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As heart beats slowed after the elections and the political rhetoric disappeared, our meeting demonstrated a more cautionary hue, with local cutting issues at the forefront.

Greeters were **Helen Kalfuss** and **Mike "the Cruise" Brill**, customary hugs "baccios" and fervent hand pumping were abound. **Sandra Levinson** was eagerly collecting money and deposits from attendees whilst **Ray Corvans** sold tickets for the \$1,000.00 pot.

An early **Dr. David Alderman** was present to lead the masses in a salute to the Flag (standing from and center). **Scott Crissman** recounted the headers to the 4-Way test without mishap. A man with no name (or maybe woman?) - came to the dias to introduce guests, **Bona Zuit** from Calgary, **Elva and Bill Wright** from Pennsylvania. Also present was **Tim Ellis** from the **Palm Mountain Resort**, who was introduced as the only man in the room that can understand "Mark Stanley".....! One had to notice that Tim ASLO spoke that magnificent language "English" that is apparently so difficult for others to comprehend (or maybe it is just **Sir Elsner**).

Christine welcomed back **Frank Peabody** from his travels; commended Margie Taft and the good Doctor A for sitting at the back of the room fitting space..! Our candidate for the GSE team to Turkey did not get through but was the first runner up. On Thursday **Christine** would represent our Club at the PS sustainability summit.

A request was sent from District for a squad of Sergeants at Arms for the upcoming District bash. Unfortunately not that many volunteers were forthcoming!

Jacque announced that the Bowling for Polio (Jan 9th 2011) signup sheets were going around and that teams could sign up directly on the website through the "[Bowling for Polio](#)" Link. Sponsor a team, an individual - or if you cannot attend - sponsor a group or child to attend in your place.

There would be a Thanksgiving event at Canyon Estates on November 21st (sign up sheets were circulating). **Bob Allan** reminded all that it was foundation month and we should all dig deep in our pockets. **JJ** announced that it was "change clock change batteries" this weekend and that she was organizing the event with the Interact Members (another sign up sheet circulated).

Mike Sellin announced that next Thursday November 11th was veteran's day and that there would be a gathering at the Palm Springs Visitors Center on tramway road at 10:00 am. **Jim Dunn** announced that there was a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the local foundation On December 9th between 6 and 9 at the Mizell Center. **Ray Corvan** announced that he was taking suggestions for next year's board members, and **Gary Luce** handed out suggestion sheets for new members.

It came upon **Mike Sellin** to introduce our guest speaker, this week the discussion was to be on Diabetes, The speaker for the day **Salt n Pepper** filled in for a work colleague who could not make it. She told all that the current effort is to stamp out the incidences of diabetes, very prevalent in schools at the moment. A sobering thought is that for those students born after the year 2000, 1:3 (33%) will contract type II diabetes!

Hereditary diabetes showed some tendencies to be more prevalent in certain ethnic groups. The easiest way to check your self was to ask your doctor for a glucose test during your annual visit.

Dr Alderman had some useful points and suggestions regarding check ups and ways to stave off the disease. He mentioned that the leading cause of blindness is diabetes (which is totally different to the cause my housemaster told me when I was at school).

Leslie(now I see the name in my notes) autographed a book for the Cahuilla School and encouraged all ot talk part in the Diabetes walk on Sunday.

Tracy Powers was fine master for the day and in light of the recent political posturing asked questions about former and current leaders of the country. Helene; Karl; Dr. A, Mike Sellin; Peabody; Miss Nancy and your scribe were duly taxed and levied.

Happy Dollars consisted of **Frank P**, happy he was back from Hungary (it was more like a \$10 version, yet he still gave only \$1); **Nancy** was happy someone won; **John Reagan's** wife had a birthday and **Christine's** 14th year in Rotary

Ticket number 963915 was worth \$42.00 but **Scott** could not find the little black ball for the \$1,066.00 super prize!

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Mark Stanley