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This week we welcome Jacque Wachs as the scribe for the day. Jacque of course is well know for her literary linguistic talents and made a great job of reporting such a momentous occasion.

"It's Norm Brown Day!"

Meeting was started by President Elect Mike Sellin.

Mike began the meeting with introducing Mayor Steve Pougnet who read a Proclamation to Honor our very own Norm Brown declaring September 9, 2010 as "NORM BROWN DAY"

Norm was recognized not only for turning 90 years old, but his years of dedicated service to the City of Palm Springs.

To honor Norm on this special day Norm's family and close friends were his special guests: Bernice Brown (Norms lovely wife). Joy (Norm and Bernice's daughter), Scott and Michale Meredith, Joel Brown(Bernice and Norm's youngest son), Friend Barbara Platt and Bud and Ravella Wein.

Mike called the meeting to order with Norm Brown leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance (no one leads the Pledge like Norm) and the 4 Way Test.

Bob Barrett led us in the invocation.

Mike Sellin introduced the Visiting Rotarian Steve Levin from Colorado. Guest: Bob Elsner introduced the new Director of the Palm Springs Chamber Nona Watson (Does that mean that Bob will no longer be wearing long pants to the meetings?). Special guest Joe Barteletto, Representing Supervisor John Beniot and Luciano Ramirez owner of the Latino Books Store in Palm Springs.

Announcements: **Hal Castle** gave us all a reminder that on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 10-2:00 p.m. at the Air Museum for our social "Come Fly With Me". Cost \$9.00, we need 20 people to attend.

See Hal to sign up.

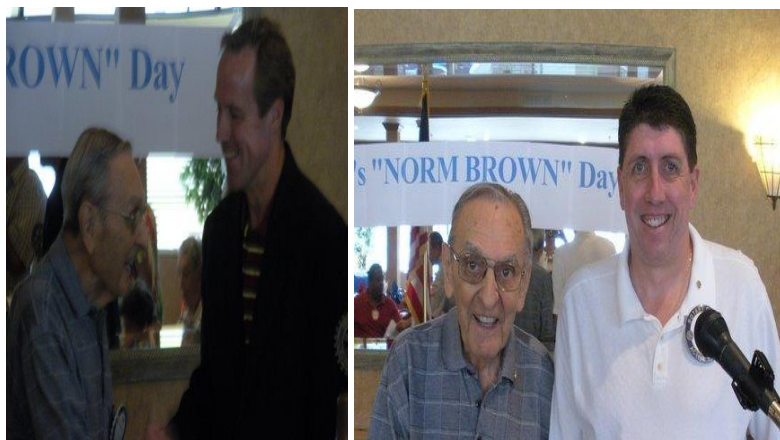
Frank Peabody reminded the club about Fiesta Days to be held at O'Donnell Golf Club on Sept 17,18 and 19th. A reminder from Jim Dowler regarding the USO Bar-B-Que at Pioneertown for a fundraiser for the USO. Date: September 25, 2010. \$20.00 per person.

Reminder our Club Garage Sale RAGS will be held on Saturday April 2, 2010. So start collecting your items and contact Margie Taft htaft13520@aol.com or Lisa Reagan jlisareagan@aol.com for pick o onf your donations.

Bob Allan updated us on Marv Goldberg's condition. He is in Room 223 at Eisenhower Medical Center. Please call, send a card or visit Marv and keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Max Morgan,Literary Chair introduced Luciano Ramirez, owner of the Latino Book Store came to donate books to Cahuilla Elementary School and Raymond Cree Middle School. Max also announced that there was an anonymous donation of books as well. John Craig announced to the club that it is International Literacy month -he gave us an overall view on literacy in the world.

Program



Milt Levinson acted as our Master of Ceremonies to celebrate Norm Brown's 90th Birthday by reviewing events that happened in 1920 (the year that Norm was born). Both Joy and Joel Meredith (Norm's children) spoke about their parents and what wonderful examples they have been. They also praised Norm's service in the community and his integrity.

Joe Barteletto (Representing Supervisor John Benoit) honored Norm with yet another Proclamation for his military, volunteer and leadership in the community.



Milt read yet another Proclamation from Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack.

Last but not least Helene Kalfuss and Bob Allan, Foundation Chair presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Bernice Brown to honor Norm for his generous contribution to the Rotary International Foundation throughout the years.



Recognition: Bob Elsner in honor of Norm's Birthday had all his questions geared toward Chicago (where Norm is from): We were all alot smarter than Bob

thought because he gave away more Dollars than he fined for. Those fined this week were: Jacque Wachs, Helene Kalfuss, Hal Castle, John Craig, Dick Hostrup, Ray Corvan, Karl Kr Bronstein and Max Morgan.

Happy Dollars this week: Bob Elsner, John Craig, Norm Brown and guests Luciano Ramirez, Joy Meredith and Barbara Pratt.

Drawing: \$20.00 Pot \$811.00 - Lisa Reagan tickets was drawn but no big winner.... more for next time.

Speaker next week: Michael Chilcoat from District Youth

Meeting Adjourned

Jacque Wachs....