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The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California

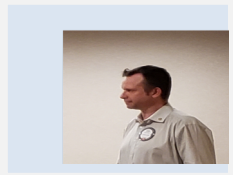
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

March 24, 2021

March is Water & Sanitation Month



President John Fritch

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District Governor: Barry Valdez
Desertarian Reporters: Frank Peabody, Barbara Lippert, Jim Dunn, Nandy Kruger



This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter—Barbara Lippert

We had 19 participants

Our guest speaker was author, Dwayne A Ratleff a wonderful gay black man who shared his history of growing up and becoming an adult and dealing with life in his new book "Dancing to the Lyrics".

Due to an accident, he was unable to use both his hands to type his manuscript. SO he had to type the pages using only one finger which enabled him to restore his memory and help us to experience his life with him.

He was raised in East Baltimore in the 60's and moved to Connecticut where he went from living the violence to watching it on TV. It wasn't until he moved to Connecticut that he actually saw the ignorance from him and others. With his wonderful stories he shared how he flipped back and forth using his black and gay identities.

District Conference

This year our District Conference will be virtual (a flyer is attached) and the conference is May 14-16th. Clubs will be recognized for their efforts and it would be good to have representation. We will be doing a group registration to the District Annual Conference which will allow 10 of us to attend at no cost. If you are interested please email Ed and Jacque and ask to be placed on the list.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Helene-Rotary foundation contributions are due now. Thank you all who have already given. Congratulations to Victoria and Ed as new 3 and 2 year members of Paul Harris.
- Frank-If you have an AUCTION ITEM please take a picture with discription and value and send to Andrea amadrigal760am@gmail.com.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
Keller, Daniel R. (DANIEL)	3/28/21	
Raffer, Paul Kenneth MD (PAUL)	3/13/21	
Wachs, Jacqueline Campagne (JACQUE)	3/16/21	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Alderman, David (DAVID)	3/19/97	24
Allan, Robert C. (BOB)	3/4/64	57
Saunders, Ryan (RYAN)	3/5/14	7