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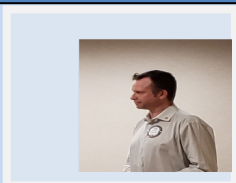
*The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California*



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

May 12, 2021

May is Youth Service Month



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This Weeks Program

Deserterian Reporter: Jim Dunn

Michele Nobleman was this week's speaker.

The Hanson House is a "hotel-like" operation located on the grounds of the Desert Regional Medical Center. The Hanson House provides economical housing for families and close friends of patients admitted to the hospital.

During COVID, Hanson House operations were greatly curtailed. Michele announced that the operation is now 75% open and currently providing services to families associated with patients in NICU, trauma and cancer care at the hospital.

During 2020, the Hanson House supported families of hospital patients in the following areas:

- 266 room nights - cancer
- 479 room nights - ICU families
- 1460 room nights - NICU families (130 different families)
- 1389 room nights - trauma (150 different families)
- 18 room nights - Other

Guests of the Hanson House come from Palm Springs to Arizona and even to the border. Some military families (usually NICU related) stay at Hanson House.

A sample of Funding Sources/Donations/Grants includes:

- ASYMCA
- Semper Fi
- Wounded War
- American Cancer Society
- Blythe Cancer Research Center (for Blythe residents with cancer)
- Big Horn BAM
- Specific grants for particular cases

The nightly room rate at Hanson House is \$70/night; however, guests generally pay what they can afford usually around \$20/night.

Sun-up Rotary donates food to Hanson House once per month to stock the pantry for Hanson House guests.

The next projects for Hanson House improvements include painting and expanding the laundry facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354> Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354
- Tomorrow is the last meeting for the PSHS Interact Club this year.
- For those of us that are signed up for the Rotary District Conference, you should have received a link to connect to the conference. Jacque has sent out a schedule.
- Local artists are creating artwork based on scenes at and around the Hanson House. Michele will advise on the date for auctioning the artwork.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
Barrett, Robert (ROBERT)	5/3/21	
Nobleman, Michele (MICHELE)	5/9/21	
Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Aikens, Marjorie Conley (MARJ)	5/20/17	4
Holmes, Linda (LINDA)	5/18/16	5
Taft, Margie (MARGIE)	5/1/87	34
Wachs, Jacqueline Campagne (JACQUE)	5/12/04	17