



The Desertarian

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

ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

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Lots of camaraderie today, as prez **Mike Sellin** welcomed everyone to "the best Rotary Club in the world". **Gerry Moss** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Jim Dunn** started to lead is in the 4-Way Test. Jim was pre-empted, however, by **Christine Cross**, who was penalized by our part-time football referee president - five yards or five dollars - for a "false start"!

Visiting our club today were Steven Boswell from the Lake Arrowhead Club, **Christine's** guest Sandra Greener, **Denise Ellis'** guest Tracy Piper (**Tony Signoret's** replacement as principal of Raymond Cree Middle School), and Judy Bronstein's guest John Brewster from the Palm Springs Boys and Girls Club.

President Mike shared that our club's financial strength is fine, and anyone desiring to view the financial statements should contact Mike.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Foundation chair **Christine Cross** presented a multiple Paul Harris pin to **Dr. Dan Keller**. She also presented 2011/2012 Foundation Donation stickers to PDG **Milt Levinson** and **Jamie Canfield**.
- Christine is also the chairperson of the upcoming District Conference, to be held November 4 - 6 at the Doral Resort in Cathedral City. Please reserve those dates, as I'm certain that Christine would love to have as many of our club members as possible assisting her efforts.
- Assistant Governor Dr. Bill Chase sent a thank you to our Interact Club for their generous donation toward Dr. Bill's dental volunteer work in Brazil
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Desert sent a thank you for our club's support.
- **Milt Levinson** asked that we mark our calendars for October 29th, when four of our club members will be hosting a wonderful progressive dinner.

Today's guest speaker, Françoise Rhodes, was introduced by **Denise Ellis**. Ms. Rhodes hosts a weekly radio travel show, Traveling With Françoise, hear Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Newstalk 920, KPSI 920 on your friendly dial. She also appears on Channel 3, KESQ, on

Saturday mornings. Her motto is "It's Never Too Late to Get a Life" - certainly a motto that all of us can relate to. She invited business members of our club who would like to be interviewed to contact her either by telephone - [760-409-9779](tel:760-409-9779); or by e-mail: travelershotline@aol.com . And the REALLY good news regarding Françoise is that she asked for a membership application to join our club!!

Our "finemaster" today was the one and only **Jamie Canfield**, whose subject matter was - of all things - TRAVEL! Biting the financial bullet were **Bob Elsner, Christine Cross, Denise Ellis, Norm Brown, Anna Frost, John Reagan, Dr. Dan Keller, Art Snow, Karl Krueger, Mike Brill, and Jacque Wachs**

Happy dollars were donated by **Denise Ellis** for the rising test scores at Cahuilla Elementary School, **Judy Bronstein** who was happy to have **Mark Davidson** back, and **Norm Brown** - just for "being here".

Our weekly opportunity drawing was won by **Lisa Reagan**, but alas - the black marble eluded her.

Finally, our collective thoughts and best wishes go out to fellow Rotarian **Chuck Cheeld**. Chuck has been experiencing serious medical issues and was once again hospitalized at the VA Hospital in Loma Linda. Hopefully, Chuck will be released by the time this issue is distributed. His cell phone is [760-567-1556](tel:760-567-1556), and I know he would love hearing from his Rotary friends.

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