



The Desertarian

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Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California**



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President Christine Cross opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.. Flag salute honors were led by newly-inducted member Tim Ellis; John Craig led us in the 4-Way Test of the Things Rotarians Think, Say, and Do; and Norm Brown's spiritual moment focused both in English and in Hebrew on the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah. Karl Kruger introduced visiting Rotarians Doug Borbishley from British Columbia, and Cal Northan from Billings, Montana.

It's that time of year once again to recognize the outstanding job performed by the waiters who take care of us every week at the Spa Hotel. We'll be collecting cash during the next two meetings, so please contribute.

Today's announcements:

- Mike Sellin - Our holiday auction will be on December 22. Please bring an unwrapped gift in the \$20 range for the auction portion of the meeting.
- Jacque Wachs - We will have an away lunch next year at Raymond Cree Middle School (date to be announced). She also reminded everyone of our \$2400 goal toward the eradication of polio, by participating in the January 9, 2011, 3rd annual "BOWLING FOR POLIO" event at the Palm Springs Lanes. You may register at www.therotaryclubofpalmsprings.org, or by contacting Jacque at 760-219-5235 or by e-mail jacwachs@gmail.com.
- Ed Ellis - Sign up for our holiday luncheon on December 15. We will be entertained by the wonderful Palm Springs High School Madrigal Singers. Ed is also the chairman of our club's 70th anniversary gala, to be held at the Riviera Hotel on March 5, 2011. Please solicit advertisements from local businesses for our gala program.

- Bob Allan - remember the Rotary International Foundation's goal - EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)
- Mike Brill gave an update on Chuck Cheeld's progress. Chuck's heart surgeon has given Chuck the green light regarding his recovery from valve replacement. Chuck continues physical therapy, and he hopes to return to our Rotary meetings as soon as possible.
- Jerry Moss asked Rotarians to please bring Coca Cola can tabs to our meetings, which help support the Ronald McDonald House.
- And of course last, but not least, Frank Peabody reminded everyone of our December 9, 2010, SPAGHETTI DINNER, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Mizell Senior Center. Proceeds go to our local Palm Springs Rotary Foundation.

We welcomed the return to our club of previous member **JOHN RAYMOND**, who was re-inducted. John originally joined our club in 2001, moved to Fresno in 2008, and fortunately "saw the light" and came back to Palm Springs earlier this year. John is the City of Palm Springs' *Community and Economic Development* director. Welcome home, John!!

Today's guest speaker was PDG (from the Michigan area) and past president of the Palm Springs Sunup Club, Dr. Bill Chase. Bill gave a truly inspiring presentation highlighting his annual visits to Santarem, Brazil, where he volunteers his professional dental talents to treating low-income folks of all ages. Bill's dedication mirrors the true Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self"! Thank you for such an inspiring presentation, Bill!!

Our fine master, Tracy Powers, using his wonderfully droll humor, concentrated his questions on Brazil and South America. He dug into the pockets of Bob Allan, Mike Brill, John Craig, Christine Cross, Milt Levinson, Nancy Palmer, Jacque Wachs, Bob Barrett, Hal Castle, Ed Ellis, Dick Hostrup, and Bob Elsner. Great job, Tracy!

Happy Rotarians included Jacque Wachs, Ed Ellis, Frank Peabody, Hal Castle, visiting Rotarian Doug Corbishley, Judy Bronstein, Milt Levinson, and John Craig.

The "marble game" was won by Jim Dunn, but he picked a mauve marble (or was it puce?), so next week's "jackpot" will be close to \$1400.

Next week's program will be presented by Cathedral City Rotarian Inez Allen, who will speak on the International Medical Alliance.

Have a great week!

Mike Brill