



# **The Desertarian**

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



2010-2011 Year March 16, 2011

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACQUE WACHS & MARK STANLEY!

Welcoming a full house of members, snowbirds, sojourners and guests, **President Christine Cross** opened the meeting with a bang on the Rotary Bell at 12:10 p.m., PDT. Honors were give to:

**Bill Lentz** - Flag Saulte

**Jack Ball** - the 4-Way Test

**Norm Brown** - Introduction of Guests That Included

**Jan Haddow** - Victoria, B.C.

**Ron Sellin** - Cathedarl City

**Graham Boone** - Calgary, Alberta

**Bern Handel** - Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

**Barbara & Frank Fagan** - San Juan Island, WA

**Philip Libin** - Calgary, Alberta

**Linden Brown** - Victoria, B.C.

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## Announcements

- District 5330 Governor Nominee Elect was announced - **Joe Ramos** from Lake Arrowhead
- **Bob Allan** will receive the Senior Inspiration Award at the Riviera Hotel on April 8.

- Donate to the Japan Relief Fund by writing a check to the District 5330 Foundation, marking "Japan Relief Fund" in the Memo line.
- March 23 meeting will have as a very special guest **Ken Boyd**, R. I. Director Elect
- Please see **Jim Dowler** to volunteer to sell ice to vendors at the upcoming West Fest. The proceeds will benefit our local foundation.
- **R.A.G.S.** - aka Rotary Annual Garage Sale. **JJ Bronstein** needs volunteers:
  - April 1 - 4 p.m. at Angel View's building, 886 North Palm Canyon (loading the truck)
  - April 2 - 5 a.m. at Mizell Senior Center for setup
  - April 2 - Shifts at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. - SELL, SELL, SELL
- **Karl Kruger**, our incredible membership chair, emphasized bringing a potential new member to our March 23 meeting. He also invited all red badge members to his house on March 24, 6:00 p.m., for an informative evening.

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM - PALM SPRINGS ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Featuring the ONE, the ONLY *Buckeye* **JIM DOWLER**

President Christine welcomed Jim to the lectern, and she presented him with a check for \$3,948.89, the net proceeds from our spaghetti dinner held last December.

Jim has been our local foundation chair for several years, and under his leadership the foundation has donated over \$100,000 to local Coachella Valley organizations. Our foundation has specifically emphasized youth, education, and senior citizen support. Among the many recipients of our foundation's largesse are:

- Mizell Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program
- Palm Springs Community Concert Association
- Angel View, including equipment and the incredible annual prom
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Father's Heart Ranch
- Safe House of the Desert
- YMCA
- Desert AIDS Project

- Christopher's Clubhouse
- Healthy Family Foundation
- Braille Institute of the Desert
- USO of Palm Springs
- Variety Club
- Palm Springs Fire Department
- Numerous COD and university scholarships, resulting from funds provide through the Harry Mazur and the Kevin Brill Memorial Scholarship funds

Jim distributed thank you letters from 3rd graders at the Wetzlaff Elementary School in Desert Hot Springs. These youth, along with almost 1000 others, were treated to a recent community concert, with funds provided by our the Henry Shweid endowment. He also presented recent Kevin Brill and Harry Mazur scholarship winner Katie Petterson, a senior at UC Santa Barbara. Katie gave her profound thanks for all that these scholarships have meant to her, with her quest of getting her Master's Degree in child counseling.

### **RECOGNITION**

Conducted by Sheriff **Bob Elsner**

Bob, in his usual witty, acerbic manner, "recognized" **Mark Stanley, Jim Dunn, JJ Bronstein, Mike Sellin, Mike Brill, Helene Kalfuss, Ed Ellis, Norm Brown, Jerry Moss, Jamie Canfield, Max Morgan, and Bob Allan.** Our treasury overfloweth!

*Happy Dollars were donated by **JJ Bronstein, Jim Dowler, Denise Ellis (soon to be DR. Denise Ellis), Mike Brill, Norm Brown, Helene Kalfuss, and Bob Allan.***

*And finally, Jamie Canfield was today's "Marble Game" winner, wltthough the black marble remains in the bag.*

*Submitted with a smile,*

**Mike Brill**