE SKINNER
 37701 Warren Rd, Winchester, CA 92596
 (Between Hemet and Temecula)

IGNITING PASSION
 ROTARY 5330
IGNITE FESTIVAL
INSPIRING ACTION

Join us on Saturday, June 15th at the iGNITE FESTIVAL in Winchester, CA as we bring Rotarians and our community together to celebrate igniting passions and inspiring actions in our communities and around the world. The iGNITE FESTIVAL will feature Live Entertainment, BBQ Competition, Camping, Vendors, and fun for the whole family!

FEATURING

- ✓ Food Trucks
- ✓ Service Projects
- ✓ Live Entertainment
- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Beer/Wine
- ✓ Kids Activities
- ✓ BBQ Competition
- ✓ TONS OF FUN!

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE

Adult Admission (16+): \$75.00
 Youth Admission (6-15): \$45.00
 Children (5 & Under): FREE
(Included: 2 BBQ samples and 1 beer/wine/beverage sample)