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IN THE BEGINNING

As a part of his indoctrination into the club, John Reagan (coached by wife Lisa) was required to perform flag salute duties. Returning member Art Snow provided the recitation of the Four Way Test.

Your friendly family farmicist, Milt Levinson, gave us some valuable insight into buying drugs, including tips on what to ask when placing your first order, such as, "What the heck did my doctor write on the prescription pad?" Milt also listed a number of prescriptions that he recommends asking for by brand name, although sildenafil citrate was not among them.

We enjoyed the company of a multitude of visiting Rotarians and guests, including Bill Chase, Assistant District Governor, and member of the Palm Springs Sunup Club; and Barrie Peterson, also an Assistant District Governor, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Scott Crissman, former president of our club; Brian Anderson from Desert Hot Springs; and John Nerad, a friend of Dick Hostrop, joined us as guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Craig announced that the Civil Air Patrol's refrigerator quit running--and no wonder, trying to keep up with all those Cessnas and Beechcrafts.

Jim Dowler and 24 of his closest friends are planning a beer bust during the Latin Musical Heritage Festival at the O'Donnell Golf Club, September 18th and 19th. Unfortunately, Jim only has 15 friends and some of them might get invited to other parties, so you might want to sign up and join in the festivities.

President Christine Cross encouraged participation from potential advertisers to help fund the club's website. She also reminded us how to make up on line. That's "make up" not "make out".

Membership chair, Gary Luce, invited us to the district membership conference as a step towards meeting our goal of attracting 2 new members each month.

FROM THE "AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAVE PROBLEMS" FILE . . .

Our own (well, used to be) Bill Morse, gave a very informative update on efforts to clear the remaining three million or so landmines from the Cambodian countryside. Bill and his wife Jill, along with former child soldier, Aki Ra, and a group of now 27 field personnel have been working since 2003 to clear mines from areas that might otherwise continue to kill the farmers and children of Cambodia for generations to come.

Visiting with Bill was Sopin Soparee, recent college graduate, who helped us understand the challenges presented by the Cambodian land mine issue from the view point of a native villager. Her speech made having lived in Los Angeles sound like I've left paradise.

WRAPPING UP

Is everybody happy!? It sure seemed like it. Jim Dowler, Frank Peabody, Judy Bronstein, Ed Ellis, Mike Brill, Milt Levinson, Bill Chase, Bill Morse, Tony Signoret, Bob Elsner, and Sandra Levinson all had joyful comments to make on a variety of subjects.

Bob Elsner took home \$31.00 from the day's opportunity drawing. No doubt he'll be needing the cash, as we hear he may be replaced soon as head of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce.

NEXT WEEK

Get ready to be educated . . . Our meeting on August 18th brings news of construction progress at the College of the Desert presented by Michael Bernard of the COD Foundation.

Remember, you read it here first folks,

Tracy Powers

Reporter