

The Desertarian

*The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California*

Rotary



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October is Economic & Community Development Month



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District Governor Melanie Rice, **Executive Assistant Governor** Thomas Smith



We had the great pleasure of having District Governor Melanie Rice along with Margie Taft and Barbara Lippert (her sponsor Frank Peabody is off traveling the world and missed the festivities) induct the club's newest member...Victoria Bentley. Welcome to the club, and back to Rotary Victoria!



Today's Program:

This week's speaker was District Governor Melanie Rice. Melanie shared her very inspirational story of finding her way to Rotary. Clearly a woman of heart and drive, Melanie overcame family obstacles to get her education and teaching credentials before eventually finding her way to owning her own State Farm Brokerage.

Along the way, she continually found ways to help others both within her family and her community. Melanie shared that her first brush with Rotary was not entirely positive. After a local Rotarian invited her to attend a meeting with him, the Rotarian was essentially asked to disinvite her, as women had not yet become members of that particular club. Understandably offended, Melanie turned her significant skills toward helping Olive Crest, another local charity. After a number of successful years with Olive Crest, the charity wound down and Melanie found her way back to Rotary. She notes the irony that the club that once would not allow a woman to attend, now has women members and a woman as District Governor.

Melanie spoke about the event when she truly felt as though she was a Rotarian. It was during a volunteer effort on behalf of the Galilee Center in Mecca. While helping with a massive effort to distribute jeans to members of the community in time for the Day of Epiphany celebration, a young boy standing in the long processional line stopped her and proclaimed her an angel for the work she was doing. This encounter was a touchstone moment in Melanie's as a Rotarian.

We are lucky to have such a kind, smart and dedicated woman leading our district this year!



District Events:

11/2 Foundation Gala

11/23-24 PRYDE

12/7 RLI

01/3-5 Mexicali Weekend Project

01/11 Presidents Advance

01/17-18 World Peace Conf.

02/6-9 PETS

Future Speakers Topics

10/16 Mizell Senior Center

10/23 PS Concerts

10/30 Halloween Fellowship

11/2 PS Film Festival

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Janie informed everyone that Judy Bronstein's husband Bill is in the hospital and should be home in a few days. Judy and Bill, please know that you are in our thoughts and wishing for a speedy recovery.
- Michelle reminded everyone of the Hanson House Gala on Nov. 9th...see Michelle for details.
- Wine Down Wednesday benefitting the Club is on October 23rd at the Tram. Meet at 5pm at the Visitors' Center located at N. Palm Canyon and Tram Road and take the free limo to the Valley Station or carpool up. The cost is \$12 and tickets must be purchased in advance. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-down-wednesday-tickets-72406514835>
- Thanksgiving Dinner - Sunday, November 17, at the Palm Mountain Resort. Mark your calendars now.
- Breakfast with Milt is at Billy Reeds on October 25th at 8am...be sure to join the fun!
- Our meeting on October 30 will feature a Halloween theme and will be run by the PSHS Interact Club...plan on wearing a costume or one will be created for you on the spot by the Interactors...talk about scaaaaaarrrrry!!!!!!!!!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/4 Bob Allan

10/8 Dick Hostrop

10/12 Dorys Halftermeyer

10/20 Margie Taft

10/22 Peter Freymuth

10/26 Linda Levinson