

Rotary

Club of Palm Springs



Sunday, October 13, 2024

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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Palm Springs Unified
School District

November 06, 2024

[DG Judy Zulfigar](#)
Board Meeting with DG
10:00 AM with Member
Luncheon at Noon DG
Judy has an exciting
program for all!

Club Leaders



[Karl D. Kruger](#)
President



[Mark Vivian](#)
President-Elect

LGBT Center

By Michele Nobleman



Our speaker was Charles Huff from the (LGBT) Center of the Desert Food Bank. He is the Director of Food Security, one of two staff members running this program, along with 60+ volunteers. They've recently opened a much larger facility to support those who

receive food at the weekly (Thursday) distribution day. Last year, 23,500 people were served. This year, the number has already nearly matched that number, with several months left. 10,000 households have been served.

Anyone who registers for food and lives in Riverside County can receive two bags of groceries per week. The distribution includes a bag of fresh food (meat, veggies, dairy) and a bag of pantry staples (pasta, canned goods, etc.).

In Riverside County, 1 in 12 people are food insecure. In the LGBTQ community, 1 in 7 are food insecure. About half of the recipients are seniors. 67% of the people served receive a distribution three times a month, 23% of those served receive once a month and 10% pick up food twice a month.

The Food Bank is affiliated with the FIND Food Bank, several stores and other organizations to get donations to fulfill the needs of their people.

The new building is at 2901 E. Alejo Rd, across the street from the NeuroVitality Center. With this expansion, there is room for offices and increased house of operation, plus they will be adding a community health worker to the staff to help assess the needs of the users of this service.

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Secretary



Michele Nobleman
Treasurer
Past President



Frank E. Peabody
Sergeant-at-Arms



Timothy A. Ellis
Club Foundation
President

Happenings and Upcoming Events



Past President Judy Bronstein ran our Oct 9th meeting, while we got updates from Nandy Kruger on the status of our president, Karl's, surgery. (Passed with flying colors!)

Notice, remember your donation to the Rotary International Foundation: "Every Rotarian, Every Year". Please go out to MyRotary.com and set up your one time or ongoing automatic donation!

Excitement grows as Nandy Kruger's number was drawn in the 50/50, for a win of \$26. The black marble was not drawn, so the big pot will continue to next week.

Michele announced the opportunity to man a "vendor" table at an event sponsored by Cahuilla Elementary for an LGBTQ+ Family gathering on **October 18th from 5-6pm** at the PSUSD Parent Resource Center on Farrell behind Palm Springs High School. There will be make and take activities!

Let Michele know if you will help man the table so we can spread the news of Rotary with these families and help build our membership. Use this link to register, if you'd like to attend with your family:
<https://bit.ly/pridenight2024>

Upcoming speakers and events

- Oct 16 Hanson House Ivonne Moreno speaker
 - Oct 17 Thirsty Thursday @ Eight4Nine (date changed)
 - Oct 18 LGBTQ+ event at the PSUSD Parent Resource Center
 - Oct 23 PSUSD John Gerradi speaker
 - Nov 3 Pride Parade - walking with Sunup club and Coachella Valley Rotarians
 - Nov 6 **DG Judy Zulfigar will have her Official Visit - Board Meets 10am**
 - Nov 9 Vet's Parade
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Birthdays

Mark Vivian
October 19th