



The Desertarian

**Newsletter of the
Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California**



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Xmas

Your Desertarian Details for meeting on December 15th 2011.

A very festive greeting was given by el senoir Milt Levinson at the door. Sandra Levinson and Bob Barrett were huddled closely together on the money. Jerry Moss was trying desperately to sell the winning ticket for a jackpot that was reaching near \$1,400.00!!!!

Ray Corvan led us in the flag salute to a flag that was not there.....but suddenly appeared around the corner reliving all Americans present. Ed Ellis led the 4.5 way test of the things that we think say & do.... The Rev Jim Griffes brought forth a stimulating and seasonal invocation to inspire acts of general good will and harmony over the holiday period.

Helene Kalfuss was called upon to introduce visiting Rotarians and guests. Present (in no specific order or preference was.... Charles & Gail Kipple of Regina; Bill and Charlie Lipper of Sebastopol. Special guest was Bill Lenz of Knott's Berry Farm who would shortly join our ranks. Jerry Moss's wife Joy was there, Roger Mikalco and HIS wife were back down from the cold.

Dick bought his wife Leona, Ed Ellis bough Manny (good to see you looking well) and friend Jack Ellison. John Glenn came with wife Jackie and Mother in Law (sorry did not catch the name). Jim Griffes bought his wife Leona and your scribe Mark Stanley had on his arm one of the most beautiful women in the world.....Jennifer!

Some announcements, John Jackson was having his operation at the city of hope today - he will be in our thoughts. An envelope circulated with tips for the waiters for their annual gift. News was that Sandra Levinson turned up to ring the bells for the Salvation Army; unfortunately the bell did NOT turn

up! After a few minutes of wagging her arm up and down, gurgling various impressions of chimes, she gave up and came home!

Bob Allan brought Elsner to the rostrum and gave him an extra 2 stars for his Paul Harris Fellow - luckily Bob Elsner did not say anything either!! Jim Dunn gave a recap on the Spaghetti Dinner and hopes that we will have made a \$4,000.00 profit for the club - well done everyone and to Tracy Powers for the baskets.

While thanking - Christine wanted to thanks Ed Ellis for the table decoration and Helene Kalfuss for the Party Favours.

Hal Castle announced that now it was (Palm Springs) cold - there was an urgent need for the Palm Springs University sweatshirts - just \$25.00 including tax. Milt reminded everyone to sign up for the bowling for Polio and John Glenn advised all about the Career job shadow day on January 19th.

There then followed a most marvelous entertainment by the Palm Springs High School Madrigal Singers. Festive songs, medieval canticles (some of our members were there at the first concert) and harmonious melodies delighted us all. The whole group was thanked profusely for their efforts and a \$100.00 donation made to their funds.

The drawing elevated ticket number 337435 to the hands of the winner Tracy Powers. Unfortunately, he left on \$61.00 richer and not the \$1,375.00 which carries over to next week.

Note THERE IS NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 29TH AS EVERYONE IS SO PARTIED OUT...NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 5TH

**Happy Holidays to all of our readers and
may your God look after you whoever he/she may be!!**

Mark Stanley