



The Desertarian

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We welcome this week a newcomer to the ranks of the Desertarian correspondents, Max Morgan. As regular readers will know, Desertarian writers go through a comprehensive screening and interview process before being considered. Once accepted, they undergo a rigorous "boot camp" of exercises and strenuous tests at our proving ground before admittance. We are pleased to say that Max passed with flying colors (or colours)!

The Rotary Club of Palm Springs meeting began promptly at 12:11 pm.

Opened by our President Christine Cross.

Mike Brill led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Stanley led The 4-WAY Test

Jacque Wachs introduced the visiting Rotarians- Past District Governor Jack Horner Sunup Rotary Member Paula Kennedy.

There were no guests on hand today.

We had an induction of two new members today.

Lisa Reagan, the wife of new member John Reagan John Nerad former member of Campbell, California Rotary and retired Oral Surgeon. He received The Blue Badge because of his former membership.

Mike Sellin gave our Rotary Minute today. Taking over for dad who has been involved in insurance for 30 years. He deals Health, Auto and Life. Informed us about some of the new Health Care benefits such as Children are now able to stay on parents insurance till age 26 and part D medicare \$250.00 refund.

Frank Peabody Chairperson for The Latin Heritage Festival gave Jim Dowler the floor for announcements. We were told that all shifts for beer pouring were covered.

Jim also pitched the USO event at Pappy and Harriet's in Pioneer Town on Sept. 25th 2010, for a donation of \$20.00.

Milt Levinson asked for more volunteers for Cahuilla Elementary School.

A card was sent around for signing for our ailing member Marv Goldberg.

Christine let us know that attendance for July was not very good. (65%) Suggested making up online, which is probably a 20 minute process. We can also attend one of our local meetings 6:45 am at The Holiday Inn (Sunup Club) or 6:30 pm at Leon's on Tuesdays.

Our District Governor will visit Oct. 13, 2010

Christine will be on vacation for the next three weeks. Mike Sellin will head the meetings in her absence.

Mike introduced our our guest speaker, Paula Kennedy Executive Director for 6 1/2 years for Gildas Club. Founded in 2000 in the Desert. The first actual club opened Nov. 16th 2004 and has over 1000 members. Named after Gilda Radner who died at the age of 42 from cancer, it serves as a social, emotional, nutritional, place to exercise and its most important function support and networking groups for people and family members of cancer victims.

Gildas noogies plays a big part also. there is noogie land where noogie night is held for kids and teenagers. Gildas House also holds meetings for financial stress. Having cancer can devastate a family

financially. Gildas House is the largest support and comfort group, and it is totally free, funded by individuals, fund raisers and grants.

Fined today were Jacque Wachs, Max Morgan, John Craig, Milt Levinson, Jim Dowler, Hal Castle, Karl Kruger, Mark Stanley, Art Snow and Mike Brill.

Happy Dollars Mike Brill 40 years of marriage, Jacque for Gildas Club, Art Snow who found a Philly Sub, Ed Ellis whose friend has cancer and Frank for our two new members. Chet Gibbons gave \$100.00.

Norm Brown pulled Jack Horner for raffle who in wound up with a red marble.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12.

Max Morgan