



DESERTARIAN

A NEW ROTARY YEAR

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QUICK GLANCE
AT THIS ISSUE

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CLUB ASSEMBLY JULY 19

CREATING HOPE IN UGANDA



Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally wants Rotary to exist everywhere in a style that suits everyone who has the desire to work with us to do good. During this year, he'll focus on three presidential initiatives that Create Hope in the World: **prioritizing mental health, building peace through virtual exchanges, and empowering girls.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Karl Kruger

JULY 13

The club will be joining the PS Chamber of Commerce for its mixer at the tram for only \$20 which includes the tram ride and food provided by our club member John Fitch. Go

To <https://pschamber.org/event/11872/> to purchase your tickets!

JULY 19

Club assembly for discussion of Club Service and Youth Service. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees please let President Karl know.

JULY 26

No meeting. The club will be dark until August 30, due to the many members on vacation. We will resume our lunch meeting on September 5.

PROGRAM – JUNE 28

The Rotary Club of Palm Springs closed out its 82th year by thanking outgoing President Michele for her leadership and unstinting hard work. With her guidance, our club won the District Governor's Citation. Michele will bring her energy and expertise to her new role as our Club Treasurer. Service Above Self – with a smile!

We also welcomed President Karl in his new role. At this month's assembly on July 19, we will discuss two very important avenues of service.

- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, EarlyAct, Milt Levinson's Book Giveaway, RYLA and PRIDE. Also, perhaps 2024 will be the return of our annual Prom for Angel View?!?
- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan. This year this service will be managed by a committee of club members. In addition to developing and managing our weekly programs, our committee will assist in managing weekly meeting tasks of greeting, recital of the pledge and four-way test and our rotary moment, as well as recognition and our very popular marble game. We can discuss the Sargent of Arms position which has been recommended to relieve our Treasurer from having to staff the welcome desk at our meetings.

JUNE 28 PROGRAM (continued)

Our Club enjoyed a fascinating talk given by Doug Scott, a new member of our Club who has transferred in from the Sunup Rotary Club. Doug has spent most of his career as a passionate advocate and lobbyist for the United States Wilderness Areas. As of 2019, there were 803 Wilderness areas totaling more than 110 **million** acres. Doug stressed that getting outdoors is a fundamental characteristic of the American character. He read from works by Henry David Thoreau and John Muir, among the most famous environmentalists. Both cherished the “art of walking” and feeding their “hunger for natural beauty.” Doug stressed the need for youth today to engage with nature.

Doug’s passion is a perfect fit for Rotary International’s work in preserving the environment, our latest Area of Focus. You can read more about our work [here](#). *Are you interested in engaging more directly in environmental projects?* Consider attending one of the month calls held by the Rotary’s Environmental Sustainability Group ([ESRAG](#)) the second Monday of the month at 5:30 PDT. The Big West chapter is starting a pilot study as of July 1, 2023; and inviting the chapter members to form and lead an environmental committee at their clubs and register with ESRAG as an environmentally focused ECO Rotary Action Club, with a minimum of 5 current/new ESRAG members. Learn more about ESRAG on their Facebook [page](#) or their website.

JULY 05 PROGRAM

Reported by Jim Dunn

This week’s program was by Zubair Bakubye Zubair is a member of Riverside East Rotary club and founder of ITT Vocational Training in Uganda. The program first started with the Mothers of Peace which advocates for neglected children of war in Uganda. They started with literacy programs for mothers and 20 former child soldiers. From the Mothers of Peace program, initially funded by a Rotary Grant, the ITT training program developed.

Programs included tailor/sewing and computer skills. In Uganda unemployment among young people is 60-70% due to lack of training and education. Once people complete the computer skills program they are guaranteed a job. The school was initially funded by a \$47,000 Rotary grant. Ongoing funding comes from the goods and services developed by those attending ITT. Items such as bricks, clothing, etc. are sold and 70% of the proceeds go to support the school and 30% goes to the students to help support them during their training.

The school is currently looking for funding to complete space to accommodate a nursing program.

Current Needs

- Girl’s hostel
- School kitchen/dining room
- Fencing of the school grounds (required by law)
- Construction of girl’s septic

The school is looking for funding to complete these initiatives. In order to learn more or donate there will be a website within the next month or so. The budget for these projects is less than \$68,000 USD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Check out this month’s Rotarian Magazine to learn more about our new President. Also Larry Lunsford, one of our upcoming speakers is profiled as one of the trustees.
- Karl distributed pins for the current year to all members in attendance. Don’t lose yours or you may be fined by our fine master Tim Ellis!
- July 13th the club will be joining the PS Chamber of Commerce for its mixer at the tram for only \$20 which includes the tram ride and food provided by our club member John Fitch. Go to <https://pschamber.org/event/11872/> to purchase your tickets!
- July 19th...club assembly for discussion of Club Service and Youth Service. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees please let President Karl know.
- Jack submitted the report for the high school garden project. This collaboration between our Club and the Food Plant Solutions RAG may be expanded as food insecurity is a major focus for our District. Keep tuned!
- Don’t miss next week’s meeting where our speaker will be Dr. Scott Adkins who will share the latest updates on the COD Palm Springs Campus...you won’t want to miss this presentation!

Rotary District 5330 Club: Palm Springs

Birthdays and Anniversaries for 07/01/2023 to 07/31/2023

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Dunn, James M. Jr. (JIM)	14 July
Gendell, Walter William (WALTER)	15 July
Hacker, Jennifer G (JENNY)	10 July
Kruger, Karl D. (KARL)	15 July
Peabody, Frank E. (FRANK)	23 July
Scott, Doug (DOUG)	16 July

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Gendell, Walter	Fitzsimmons, Jack	15 July
Kruger, Karl	Kruger, Bernadette	15 July

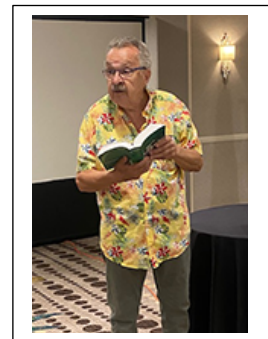
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years	Total
Keller, Daniel R.(DANIEL)	07/01/93	30	0	30
Kruger, Bernadette(NANDY)	07/10/13	10	0	10

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
No anniversaries this period.			



A major thank you for Ed McBride who has gone above and beyond as our Secretary-Treasurer, Board Member, and DACdb Guru. We could not have done it without you, sir!
Best of luck and remember, the door is always open.

And thanks to all who have served over the last year – Officers, Board Members, Desertarians, Photographers, Jesters, Greeters, and Project Leaders. You make our Club the fantastic organization it is.



KARL KRUGER, President

JUM DUNN, Secretary

MICHELE NOBLEMAN, Treasurer

WALTER GENDELL, Membership Chair

JACK FITZSIMMONS, Rotary Foundation Chair,
International Service Chair

JUDY BRONSTEIN, Youth Services Chair

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JOHN FRITCH, Past President

WALTER GENDELL, Board Member

DENNIS HACKER, Board Member, Community
Service Chair

JOHN WILLIAMS, Board Member

Member,Vocational Chair

TIM ELLIS, Ex-officio PSRC Foundation Chair