



# DESERTARIAN

## MARCH 22, 2023 QUICK GLANCE AT THIS ISSUE

4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST

MARJORIE AKINS  
BLUE STONE AWARD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Karl Kruger

### 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.

### APRIL 5



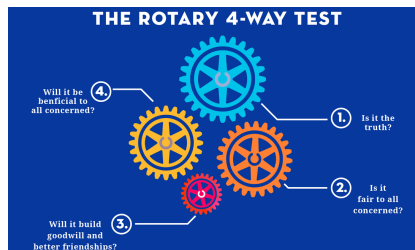
#### **Program: Visit Palm Springs**

**Speaker: Scott White, President, and CEO Visit Palm Springs**

With more than 20 years of hospitality and destination marketing experience, Scott serves on several industry boards including the U.S. Travel Association, Destination

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Reported by Jenny Hacker



### *Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest for PS High School Students*

**Julia Fidel** was sponsored by our club and **Abrianna Pingleton** was sponsored by the Sunup Club. Members from both clubs judged the speeches. A prize of \$200 was awarded to each student as they each came in first for the sponsoring clubs.

*Congratulations to both dynamic young women!*



**Marjorie Akins** was presented with a blue stone from the Paul Harris Foundation for donations to Rotary International Foundation. She and her late husband donated the funds in the PS Scholarship Foundation.

**Karl Kruger** made an enthusiastic appeal to club members to sell tickets for the April 12, fund raiser documentary film: Courage. We need people in the seats! It's a unique opportunity to watch a film about two POWs from WWII and five from the Hanoi Hilton. It's also chance to speak with those who weathered their incarceration, as they will be joining us for the presentation.



Our meeting was energized by the presence of a number of visitors:

Geordie Griffittus, Minneapolis, MN., Katy Campbell, Edina MN., Leigh Flannigan, Longmont, CO. PS Sunup Club: Bill Chase (PDG), Todd Penske, Joe Zanetta, Arthur Santos, PS High School: Julia Fidel, Abrianna Pingleton, Elena Song (teacher).

Scott White (continued)

Marketing Association International Board and most recently, the California Travel Association Board. Scott is a Certified Hospitality Sales Professional and is active in numerous industry organizations including: Meeting Professionals International (MPI), Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA), American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and the Society of Incentive & Travel Executives (SITE).

## FOUNDATION GRANTEES NAMED

The Rotary Club of Palm Springs has selected the following organizations as the recipients of this year's grants:

Hansen House	\$2,000
Tools for Tomorrow	\$2,000
Mizel Center	\$2,000
PS Concerts	\$1,500
Lucy Curci Cancer Center	\$2,000
Palm Springs Animal Shelter	\$500
United Methodist	
Feeding Ministries	\$1,000

Total \$11,000

**Please join us in honoring these grantees at our club meeting on March 29**



**District 5330 TRAINING ASSEMBLY 2023**  
APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
7:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Tahquitz High School  
4425 Titan Trail  
Hemet, CA 92545

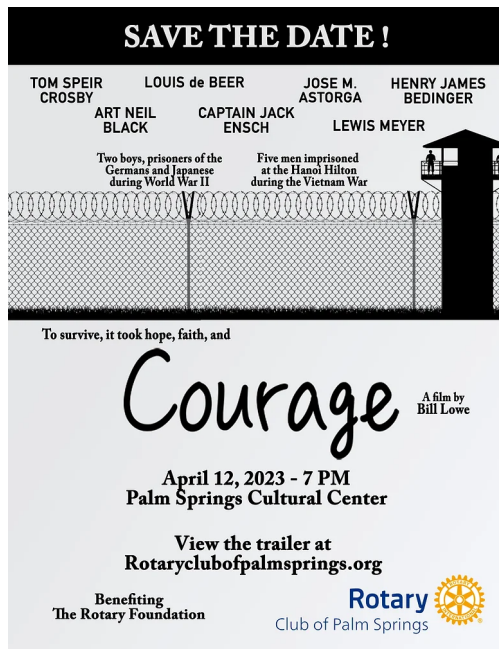
**\$25 PER PERSON**

**SCHEDULE**

7:30 - 8:00	CHECK IN	BADGE PICK-UP - COFFEE - PASTRIES
8:00 - 8:30	OPENING SESSION	District Governor Eliot Jenia Joo
8:45 - 9:30	SESSION 1	ASSISTANT GOVERNORS, MEMBERSHIP, CLUB COMPLIANCE, FUNDRAISING
9:45 - 10:30	SESSION 2	COMMUNITY SERVICE, PR/BRANDING, SECRETARY, DACOM BASICS, DISTRICT BLOCK GRANTS
10:30 - 11:45	SESSION 3	LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
11:45 - 12:30	SESSION 4	DISTRICT BLOCK GRANTS, PATHWAYS TO GROWTH THROUGH DEL CLUB ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
12:45 - 1:30	SESSION 5	YOUTH PROTECTION, YOUTH SERVICES, TREASURER, TRF GRANT MANAGEMENT

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**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  
[Rotaryclubofpalm Springs.org](http://Rotaryclubofpalm Springs.org)

Benefiting  
The Rotary Foundation

**Rotary**  
Club of Palm Springs

*Stories of several men, two as children in concentration camps in the Philippines and Europe and five men as POWs in Vietnam's Hanoi Hilton. An uplifting documentary experience as told by the men who were there to Producer/Director Bill Lowe.*

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

**Single ticket \$30**

**Exclusive VIP Passes \$100 per couple.**

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

**Meet the Film Maker & POWs with a Red-Carpet Arrival Experience:** Includes Keepsake VIP passes, Autographed Photographs by the Film Maker and Reserved VIP Theater Seating

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