



# **The Desertarian**

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Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California**



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A rather sparse crowd braved the unusually hot mid-October day (naww - global warming is a myth) to attend another terrific meeting of "the Greatest Club in the World" <APPLAUSE>.

Our hyperactively enthusiastic president, Christine Cross, opened the meeting by asking her "partner in crime" Stuart to lead us in the flag salute. Art Snow, looking fit and trim after his recent stint in the hospital, led us in the 4-Way Test. President Christine welcomed John Raymond, a past member of our club who, after sampling Fresno, decided to return to our great city!

And then the moment that no one had been waiting for - past president Mike Brill delivered his oratorially superior "Rotary Minute" (thank goodness the Brillster is humble!!). Mike noted that he has been a member of the Palm Springs club for over twenty years, and he commented on the changes that he has observed since joining (e.g., of the members present at the meeting, only ONE was a member when Mike joined!).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Halloween party at the Cross' home on October 30
- Foundation Seminar on Saturday, October 16 - contact President Cross if you would like to attend.
- Foundation Gala - Black tie event at our wonderful Riviera Hotel on November 13 - \$75 per person
- Sherry Haugh is home from the hospital and is recuperating nicely - phone calls are welcome.

- Frank Peabody, Jim Dunn, and Max Morgan are co-chairing the Spaghetti Dinner, a major Club Foundation fundraiser, to be held at the Mizell Senior Center on December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed, and ticket sales are EXTREMELY important.
- Jacque Wachs reminded us of the 3rd annual "Bowling for Polio", to be held at the Palm Springs lanes on January 9. Our goal is to raise \$2400 toward combatting polio worldwide.
- Jacque is also heading up Raymond Cree Middle School's sustainable garden project. Volunteers and equipment are needed. Please meet at Raymond Cree on October 16. Please call Jacque for further details
- Judy Bronstein needs volunteers for our annual "Change the Clock, Change the Battery" program, Saturday, November 6, 8:00 a.m. at the Mizell Senior Center parking lot. Our Interact youth will assist.
- Ed Ellis, chair of our 70th Anniversary Gala, reminded everyone to save the date - March 5, 2011, at the Riviera Resort. This will be the "event to end all events", and is not to be missed. Please contact businesses who may be interested in advertising in the printed program.
- Foundation Chair Bob Allan reminded everyone that November is Foundation Month. We should still have RI and District matching funds, so your donation will be tripled, toward your next Paul Harris Fellowship level. Bob also discussed RI's Benefactor and Bequeath Society options. Please contact Bob for further information, or to find out your current donation level.

#### **GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS**

- Bill Chase, PS Sunup Club - Assistant District Governor
- Sheryl Silver - President, PS Evening Star Club

#### **OUR PROGRAM**

Our club was honored with the presence of our District Governor, Cheri Curzon. DG Cheri discussed her lifelong commitment to public service, both as a 34+ year veteran with the Riverside Police Department, and her 15 years as a member of the Riverside Sunrise Rotary Club. She has been extremely active in the district's Rotary Youth Leadership Award program, and the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. Her enthusiastic remarks were warmly received by the attendees. Upon completion of her remarks, president Christine presented her with a lovely gift basket. DG Cheri then presented special awards to Rotarians John and Lisa Reagan, Bob Allan, Ed Ellis, PDG Helene Kalfuss, and Jacque Wachs.

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There was no "recognition" today, but happy dollars were proffered by John Craig, Helene Kalfuss, Ed Ellis, Hal Castle, George Kossler, Bob Allan, Judy Bronstein, and Frank Peabody.

Da Mahble Game was won by John Craig, whose blue marble didn't quite match his wishes for the black one. So next week's "jackpot" will be close to \$1000!

We hope to see you next week!

Mike Brill - your humble savant.