



# DESERTARIAN

**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**  
**QUICK GLANCE**  
**AT THIS ISSUE**

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## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

*Karl Kruger*

### 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.

## PROGRAM : *Palm Springs Police Department*



**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.

Recently, he was involved in creating the City Chief Criminal Intelligence Enterprise adopted by all major cities in the country.

Andy Mills and his officers are out to protect all citizens regardless of race, age, or sexual orientation. PS City Council gave a 30% raise over 3 years to police officers, bringing salaries in parity with other California Police Departments. The department is now fully staffed. Crime is down 8% with the exception of petty theft. However, assaults on officers are up 72%.

To maintain an orderly society his department is using tactical de-escalation by engaging criminals in conversation:

- Ask criminals to stop.
- Tell them to stop.
- Make them stop.

Palm Springs currently has 300 homeless people. The Chief is focusing on four micro hotspots or locations where the homeless congregate, and the top 20-30 problem people. He urged business and citizens to stop feeding and enabling the homeless and to direct them to community food resources. The City of Palm Springs does not have a mental health department and must rely on services provided by Riverside County.

In closing, Chief Mills thanked the Club for our community work and IPE Karl suggested that our Rotary Club would be glad to assist in helping address the issues of homelessness.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March 1 (*continued*)

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.

### March 8

*Program: SoCal Adaptive*

Speaker: Michael J. Rosenkrantz,  
Executive Director



Michael has been on the Adaptive Sports Path since he was a VSO volunteer in India and Nepal from 2009-16. He has coached wheelchair basketball overseas as well as in the US. He also coaches numerous other adapted sports.

He co-founded SoCal Adaptive Sports in May 2020 and has been the Board President and currently serves as the Executive Director working to create greater societal inclusion. Michael has two children, Daniel who is a monk in Self-Realization Fellowship and Sarah who is a musician/dancer both of whom live in L.A.

- The social committee is meeting to determine a new date for the progressive dinner.
- The poster for Courage, our film/fundraiser, April 12, is finished. Go to Rotaryps.org to see the trailer and buy tickets. \$30 for single and \$100 for VIP (includes 2 tickets).
- Rotary at Work Day is April 15. We need someone to power wash the trailer the week before and 10 volunteers to help paint. Contact Karl.
- We need a volunteer to help with the *Desertarian* one Wednesday a month.
- Bob Allan reminds us we are in the second half of the Rotary year. We are close to meeting our EMEY (Every Member Every Year) donations to the Rotary International Foundation. If you need help, please let Bob know. He'll be happy to help with forms, etc.

#### *Our visitors included:*

- Mike Dolan, Blancheville, NJ; Paula and Nimmo Femino, Palm Springs; Rick Rhine, Palm Springs; Eric Lybelle, Palm Springs; Andrew and Cathy Mills, Palm Springs; Bob Rahl, Palm Springs; Terei Banersee, Framingham, MA; Dr. Alderman, Palm Springs



### Steve and Claire Wood

CEO of Rotary Radio UK, the dedicated Rotary radio station in the UK but with listeners in 164 countries around the world. We broadcast on the internet 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, playing all kinds of music interlaced with the good news about Rotary's activities. The main aim of RRUUK is to raise awareness of Rotary and encourage membership. [www.rotaryradiouk.org](http://www.rotaryradiouk.org) or any device connected to the internet including mobile phones.



AND WE ARE  
**ALMOST**  
THERE!

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Rotary members' donations to the RI Foundation fuel the good we do in this world. In Palm Springs, we are **almost** at 100% member participation. Please help our club reach the goal of 'Every Rotarian Every Year.'

## Giving Made Easy

Whether you choose to make a one-time, recurring, or matching gift, it's easy to give to The Rotary Foundation.

### Online Giving

Visit [rotary.org/donate](https://rotary.org/donate) to make a one-time or recurring gift online.

### Rotary Direct

Support our work year-round by making a recurring gift through Rotary Direct. You choose how much and how often you want to give. It's a simple and secure way to make a big impact. Visit [my.rotary.org/rotary-direct](https://my.rotary.org/rotary-direct).

### Matching Gifts

Double the good your gift can do by having your employer match it. Visit [rotary.org/matchinggifts](https://rotary.org/matchinggifts) or ask your human resources department about your company's matching gifts and volunteer grants programs.

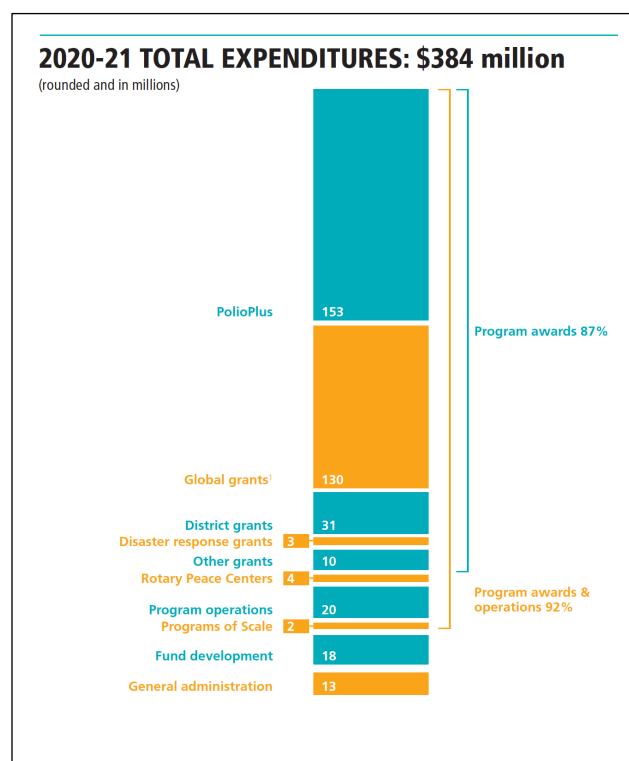
# WHERE DOES YOUR DONATION GO?

Contribution summary	2020-21	All-time contributions
Annual Fund	\$139.4 million	\$3.0 billion
Endowment Fund	\$32.6 million	\$447.0 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$133.2 million	\$1.9 billion
Other*	\$49.4 million	\$327.7 million
<b>Total outright contributions</b>	<b>\$354.8 million</b>	<b>\$5.7 billion</b>
Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund	\$69.4 million	\$882.2 million
Polio transfers**	\$16.7 million	—
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$440.9 million</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Program awards &amp; operations</b>	<b>\$352.3 million</b>	<b>Since 1947: \$5.3 billion</b>

Totals are rounded.

\* Cash contributions to global grants, directed gifts, and contributions to the donor advised fund

\*\* District Designated Fund transfers and the resulting World Fund match to PolioPlus, affinity card royalties, and donor advised fund transfers to PolioPlus





# PROGRAMS

(All figures are as of 30 June 2021 and in U.S. dollars.)

## PolioPlus

Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. As of June 2021, Rotary had committed more than \$2.2 billion to global polio eradication. We're still working to eliminate the wild poliovirus in the last two countries where it remains endemic and to ensure that it does not return elsewhere. **In 2020-21, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$152.9 million.**

## Global grants

Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. **In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 2,066 global grants, and program awards totaled \$130.0 million.**

## District grants

District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission. **In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 467 district grants, and program awards totaled \$31.1 million.**

## Disaster response grants

Rotary's disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters within the past six months. **In 2020-21, the Foundation approved 55 disaster response grants, and program awards totaled \$3.1 million.**

## Rotary Peace Centers

Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at Rotary Peace Centers, where they earn master's degrees or professional development certificates. Since 2002-03, 1,487 fellows from more than 115 countries have participated. **In 2020-21, 117 fellows from 63 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$4.4 million.**

## Programs of Scale grants

Programs of Scale grants empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact projects over three to five years to benefit a large number of people. **The member-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program was awarded the 2020-21 grant of \$2 million, which was matched by \$4 million in funding from our partners.**



TACO

TUESDAY



Rotarians and their guests enjoyed tempting tacos and margaritas at El Jefe @ The Sujaro. Thanks to Jenny and Dennis for arranging the event.

# 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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