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While most of the rest of North America shoveled snow and braved blizzards, we lucky Palm Springs folks and our "snowbird" guests basked in 70 degree sunshine and clear blue skies. What a perfect day to meet together and share the love of the season! So - enough "waxing poetic" - on with the news:

Our perky, peripatetic president **Christine Cross** opened the meeting with her usual enthusiasm. **Norm Brown** led us in the salute to our flag and **Jim Dowler** shyly boomed out the 4-Way Test. Sojourner **John Jackson** introduced visiting Rotarians and guest - **Jack Peters** from Vernon, B.C.; **Bill Lawrence** and his lovely wife **Deborah** from Dawson Creek, B.C.; **Jim Davies** from Kentwood-Grand Rapids, Michigan (brrrr); **Sue and Brydon Ward** from Lac La Biche, Alberta; and **Ben Handel** from Poughkeepsie, New York. Guests included **Deborah Reef**, a Cahuilla Elementary School teacher; **Janie Bolitho**; Frank Peabody's mom **Anna May**; Mike's wife **Carol Brill**; and Dick's wife **LeeOna Hostrop**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Judy Bronstein** announced that she had sold the last of the Palm Springs University sweatshirts. She and the other club members thanked **Hal Castle** for providing the shirts, the sale of which helped augment our club treasury. Judy also reminded everyone to bring items for our annual rummage sale to the old Angel View building, 886 North Palm Canyon, every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- **Don Aikens** shared the news that over 1000 Palm Springs Unified School District students would be attending a Children's Community Concert at the Palm Springs High School auditorium. This worthwhile endeavor exposes these students to the joys of music other than hip hop, gangsta rap, and other cacophony that permeates their tender ears.

- **Karl Kruger** presented a framed membership certificate to new member Jamie Canfield.
- Cahuilla Middle School Principal **Denise Ellis** introduced teacher Deborah Reef. Deborah spoke of the upcoming *Disney's Cinderella Kids* performance to be held February 24 and 25 at Cahuilla's Multipurpose Room. Performance times are 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and tickets are only \$5.00! You may purchase tickets between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Cahuilla's Box Office, 833 Mesquite Ave., Palm Springs. Remember - Cahuilla is our adopted school, so let's all support this great event.
- **Bob Allan** invited all Rotarians to Raymond Cree Middle School's outhact chartering ceremony, February 22 at the school parking lot on Avenida Caballeros.
- **Hal Castle** shared that we will have a special wine tasting and blockbuster event on May 14, so reserve the date!

PROGRAM

Milt Levinson started the Valentine's Day special program by reading delightful definitions of love, as written by four-to-seven year olds. He then passed out quiz sheets that tested our knowledge of candy bars and movie lines from movies with love-related themes. "Love" teddy bears were won by **Carol Brill, Susan Ward, Jacque Wachs, and Art Snow**. Ladies had been given tickets to a drawing, and the winners were **LeeOna Hostrop, Janie Bolitho, and Judy Bronstein**.

Mike Sellin followed Milt's presentation with a humorous analysis of what a woman should not give her significant other for Valentine's Day.

RECOGNITION

Bob Elsner focused on Valentines Day questions, and he "recognized" **Jamie Canfield, Denise Ellis, Marv Goldberg, Mark Dtanley, Karl Kruger, John Raymond, Jacque Wachs, Bill Lentz, Norm Brown, Scott Crisman, and Art Snow**. Happy Dollars were given by **John Raymond, Denise Ellis, JJ Bronstein, bill lentz, and Jim "Bucky Buckeye" Dowler**.

And finally, as we all know, Jim Dowler won the REALLY big pot last week, leaving a paltry \$149 as the marble game winner. **Hal Castle's** ticket was drawn, and this won him \$34.00. Now who would have thunk that he could pick the black marble out of the bag containing 49? Well - you guessed it - Hal did

the near-impossible. So congratulations, Hal, and don't forget to claim this huge winning on your 2011 income tax form!

Have a great week, everyone..

Mike Brill