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Q. Which profession is more desirable, Bookie or Elected Government Representative?

A. Neither. They'll both take your money and you'll have to be very lucky to ever see it again.

Milt and Sandra Levinson, having just returned from their second honeymoon cruise through the Panama Canal, were back at their respective spots, both of which seem to require having their hands out--Milt as the Club's greeter and Sandra as the cashier. And PDG Helene Kalfuss was at the front table as well, encouraging us to either sell or eat, or both, to support the Club's December 9th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Speaking of bookies, Jerry Moss sold the winning drawing ticket to Art Snow, who took home the day's contribution of \$34, but not the big pot, which now totals well over \$1,000.

Getting the meeting started were Gary Luce leading the flag salute; Jim Dunn reciting the 4 Way Test; and Bob Barrett with an inspirational message.

Ed Ellis provided greetings to our visitors and friends, which included Ula Harris of Palm Springs and Ron Sellin, visiting from Cathedral City. Also present were Penny Bollinger and Terry Hanvey, who said they were from El Cajon, but I suspect were actually spies from the Pougnet camp. And of course our special guests Nona Watson, CEO of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, and John Ihde, President of the Raymond Cree Middle School Youth Act Club.

Next came a plethora of upcoming event announcements, including:

- Halloween Party at Christine and Stewart's house of horrors

- Palm Springs Sustainability Conference November 4th
- Change Batteries & Clocks, November 6th, and
- Club Thanksgiving Social Potluck at Canyon Estates on November 21st

In addition, we heard from Mike Brill, who gave us an update on member Chuck Cheeld's health condition. Jackie Wachs conducted a public opinion poll on Bowling for Polio. And President Christine Cross announced that those who don't want to eat lunch at the meetings will be able to pay just \$5.00 for coffee and dessert instead.

Our Guest Speaker was the honorable Mary Bono-Mack, long-time member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In her presentation, Mary did a great job of staying off of any subjects related to politics and especially the upcoming election, choosing instead to regale us with details of elections past; vacations in the Bahamas (because that's closer to Florida?); and sitting in Condoleza's assigned chair. Of course, after offering to take questions from the floor, the fluff blew out like a breeze off the Salton Sea as she addressed a variety of subjects ranging from tribal land leases to term limits.

Bob Elsner was voted fine master for the day giving a pop quiz in civics. Collectively the grade for right answers was a C-.

Jackie Wachs, Ed Ellis, Tony Signoret (% count 'em five adopted children), Jim Dunn, and visitor Terry Hanvey, all confessed to being happy today.

Remember to vote at least once on Tuesday.

Respectfully submitted,

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