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Greeters today were Jamie Canfield and Jack Ball (back from travels and medical "time outs").

Seated at the power desk were Nancy and Bob - collecting money and information. As usual, Jerry Moss excelled at selling 99% of the punters the losing raffle ticket.. well done Jerry!

Max Morgan led in the flag salute though very nearly had to do the 4-way test as well. Luckily Bill Lenz was available for that duty and counted us to 4, there were no more than 4, just 4 and certainly NOT 5 tests!

Future President Denise Ellis introduced a myriad of guests whose names were on the sign in sheet.... you know - the sheet that I forgot to pick up afterwards...THAT sheet. I do know that there was a visitor from Santa Fe (with a flag), a chorus of Canadians, John Snow from Palm Desert noon about a golf event and a smattering of those from Northern climes.

El signor Milt Levinson rose to announce that our own Bob Allan was to receive a Senior Inspiration award in the near future and that we should try and attend if possible - details to follow. He also announced that the meeting on March 23rd would be filled with visiting Rotary elite and top brass. We should make sure that our shoes were shined, ties and seams were straight and that, most of all, we attended the meeting!!

Did anyone notice that the **ALDERMAN** was back, no...were you NOT listening - hard to miss his dulcet tones interceding throughout the meeting!

Ed (the maestro) Ellis reported on the 70th Charter night to rapturous applause from all present. It was, all agreed, a most wonderful night and enjoyed by everybody in their own way. Financially it looks to be a success, though final figures were not yet available.

In more good news Paul Harris pins and accoutrements were given to Jerry Moss, Dan Keller and Art Snow. Karl Kruger also thanked Bob Allan for giving his wife a big Paul Harris gong at the 70th do (I am sure that this must be a euphemism for something). While elevated Karl also gave the membership battle cry and thanked Brill, Ellis and Levinson - though I forget why.

Judy Bronstein stood up reminding us that the Garage sale was the next big Rotary event in Palm Springs. Collection points were established at 886N Palm Canyon and Judy's Barber's shop. Contact Judy for opening times and details on materials.

Did you notice that the **ALDERMAN** was back yet, no...come on - he was more like a speaker every day!

It then befell President elect Mike Sellin to introduce the speaker that needed no introduction. Barbara Roberts was an active member of our club until her recent hiatus and we hope to see her back in the folds of the club quite soon. In fact, being so small, she would probably get lost in the folds!

Barbara has been Director of the Palm Springs Library since 2003 and in those short years has seen dramatic changes in funding and staffing levels. The latest administration's efforts will eliminate funds for State Literacy programs further diminishing the chances of fully literate youth to enter the workplace.

Staff at the library is down from 23.45 to 14.45....how do you employ 0.45 of a person... is it a surgical operation... what happens to the other 0.55 of a person? However, they still manage over 22,000 visits per month (not including the internet visits at www.palmspringslibrary.com) Altogether a wonderful talk from Barbara although punctuated by interruptions from the ALDERMAN throughout.

Since the meeting ran on so long there was no time for recognition apart from the special recognition of the ALDERMAN and his "contributions" to the meeting....it's funny how you miss someone and then when they are back....., it seemed so quiet!

There were a Glee Club of happy dollars mostly regarding the Gala Night and Ed's wonderful organization. Notes that Denise's dissertation will be going in on March 21st for her Doctorate - we all wish her luck. The raffle ticket 193662 won \$38.00 by a visitor from Lac le Biche who lamented that it was now worth only \$36.00 Canadian. Next week Jim Dowler is to speak to the club; rotten fruit and projectiles will be available at the door (don't really mean it Jim!!!!)

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