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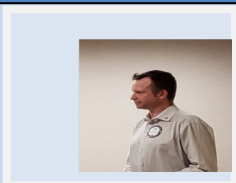
*The Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Palm Springs,
California*



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

May 5, 2021

May is Youth Service Month



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This Weeks Program

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This week's speaker was Scott Adkins, Director of Education Services with the College of the Desert. Currently Scott's focus is on the development of the COD West Valley campus under development on Tahquitz Canyon Way.

COD currently offers 1,200 courses and 150 degrees/certificates. During COVID the College moved to a 100% online programming. Additionally, student services were also moved to online to support students. The COD Foundation also provided an additional \$250,000 to support students with funding for housing, food, etc. during COVID. Instructors have also been supported and trained to deliver online teaching. At this point, 95% of faculty have been certified for online teaching.

COD graduated more than 1,700 students in 2020, a record number of graduates.

In 2019 a new master plan for development was adopted for the College which included the Palm Desert campus, the Palm Springs campus, Indio facilities and the Cathedral City Road Runner Motors to train automotive workers and scheduled to open in 2023.

The Palm Springs campus will serve as the regional workforce training in the following areas:

- Digital Arts & Media
- Hospitality
- Healthcare
- Architecture
- Culinary

Construction should begin some time in 2022. Initially planned to occur in one year, now the project will be phased to be completed in 2024/2025. Demolition is occurring now.

Classes may be certificate based or degree based to assist students just interested in developing skills to obtain jobs.

To see the video from Scott's presentation follow this link:
<https://vimeo.com/529545150>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on Zoom each week at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324635354>
Meeting ID: 843 2463 5354
- Free drive through COVID vaccine at 555 Tachevah this weekend 9am to Noon

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