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September in Palm Springs - the heat still on as we reach the middle of the month. Today was quite a busy meeting with visitors from the upper management of Rotary in the area who were "checking us out"!!

Uncle Milt bravely greeted allcomers at the door as the rushed through into the cold air from outside. Many a sweaty palm was caressed along with the occassional hug or two! **Auntie Sandra** made a great job of collecting and distributing money - isn't it great to see things run like clockwork!

Christine Cross was still away on the high seas so **Mike Sellin** once again bellied up to the podium and practiced for next year. It befel past president **Ray Corvan** to lead those assembled in the flag saulte. Realtively new member **Lisa Reagan** cagoled the assembled masses to count rapidly to 4, pronouncing the 4 way test on the way. **Bob the Builder Barrett** adressed those little grey parts of our brain that care, as he reminded us of the things in the world that need our attention.

Milt Levinson took it upon himself to introduce the guests. I think that because they were all from up on high, he didn't trust us mere members to mess it up. We welcomed visiting Rotarian; **Dick Vanabore; Pam Russell; Brenda Cressy and Mike Chilcoat**. He furthe brought to our attention guests such as **Scott Crispen; CrystalSierra; Jimmy Cranfield** and the Sales Manager from the Riviera, **Denny**. My apologies for the spelling, it was so difficult to understand the strange tongue that it messed up the pronunciation!

Jim Dowler took to the podium with a bevy of announments. Bad news first, he mentioned that **Pat Michaels** (a past member of the club) had recently passed away. To happier things; **Brian Wachs** has been appointed treasurer for the Rotary Club Foundation (nothing like keeping it in the family).

Good news is that the clean water project in Moldovia has been approved and all was now a GO! - Congratulations all around - especially to those that made it happen.

Jim went on to describe (as best he could) our duties at the **Fiesta Days** even this Saturday and Sunday at O'Donnell golf course. There would be some beer pulling, some crowd control and checking of details. For those who did not sign up to serve the entrance fee is \$35.00!!!

Brenda (her from on high in Rotary) announced that next year there is planned a large zone meeting at the wonderful Riviera Hotel. Concurrently there would be a conference about Rotary and world peace. Over 600 people were scheduled to attend! They will be calling on us stalwart Rotarians for help and assistance with event.

In other news; **Marv Goldberg** is out of Hospital and now at home tormenting his wife no doubt. **Katrina Peterson** (who Rotary has helped with an education scholarship once again thanked Rotary for all of the support, both financially and spiritually. **Gary Luce** came along with his membership drive to find potential members from Churches, Cleaners, Clothing Stores and Cocktail Lounges.

Mike Sellin introduced **Mike Chilcoat** who spoke to us about area events regarding youth and the need for Live Scan. Our District has one of the most active support of youth in all aspects but we need to make sure that we are all covered correctly with the right documentation.

The groans and jeers as the finmaster of the day was particularly evident as your scribe once again took it upon himself to relieve some members of hard earned cash. Relevant, suitable and literary questions were thrust at unwilling participants. None of which came even close to the right answer...

There was a smattering of happy dollars, most notably from **Norm Brown** who was so pleased with last week's event.

Bob Allan had the winning ticket but only collected the \$22:00 not the \$833:00 lurking in the deep folds of the ball bag.

Wednesday September 22nd will feature **Steve Fabian** from the Palm Springs High School American football team. I note that there is a threat he may talk about his CIF ring (I hope that this isn't a medical complaint!)

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