



The Desertarian

**Newsletter of the
Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California**

ROTARY CLUB MEETING NOTES **JULY 13, 2011**

President Mike Sellin enthusiastically opened this week's meeting, reaffirming that the Rotary Club of Palm Springs was "the best in the West". He called upon Bill Lentz to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Janie Bolitho to recite the 4-Way Test of the things we Rotarians think, say, and do.

Mike introduced visiting Rotarians Ron Sellin (the head of the "Sellin Dynaty"); Gail McEwen from Vancouver, B.C.; and Steven Boswell, formerly from Lake Arrowhead, and a new resident of Palm Springs.

Mike emphasized that the success of this year will revolve around our members' involvement in our committees. In order to avoid being classified as a "RINO" (Rotarian in Name Only), all members should insure that they are on at *least* one committee. Please see Mike to sign up, if you haven't already done so.

Another Mike, Mike Brill, needs a few volunteers to take meeting notes for the *Desertarian*. He'll be happy to enter the notes or write-ups in the proper format for distribution to our members.

Prez Mike provided schedules for upcoming events. Among the more important ones (mark your calendars) are:

- *July 22 - Rotary Night at the Palm Springs Power baseball game
- *August 20 - Rotary Day at Knott's Soak City
- *November 20 - Thanksgiving Social
- *December 3 - Spaghetti Dinner
- *December 14 - Holiday luncheon and auction
- *January 8 - Bowling for Polio
- *January 18 - Job Shadow Day

- *February 8 - Valentine's Day program
- *February 10 - 11 -Tour de Palm Springs Carb Load/volunteers
- *February 29 - Leap Year program (?)
- *March 31 - R.A.G.S. (Rotary Annual Garage Sale)
- *April 28 - Rotarians at Work Day
- *May 19 - Wine tasting social
- *June 2 - Angel View Prom
- *June 21 - Demotion party

Karl Kruger had the honor of presenting a blue badge to our new Rotarian Thomas Smith, who is certain to be a HUGE asset to our membership. Congratulations, Thomas!

Our program today was presented by Judy McAbee, the Riverside County regional director for the American Red Cross. Judy provided exceptionally valuable information about the Red Cross. She emphasized its four main areas of responsibility:

1. Services to our military and their families
2. Health and Safety, including CPR training, first aid and water safety
3. Disaster preparedness
4. Disaster response

After fielding questions, Ms. McAbee signed a book that we'll present to Cahuilla School.

Mike Brill shared a recent experience that emphasized one of the Rotary Foundation's premier programs. While on a cruise, Mike met Dr. Donnica Moore, a world-renowned women's health author and public speaker, who has appeared numerous times on the Today Show, Oprah Winfrey Show, Tyra Banks Show, and many others. During their conversation, Dr. Moore revealed that she wouldn't have been able to achieve her goals without having been selected as a **ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR** during her junior year at Princeton. Just one example, said Mike, of our Foundation's exceptional contributions to both local and international society.

Showing incredible British wit and humor, fine master **Tim Ellis** tested our knowledge of things British by "recognizing" Bob Elsner, Milt Levinson, Karl Kruger, Frank Peabody, Art Snow, Jim Griffes, Christine Cross, Mike Brill, and Anna _____.

Happy dollars were given by Mike Brill, in honor of granddaughter Caitie Gibson's volunteer service in Uganda; and Tim Ellis.

Ron Sellin, displaying the height of nepotism, won this week's "marble game", but didn't pick the black marble.

Don't miss next week's meeting, where we'll have the opportunity to meet Palm Springs' new police chief, Dennis Franz.

Mike Brill
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