

This Week - "As Good As It Gets"



With us this week is **Dr. Frank Brescia**, who will discuss his book, *The Evolving Thoughts of a Deathwatcher*. Combining medical expertise with philosophy, along with the personal experience of losing his wife, Jane, to cancer, Dr. Brescia's book provides profound insight and intimate understanding of love, grief and the human condition.

March 18 – Modernism Week

Joining us on March 18 will be David Dixon, creative director of Modernism Week, an 11-day festival held each February to celebrate midcentury modern architecture, design, fashion and culture. David also leads architectural tours for Modernism Week, Trek Travel Bicycle Tours and Visit Greater Palm Springs. David lives with his husband of 12 years, Jesus Hernandez, and two ungrateful cats, Rory and Hana. He is a car enthusiast, a cyclist and a below average golfer.



Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **March 24- Hitting for Hope-** The PD Rotary Golf Tournament, Shadow Mountain Golf Course, Sign Up!
- **March 25 – No meeting**, the day after the Golf Tournament
- **April 1 - Rotary ESRAG**, Jack Fitzsimmons
- **April 8 - District VTT Brazil Recap**, Jennifer Loretta and Maryalice Owings and the team
- **April 15 - Sunline Transit**, Edith Hernandez

2025 District Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest was held Saturday... and the results confirmed what we all thought would happen. All three of our club winners gave great speeches at our meeting, but our First Place winner, Thomas Nelson, went on to win the District. Congratulation to Thomas Nelson, Aspen Flatt, and Amaya D'Souza.



Thirsty Thursday Recap



Cold wind couldn't keep our Rotarians from enjoying the good food, a wee drop of wine and beer where needed, and some fun on Thursday night at Burgers and Beer. We were joined by significant others and several Rancho Mirage Rotarians.



Hitting for Hope

Benefitting local youth, animal welfare,
food insecurity, and mental health

March 24, 2025

Shadow Mountain Golf Course
\$150 per golfer / \$550 per team

Check in opens at 6:45 am

Shotgun at 8:00 am

4 Player Scramble

Continental breakfast, Lunch
& Silent Auction

**Not a golfer? Join us for
the Putting Contest**

\$50 per person

10:00 am. Bring your
favorite putter for the
Putting Contest and stay
for the prizes, lunch &
other fun activities

Register to play at

<https://PDRotaryGolf25.eventbrite.com>

Sponsorships Available. Contact Ricardo Loretta
858-344-4812 dgtaco1819@gmail.com

To Register online, click here

To download the player form, click here

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY



Food Now Presents the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off

ROUND-UP TO END HUNGER

Friday, March 28, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Palm Springs Air Museum

Tickets: \$45 (children under 12 free)

Come join for a fun evening while helping to feed the community!

Highlights include:

- Chili tasting
- Admission to the Air Museum (\$24 value!)
- All you can eat hotdogs, pulled pork, chips and soft drinks
- Square AND line dancing!
- Kid Zone: carnival games, mini golf, face painting, balloon man
- Cash bar available
- AND so much more!

For more information and to buy tickets:
www.FoodNowDHS.org



Angels of Service

If you would like to volunteer, contact Buffy Cavaness
310-410-0001 only.buff.2020@gmail.com

(You can also support the AOS with a Happy Dollars
donation or the PayPal link below.)

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Information

Ways to help the CV Animal
Campus

Meeting Information

Palm Desert
Rotary
Club  Authorized: _____

\$125 LUNCH TICKET

\$25 **\$25** **\$25** **\$25** **\$25**

Treat this card like cash.

**Help the Club save money by
buying a lunch ticket or paying
with cash for lunch**

Do you pay for your lunch with a credit card? Consider buying a 5 punch lunch ticket so we pay credit card fees on 1 transactions instead of 5. The more we save on administrative cost, the more club funds go to doing good!

Weekly Rotary Meeting Information

We meet in person at 11:45 am on Tuesdays at the Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert. The meeting starts promptly at 12:00 noon so arrive early to register and socialize.

We also offer a Zoom option for our out-of-town members. We ask all Rotarians and guests who are able to, to please attend in person.

[NEW-Regular Zoom Meeting Link](#)

The Zoom Room opens at 11:45am and the meeting begins at 12 Noon.

Join by [CLICKING HERE](#)

or Join Zoom Meeting via the Zoom web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770058317?pwd=OCtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Dialing in? Find the number by your location at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83770058317?pwd=OCtHdFBhM1BJbXgzcmYvTHliZzNTQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 7005 8317

Passcode: PD885



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