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Greeting peoples as they arrived was Mr. Bob Allan – who was later assisted by Karl Kruger. Not many kisses were exchanged – but plenty of good cheer was distributed.

Bob Barrett was collecting all sorts of money with Nancy Palmer sitting on his left hand (it made it difficult for him to do everything with one hand trapped – but he managed...)

With a very expensive raffle pot, sales were brisk and it kept Gerry Moss and Art Snow busy selling, folding and tearing.

George Kossler saluted the flag, Dan Keller led members in the 4-Way test and very hairy Mike Brill (is it THAT long since I have seen him) introduced various gusts from Regina, BC, Moses Lake and Grand Rapids. Bob Allan took great pleasure in welcoming back our returning member Janie Bolitho.

Frank Peabody introduced former member Lea Berghmans who will be leaving our shores for a while to return to Belgium. Programming note – there will be a going away party at the house of Christine & Stewart Cross in Palm Springs on February 19th.

Did you know that “Yankee Doodle” was composed in England and used to promote anti-American rhetoric?

Karl Kruger arose with a membership moment reminding us that there are 25 Membership “packages” available. These products of the Rotary Marketing Moguls aim to show prospective members the benefits and meaning behind membership of the greatest service organization in the world! Those who need to use in the membership drive please contact the Prez.

Karl and Frank Peabody then proceeded to induct Jamie Canfield from the Palm Springs Convention Center into our club – welcome Jamie. Jamie has been part of Palm Springs life before and takes over Jim Dunn’s vacant position at the Convention Center. Welcome and good luck!

Question: How do you know when you have run out of invisible ink?

Bob Allan then proceeded to give Hal Castle his Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate. Hal joins the ranks of many that have donated more than \$1,000.00 to the Foundation.

The double act of Tim Ellis and Ed Ellis came to front and center to promote the 70th Anniversary Charter Night Dinner on March 5th at the fabulous Riviera Hotel. The evening is set up to be a entertaining night with speeches, old videos and auctions to rival the best. Local businesses have shown their support for our club by donating over \$6,000.00 in auction items and gifts. Show your support by booking YOUR ticket today for the event.

Note from the front....John Nerad is recuperating after an operation of which type your scribe failed to note....best of luck John.

Jackie Wachs stood up because she was feeling left out, to announce that the gardens at the school were being attacked by squirrels. The plants were being relegated to cages to keep them from escaping. On March 23rd there will be a gardening day between 8 and 10 in the morning. More details to follow.

Mike Sellin introduced the speaker for the day, Andre Starkey from Palm Springs Power and (the winter months) Palm Springs Chill. For the Baseball aficionados, Andrew cited many names in baseball and other sports. He told of the object to bring players from all over the US and some from overseas so that they could come to Palm Springs and hone their skills with a bat and a ball.

There are 4 full time employees at the grounds and they use around 15 interns that stay throughout the year. The Palm Springs Chill will be going until February 19th and listeners could take advantage of the free passes that Andre gave out to see some of these stars in action.

Bob Elsner proceeded to fine the heck out of everybody with questions about baseball! 99% of everyone asked had not a clue what he was talking about.....talk about us Englishmen talking a foreign language.....

Did you know: Dogs can understand around 250 different human words, cats around 50 – Elsner is in a different league altogether!

Everyone sure was happy today! Tim Ellis welcomed Jamie Canfield; Janie Bolitho is happy to be back; Jim Dowler was happy for a sport related item of no significant importance; Andrew Starkey was happy Time Ellis is involved in everything; Ed Ellis thanked his committee members; Frank is happy to see Janie back; Gerry Moss is glad his son made it back from Cairo.

And then to the draw.....after an intense scrabbling to buy tickets the daily reward stood at \$133.00 and the pot stood at \$1,810.00. Who else but Jim Dowler had the winning ticket 288290!!! After winning he made an announcement that 50% of the prize should go to Bill Lenz as they shared tickets the week before.. I HOPE THAT YOU ARE READING THIS BILL!!!!!!

Next week will be a Valentine's Day celebration, make sure that you bring your significant other to the meeting.

How come phonetics is not spelt the way it sounds?