



# **The Desertarian**

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

## **Rotary Club of Palm Springs Desertarian for July 27, 2011**

Members are slowly drifting back into our summer heat from cooler climes. **Jim Dowler** began with the pledge, **Thomas Smith** tested us on...the Four Way Test, followed **Jim Griffes** and his spiritual thought.

We welcomed Ellen Zimmerman from Sun Up + a special welcome to **Tracy's** three cute kiddos Brendon, Cheyenne, and Shawn, and **Tony's** son, Josh Signoret who is following his Dad's footsteps, teaching at a Charter School in Long Beach.

...and welcome back **Jerry Moss**. We missed you and, cheers to your recovery!

A few tid-bits...**Christine Cross**, our new Foundation Chair, told us that this year Rotary Foundation District 5330 goal is \$250 per person. Our Club goal has been and is again this year "EREY" Every Rotarian Every Year. Give what you can, but, give every year! **David Allen** presented a flag from Dearborn, MI...his Dad's club. Ellen Zimmerman announced a 'save the date' Sun-up dance fundraiser at the Riviera Hotel on January 15, 2012.

**Frank Peabody** had the pleasure of inducting Restaurateur, **Jack Srebnik**, sponsored by **Anna Frost** AND retired Group Insurance Sales (and WWII vet), **John Martin**, sponsored by **Bob Elsner**. Welcome gentlemen!

Vice Prez, **Denise Ellis** introduced our speaker...**Sylvia Signoret**, President of **For the Children**. Very proud husband, **Tony**, was in attendance. This organization is a support group for Foster Care and Adoptive Care children who finally receive stability, support, and love in their young lives. The organization creates holiday parties, children's theatre group, summer camp, and computer help to name only a few of their activities. Sylvia presented a

very touching video of how they have assisted many at-risk children. Sylvia and Tony 'walk the walk' by taking in several Foster kids over the years...in addition to raising their own.

Check out their web site [www.forthchildrenfapa.org](http://www.forthchildrenfapa.org)

**C of C Prez Tim Ellis** followed with fines based upon our previous talk. We learned (at \$10 per question!) that adoption procedures began in 1850 in the US, President Clinton was adopted, Reagan's son, Ron, was adopted. Four families in our Club have adopted children. The average length of children with a Foster family is 3 years.

Happy \$\$\$\$ recognized our two new members, our wonderful speaker, **Bill Lenz's** marriage of his daughter, **Hal Castle's** daughter's first paid job as assistant to Senator Feinstein in DC.

**Jerry Moss** won a big \$28...missed the pot of \$636...but it's just good to see you back!

Next week hear John Wessman's pontification on the Mall. Not to be missed! See ya next week...

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