



# DESERTARIAN

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## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Karl Kruger

**February 22**



*Program: Palm Springs Police  
Department*

Speaker: Chief Andrew Mills

Andrew Mills is currently the Chief of Police in Palm Springs, also serving Governor Newsome on the Board of State and Community Corrections. Prior to that he was the Chief for four years in Eureka, and Santa Cruz. While in his capacity as Chief, Andy helped to turn around a troubled agency and build relationships with the community.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**PROGRAM:** *American Documentary Film Festival (AMDOCS)*



**Ted Grouya**, the founder and executive director of the AmDocs Film Festival presented to the club regarding this great Film Festival

The AmDoc Film Festival hosts over 200 documentary films. Out of the thousands of documentary film festivals around the world the PS festival is ranked in the top 100. For details visit [www.amdocfilmfest.com](http://www.amdocfilmfest.com)



**Elizabeth Press** also joined him as the chair of the filmmaker [Homestay Host Program](#). You too can be a host to a documentary filmmaker! The festival will be held March 30th thru April 3rd this year. Contact the festival now if you would be willing to host one of these filmmakers! Generally, the filmmakers could be in PS for the full 6-7 days of the festival, some may be here for shorter periods.

Email Ted or Elizabeth at [info@amdocfilmfest.com](mailto:info@amdocfilmfest.com) if you are interested in being a host or a volunteer! Hosts will receive VIP passes for the entire festival for their efforts. The host need only provide a bedroom, bath and light morning breakfast fare; the Festival will take care of meals and transportation.

**FESTIVAL DATES:**  
**MARCH 30-APRIL 4**



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### February 22

(continued)

Recently, Mills helped create and implement the Major City Chief's Criminal Intelligence Enterprise which has been adopted by the Major City Chiefs of the largest cities in the nation.

He frequently lectures at conferences and has provided training to scores of police agencies, including agencies in Washington, D.C., Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Bogota, Mexicali, Rio de Janeiro and Wellington NZ.

### March 1

*Program: "Water in Our Desert for a Sustainable Future"*

Speaker: Ashley Metzger and; Melinda Weinrich



Ashley Metzger is a Senior Advisor to Desert Water Agency. In addition to water management, Ashley communicates DWA's messages to employees, customers, community groups, elected officials and media. Ashley earned a Master's degree in Politics while studying as a Rotary Scholar in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Melinda Weinrich joined Desert Water Agency as the Outreach Conservation Manager in 2023. She has worked in the water sector for both private and public water suppliers for over 18 years specializing in water resources and conservation. She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Zoology from the California State Polytechnical University Humboldt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Peabody thanked all those (42pp) who worked the Tour de PS booth this past weekend. This year the Tour saw 3,700 riders. Thanks also to all of those who sold raffle tickets!

Nandy Kruger announced that she picked up boxes that the Cahuilla Early-act prepared as Valentine's gifts for seniors from the kids at the school. She took them to the Premier Care Center for seniors.

Rotary Peace Conference on March 1st, check the District Website for details

Progressive Dinner will be on Saturday, March 11th. Volunteers are still needed to contribute appetizer, salad or dessert dishes.

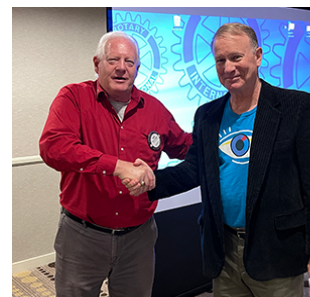
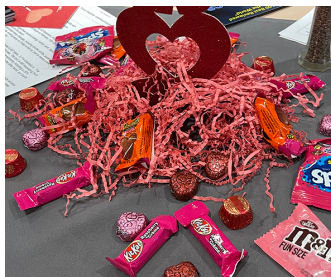
March 14th, the Sunrise Club will host the Mayor as their program

April 12th fundraiser and Film Premier at the Palm Springs Cultural Center

April 15th - mark your calendar for Rotarians at Work day. We will be painting a house in Ramon Mobile Home Park, we need 10 volunteers. Contact Karl to put your name on the list to participate!

Also on April 15th - Jack announced the celebration to open Jack's photo exhibit at the Stephen Baumbach Gallery in the Backstreet Art District ...as he said, paint during the day and then come for evening cocktails!

*Reported by Jim Dunn*



**WELCOME BACK, BOB ALLEN!**



## TACO THURSDAY!

FEBRUARY 16

### EL JEFE RESTAURANT

(inside The Saguaro Hotel) at  
1800 E. Palm Canyon Drive

Happy Hour Drink Prices from  
5:00-6:00

MEET-UP INSIDE BAR



## HOLD THE DATE!

MARCH 11

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER

5:00 PM

Look for details in future copies of *The Desertarian*.

**Another** huge shout-out to Jenny and Dennis  
for organizing this amazing array of social  
events.



# SAVE THE DATE !

TOM SPEIR  
CROSBY

LOUIS de BEER

JOSE M.  
ASTORGA

HENRY JAMES  
BEDINGER

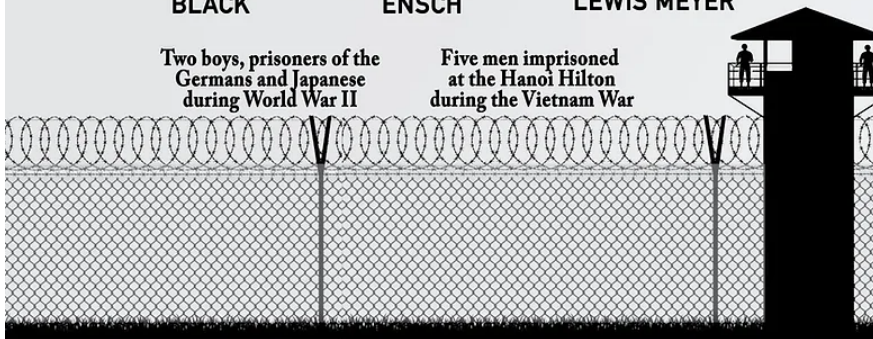
ART NEIL  
BLACK

CAPTAIN JACK  
ENSCH

LEWIS MEYER

Two boys, prisoners of the  
Germans and Japanese  
during World War II

Five men imprisoned  
at the Hanoi Hilton  
during the Vietnam War



To survive, it took hope, faith, and

## Courage

A film by  
Bill Lowe

April 12, 2023 - 7 PM  
Palm Springs Cultural Center

View the trailer at  
[Rotaryclubofpalmsprings.org](http://Rotaryclubofpalmsprings.org)

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