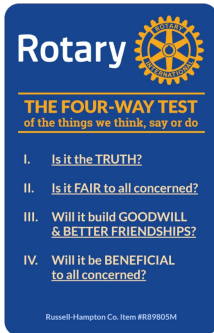


## This Week - Four-Way Test Speech Contest



This week we'll hear from the winners of our Four-Way Test speech contest. **Contest Chair Massey Pitts** will introduce the winner and two other finalists and each will present their speeches. Our contest winner will represent Palm Desert Rotary in the District 5330 Four-Way Test Contest on March 8. Last year, Palm Desert Rotary's Four-Way Test Speech Contest winner went on to win the district contest so let's hope for a repeat performance!

### March 11 – "As Good As It Gets"

On March 11, **Dr. Frank Brescia** 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.



# THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Join us for the March Thirsty Thursday

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## BURGERS & BEER

March 6, 5:00 pm to 8 pm  
72773 Dinah Shore Dr.  
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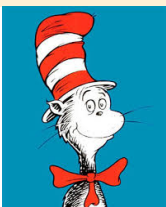
No reservation required  
Order your choice of food and drink from the menu. Check it out at:  
[burgersandbeer.com](http://burgersandbeer.com)





## Upcoming Speakers & Meeting Schedules

- **March 18 – Modernism Week**, David Dixon
- **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



### Read Across America at Lincoln Elementary

Over 20 Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends showed up today, put on a **Cat in the Hat** hat and read to the students. Always a fun event!



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.FoodNowDHS.org)



## Angels of Service

If you would like to volunteer, contact Buffy Cavaness  
310-410-0001 [only.buff.2020@gmail.com](mailto:only.buff.2020@gmail.com)

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

ShelterBox Donation  
Information

Ways to help the CV Animal  
Campus

## Meeting Information

**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

Palm Desert  
**Rotary**  
 Club  Authorized: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$125 LUNCH TICKET**

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

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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:

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Passcode: PD885



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