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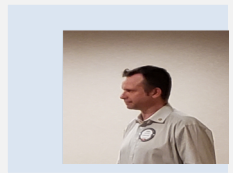
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

April 15, 2021

April is Maternal and Child Health Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Frank Peabody

Sargent Gustavo Araiza, from the Palm Springs Police Department was our guest speaker today. He was born in Calexico and spent most of his life between there, Palm Springs and the Inland Empire. His primary interest was in law enforcement. Sargent Araiza entered the Police Academy in 1997 and became certified a year later. His first position was in Calexico and a year later joined the Palm Springs Police Department. There, he joined the SWAT Team and became a K-9 Trainer. Over the 5 years, he trained and worked with his dog, Oreo, affectionally called Rio. They are called to service about 30 times a month! Gustavo's accomplishments led to becoming a Sargent for the PSPD. How honored we are to have this outstanding man in our Police Department. Sargent Araiza exemplifies service to the community in these challenging times. We wish him and his family all the best.

From Tim Ellis

A local boy is fighting for his life, and the community wants to step up and help his family with rising costs associated with his treatment. 4-year-old Jameson Creiglow was diagnosed with Leukemia this past January and has been spending the majority of his time at Loma Linda University Medical Center receiving treatments to manage the disease. As a result, both of his parents have had to scale back their time at work, and supplemental funding is needed to help offset their costs associated with traveling back and forth to the hospital, general living expenses, as well as costs associated with treatment that are not covered by their insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>
 Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354
- Board Meeting Thursday
 April 15, 2021 at 4:PM

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

Member Birthdays	Birthday			
Ellis, Timothy A. (TIM)	4/23/21			
Griffes, James (JIM)	4/15/21			
Kruger, Bernadette (NANDY)	4/1/21			
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years		
Raffer, Paul Kenneth MD(PAUL)	4/17/19	2		
Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years	
Kruger, Bernadette (NANDY)	Karl	4/25/21	40	
McBride, Ed	Tad	4/25/21	24	

This Weeks Program (Continued)

The event titled "StrongmanJameson" will be held on Saturday, April 17th from 8am to 12pm at Universal Training Center off Market Street in Indio. The superhero-inspired event invites the public to attend with a recommended donation of \$30 per person in order to participate.

Participants will also have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative t-shirt for an additional \$10 prior to the event. All participants will gather for a socially distanced 15 station outdoor workout, Firetruck pull, Walk-A-Thon, and Guns vs. Hoses event in Jameson's honor. The event is limited to two hundred participants.

A **donation page** has been set up through Go Fund Me. Please make donations to [gf.me/u/zn4vvh](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zn4vvh)

To follow along for event details please visit the Strongman Jameson event Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/strongmanjameson/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/strongman.jameson/>

<https://youtu.be/M59SPkruQVU>

