



# ***The Desertarian***

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## **FEDERAL AGENT INFILTRATES ROTARY!**

(TP) It has been revealed to this reporter that today's guest speaker, who goes by the code name "Mark Hunter" was able to gain knowledge of and access to Club activities by first earning the confidence of long term member and past president, Judy Bronstien. Judy (aka "JJ") was allegedly overheard after the meeting to say, "I don't know why I trusted him, he isn't even a great tipper. He must have bugged my clippers while I wasn't looking."

Mr. Hunter, no doubt in the interest of endearing himself to additional Club members, revealed a variety of methods commonly used not only to defraud victims of personal funds but to secretly steal personal identity, particularly through use of the Internet. It was suggested that checking one's personal credit report annually can be a good defense against identity theft and may also assist in locating relatives in the federal witness protection program. Shredding outdated personal documents can provide a further identity safeguard with the added benefit that the resulting confetti makes good material for the bottom of your child's hamster cage.

## **ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

### **PAST--PRESENT--FUTURE**

Jim Dowler reported a contribution of \$72.00 to Coins for Kids, representing the full net proceeds of ice sales at the weekend's rodeo event. The unsold inventory is being stored in his garage for next year.

The Club's own R.A.G.S. event is this Saturday at the Mizell Senior Center at the corner of Sunrise and Ramon in Palm Springs. Volunteers are still welcome for the afternoon shift.

PDG Milt Levinson is collecting donations for earthquake relief in Japan.

Ed Ellis is helping organize a trip to Italy. \$100 of each ticket sold will benefit the Rotary Foundation.

Wednesday, May 18th is "Ride a Bike to School" day. No, not you . . . the students at Cahuilla Elementary. Principal Denise Ellis requests your assistance in organizing the event. Bring your tire pump.

June 10th through 12th is the Rotary District 5330 Conference at the Doral Resort in Cathedral City. We'll be hosting a hospitality suite for anyone feeling hospitable (and maybe even some who aren't).

Get in the swim of things June 25th at President Christine's demotion event to be held at Knott's Soak City. Join Christine, President Elect Mike Sellin, and 350 junior high school boys in celebrating a year of superior accomplishments.

## **WELCOME GRADUATES**

Membership committee chair Karl Kruger had the honor of officially inducting new members Bill Lentz, Tim Ellis, Janie Bolitho, and Jamie Canfield (if those are your real names) into the club. Mike, here's your chance to fill out your directors and officers positions for next year.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

Jamie, Nancy, Art, Jacque and Frank are happy. Bob Elsner is practicing for his F.B.I. exam--he is hoping to join the senior abuse prevention team. The usual assortment of greeters, flag saluters, Four Way Testers, ticket sellers, and guest introducers were all present but their names are being withheld to protect their identities.

## **AREA MAN WINS MEGA JACKPOT**

Hal Castle once again took home the weekly marble pot, this time worth \$38. It's starting to look like the fix is in Hal.

## **STANDARDIZED TESTING TO BEGIN APRIL 6TH**

If you have not read the latest issue of the Rotarian, you might want to do so before our next meeting.

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