



# **The Desertarian**

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**We are very sad to hear of the passing of our longtime friend and member Chet Gibbons on Tuesday night. Chet was 92 years old and was a stalwart supporter of our club even after he moved to Las Vegas to be nearer his family.**



## Today's Meeting

Bob Allan was senior greeter today (senior because he has been he the longest or senior because he was the only one - I am not sure). Sandra brilliantly took care of the money and Hal Castle sold (me) another useless batch of numbers at the raffle table.

Today was a dry run for next year as Mike Sellin performed his trial run at managing the meeting.....everything went well! Gary Luce called on us all to salute the flag, Helene Kalfuss (returning after long trips to Rotary environs all over the world) helped us recite the Four Way Test. Bob Barrett helped us to remember the things that are important with the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians this week were Terry Cuesta, the NEW President of the Sun Up Club and previous member of our little gang. Jack Horner was a welcome guest as always. Frank Williams (guest of Jim Dowler) also came along for the fun.

A new social event was announced for October 2<sup>nd</sup> "Come Fly with Me" - a personal guided tour of the Palm Springs Air Museum. This sounds a great outing for those that have not been. Contact Hal Castle for details.

Marv Goldberg is getting better and we hope to see his shining face again soon at our meetings. The Fiesta Days event at the O'Donnell Golf Club event in Palm Springs (September 18 & 19) has changed insomuch that we are there only to "fly the Rotary Flag" and show support. All proceeds will come to us just the same..your attendance and support is still needed.....

Jim Dowler also reminded us of the USO do at Pappies & Harriet's in Pioneer Town

Speaker for the day was Doctor Dennis Speurgin of the Palm Spring Sun Up Club. His subject today was "Project Peanut Butter". Starting in Sierra Leon and Malawi, the project aims to help local people stave off the rampant malnutrition in young children. By using local grown crops and resources, they have developed a "peanut Butter" type food stuff that is packed with all of the nutrients and minerals that children need to start life on a healthy footing.

Instead of supplying non-indigenous food stuffs, the raw ingredients are mostly available locally and can be processed close by the needed areas. Please visit [www.projectpeanutbutter.org](http://www.projectpeanutbutter.org) for more information. Dennis is trying to raise awareness to make this an International District Project for our District.

Tracy Powers was the master in charge of fining this week. His subject was related to "back to school". Of course there were no RIGHT answers and eight unlucky candidates fell to his questions.

There was a profusion of happy dollars; Elsner regarding the new CEO of the Chamber; Jacque for Dennis' talk; Jim G for his grandson's new trophy and Tony S for his children's achievements. Helene was glad to be back and happy to announce her 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Bob Allan countered with celebrations for his 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary....!

Hal Castle (he who sells the tickets) had the winning number (strange) but fortuitously (for him) did not pull the black marble and win the \$791.00.

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