

DESERTARIAN

JANUARY 11, 2023

QUICK GLANCE AT THIS ISSUE

ANTI-TRAFFICKING
PRESENTATION

HELP WANTED!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Karl Kruger

January 18

*Program: Club Meeting -
Membership*

Speaker: President Michele
Nobleman, Chair Frank Peabody
Membership

January 25

*Program: Real World Guidance
through Spiritual Channel*

Speaker: Barbra Lippert

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM *Reported by Barbara Lippert*

Our presenter was Investigator Aron Wolfe, Project Director, Riverside County Sheriff Department. A 12-year veteran with the County, he works with the Anti-Trafficking Task Force, a collaboration of public and private partnerships who share common goal of locating victims of human trafficking, as well as their traffickers. Aron, with 23 years of police service, opened with a description of the difference between 'sextortion' and 'textation.'

Young girls are taken from Riverside and dropped off at local destinations to be pimped out. The majority of the victims are under 18 and Aron stressed that our children and grandchildren face the danger of trafficking. The trafficking is for labor, sex, and money.

Traffickers are on the internet, social media, and online games and use false profiles to make youth think they are talking to their peers. Since many youths generally wants to fit in and often lack self-confidence, this makes them easy prey for the criminals. The traffickers start making friends convincing them to send nude pictures. Then, they extort the victims for money before making the pictures public. Most of this is done through "catfishing", pretending to be someone else to deceive the victim into wanting a romantic relationship with the criminal. Most youngsters forget to turn off their location history, enabling traffickers to show up at their homes. Parents have been murdered and youth taken for sex.

This talk was both enlightening and scary. As if our teens don't have enough on their plate! In order for these officers to talk to youth at schools, they need to be invited. We are inquiring into our Interact group as well as RYLA regarding presentations in the future.

Learn more about Rotary
International's Anti-Trafficking
efforts and resources started by
Districts 5950, 5960, and 5580.
Click [here](#) if you are reading this
online.



DISTRICT 5330
PRE-PETS AND
PRESIDENT'S ADVANCE

Join Us



DG DON CASPER 2022-2023
DGE JAMIE ZINN 2023-2024



Register:
<https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77586587>

Our esteemed Vice-President Karl and his wonderful wife Nandy, joined 50 others Rotarians from 5 clubs to Mexicali to paint a School for the Deaf. Seeing the need and opportunity for further collaboration, Karl signed up for us to have a sister club in Mexicali. More to follow about this exciting opportunity!

ANNOUNCEMENT: FEBRUARY 10TH,11TH-TOUR DE PALM SPRINGS

Volunteers needed for our major fundraiser! Contact Frank and Dennis

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES for 01/01/2023 to 01/31/2023

Member Birthdays	Birthday
O'Linn, Richard J (DICK)	04 January

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
No Partner birthdays this period.		

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Fritch, John (JOHN)	01/09/19	4	0	4
Halftermeyer, Dorys (DORYS)	01/04/17	6	0	6

CLUB CALENDAR

Saturday 1/14, 2023, 6-9pm.	Food Now's 10th Annual Chili Cook-off at PS Air Museum. Several Rotary's are participating. Michele will make her White Chicken Chili. Could use 2 helpers. If someone wants to compete, contact Michele for entry form and submit by 12/31/22.
1/25-29/23	Volunteers needed: SoCal Adaptive West Coast Regional Developmental Boccia: Jan 25-29, 2023 Contact Mike at mike@socaladaptivesports.org
2/10-11/23	Tour de Palm Springs, see Frank Peabody and Dennis Hacker to volunteer. Raffle tickets will be available to sell.
3/18-19/23	PS Sunup/Noon Clubs Chalk Art Festival. Need volunteers, sponsors. Packet distributed at previous meeting, Michele has more.
Wednesday 4/12/23	PS Rotary Fundraiser, "Courage" at the PS Community Center.

DISTRICT DOINGS

Public Image Training

Every Rotarian is an ambassador of Rotary's values and mission. However, the Rotary clubs must continue strengthen Rotary's public image as world's largest voluntary service organization committed to peace and better understanding in the world through humanitarian service projects. Learn more at this hands-on training session.

January 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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