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AT THIS ISSUE

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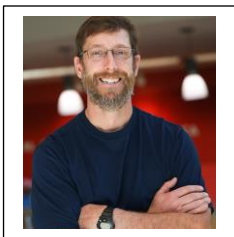
UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Karl Kruger

March 8

Program: SoCal Adaptive

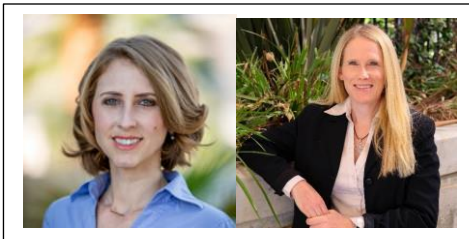
Speaker: Michael J. Rosenkrantz,
Executive Director



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.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



PROGRAM:

We had a good meeting today. The attendance numbers are rising! Attached is the list of upcoming events.

Ashley Metzger and Melinda Weinrich from the Desert Water Agency were our co-speakers today. Ashley has a special Rotary connection-she was a Rotary Exchange Student to South Africa. They provided an interesting look at the Agency and what it does for our valley. The Agency was formed to manage the valley's aquifer where a 100 year supply of water is naturally stored beneath the ground. The aquifer is what makes the Coachella Valley an oasis.

The Agency trades water rights with the Metropolitan Water District in Los Angeles. The valley's allocation of water from the California Water Project is traded for the Colorado River water, which is delivered to our valley to recharge the aquifer.

California is under stage 2 drought restrictions, although the valley is not under siege like other parts of California. Being water smart is good for everyone and our speakers reminded us that it is not for today, but for future generations.

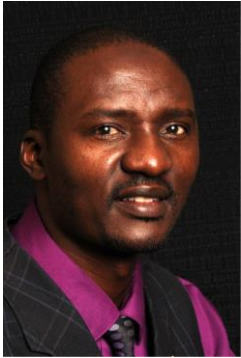
The Agency is able to perform water audits and assist with advice and recommendations for economical water use. The Agency usually gives warnings for users' first violation of water use restrictions. Ashley noted that permission has just been granted to use recycled sewer water to irrigate Sunrise Park. This will save millions of gallons of potable water in the future.

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.

March 15

Program: Toilets for Life – RI Global Grant

Speaker: Zubair Bakubye



Rotary International Global Grant #1985875, a project to construct septic toilets and to bring sanitation and clean water to the Bugiri District of Uganada. This project will bring clean water and sanitation to thousands of people and make a lasting difference.

March 22

Program: Rotary Four Way Test Competition

March 29

Program: Volunteers In Medicine
Speaker: Linda Hodsdon



The NAFC Volunteers in Medicine Program helps communities start, develop and expand clinics. In 2021, the Volunteers in Medicine clinic development program moved to the NAFC after the national organization Volunteers in Medicine America closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Club music contest was held on 2/22/23, Winners and runners-up advance to the district level competition.

Progressive Dinner, March 11th, \$15/pp.

See Judy Bronstein (jbronstein@dc.rr.com 760-567-2464) or Jenny Hacker (jcloverandco@comcast.net 510-685-6417) to RSVP

Chalk Art with Sunup Club, March 18-19, volunteers needed.

4 Way Test Contest March 22.

Rotary at Work painting project, April 15 at Ramon Mobile Park.



PS Rotary Upcoming Calendar Events update 3/1/2023

Wednesday Mar 01, 2023 to Saturday Mar 18, 2023	Peace Conference (Live and Zoom) see email information.
Mar 11, 2023 5 p.m. RSVP by Mar 3 \$15	Progressive Dinner. Drinks and Appetizers, Dennis and Jenny Hacker, 1577 Julia Ct, PS Main Course, Judy Bronstein, 212 Sybil Rd, PS Dessert, Steven Ritchitt and Tim Sarland, 2911N. Cypress Rd, PS
3/14/23 7 a.m.	Sunup club hosting the Mayor of PS for State of the City presentation, at Rick's Café.
3/18-19/23	PS Sunup/Noon Clubs Chalk Art Festival. Need volunteers, sponsors. Packet distributed at previous meeting, Michele has more.
3/22/23 Noon-1:30	4 way test Speech Contest. Joint Noon/Sunup at noon meeting. Depending on number of speakers, may have to extend meeting to 1:30.
March 25, 2023 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Ruth Hardy Park	PS One Picnic to attract membership and to promote the "Courage" film. Need one or two more to hang out with Michele.
Wednesday 4/12/23	PS Rotary Fundraiser, "Courage" at the PS Community Center. 5:30-6:45 VIP reception, film presentation starts at 7:00 p.m. For tickets and to see the trailers: Rotary Club of Palm Springs (therotaryclubofpalmsprings.org)
Saturday 4/15/23	Rotary at Work day- fixing up a mobile home on Ramon for someone in need. More details to follow.
Fri-Sun 4/27-29/23	Rotary at Work weekend, big district push to participate. Discuss at meeting.

The Palm Springs
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To survive it took HOPE, FAITH and
Courage

This presentation is a documentary of two prisoners of the German and Japanese during World War II along with five men imprisoned during the Vietnam War at the Hanoi Hilton.

Tom Speir Crosby Louis de Beer

Jose M. Astorga Henry James Bedinger

Art Neil Black Captain Jack Ensich Lewis Meyer

April 12, 2023
7pm Tickets \$30



2300 East Baristo Road, Palm Springs, California 92262

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VIP Passes



SPREAD
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NEWS!

Exclusive VIP Passes \$100 per couple

Two (2) Person admittance to a VIP reception Wine & Cheese Reception 5:30 - 6:45PM

Meet the Film Maker & POWs with a Red-Carpet Arrival Experience

Includes Keepsake VIP Passes and Autographed Photographs by the Film Maker
and Reserved VIP Theater Seating

Benefitting

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