



# **The Desertarian**

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

## **Desertarian 10/5/2011**

President **Mike Sellin** welcomed a lighter crowd today to our Fall **Club Assembly**. It was so refreshing to review our plans for a great Rotary Year in the face of all the hoopla occurring around the globe! AND, it was, no doubt, the happiest meeting in years for **Bob Allan**. More on that later.

**Dr Denise Ellis** began the Pledge with “The things we think say and do” Oops, a slight lapse from our very own! **Dan Keller** followed with the 4 Way Test. We welcomed back **John Martin**. Visiting Rotarian, **Michael Dunlap**, Major Gifts Officer, Zone 26, was introduced. Rotary Zone 26 includes California-San Francisco south, Southern NV, AZ, and Hawaii. **Michael** is from Escondido Rotary.

We also welcomed back **Karl Kruger** and his wife, **Nandy**. Did you know, **Karl** is a consultant in the hospitality biz and is commuting to the Texas Gulf area? He has lots of Texas make ups!

Thank you, **Denise**, for the free tickets to Cahuilla School’s production of The Jungle Book. May it be a great success!

**Milt Levinson** began the Club Assembly by reviewing our **Calendar of Events** which consists of Service Projects, Social Events, and Training Events. Here are the highlights for the next few months:

**Sept thru June:** He requested volunteers for **Cahuilla School**. The commitment is one hour a week to mentor or volunteer in the office. There are also several special projects during the year. Call **Milt** at 760-218-1296.

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** Earlyact Installation at Cahuilla School.

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** District Governor **Steve Wallace** visit. Important to attend. Please mark your calendars!

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** Rotary Foundation workshop at the Red Tomato, 6PM. Sign up sheet circulated. Call: **Helen Kalfuss** 760-327-7686.

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>** Change batteries (too early to change clocks!) Our PSHS Interact students will join us. 8AM. Call **JJ Bronstein** 760-408-1905.

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>** Progressive dinner 5:30PM. Cocktails at **Jacque & Brian Wachs'**, Salad Bar at **Milt & Sandra Levinson's**, Main Course at **Christine and Stewart Cross'**, and deserts at **Mike & Carol Brill's**. Only \$10 per person to Treasurer **Tracy Powers**. Not to be missed!  
**Nov 4-6** District Conference, Doral Hotel. **Christine Cross** has applications. **IMPORTANT:** Sign up for Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday's Breakfast for \$25 and your \$25 registration fee is waived!  
**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>** RI Zone Institute Welcome  
**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Golf Tournament. Our Club benefits from all registration proceeds! See **Milt**.  
**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>** Rotary Peace Conference and Multicultural Festival. Details to follow.  
**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** **Thanksgiving** Pot Luck at Canyon Estates. Save the date!

Activities occurring **December through June** to follow. For a complete list go to [www.therotaryclubofpalmsprings.org](http://www.therotaryclubofpalmsprings.org)

**Christine Cross** distributed applications for our District Conference, beginning on Friday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> with free Hospitality Suites. Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday begins with Breakfast followed by a very fine program.  
The kickoff of Foundation Month (Nov) begins with our RI Foundation Workshop described above.

**Helene Kalfuss** announced our proposed participation on a **Matching Grant** in conjunction with the **Rotary Club of Palghat East** in Palakkad, India. The Grant is to provide a 50 passenger school bus for mentally challenged children in the Palakkad area. Funds will total approximately \$24,000 and will come from our District 5330 and India's District 3201. Your RI Foundation in action.

**JJ** announced the **Change the Batteries** program on October 29<sup>th</sup> as mentioned above. Remember the **RAGS** (Rotary Garage Sale) drop off this Saturday, 10/8, from 10 to 12 noon at 169 Indian AV. **Get rid of the old, make room for the new!**

**Hal Castle** asked for meeting greeter signups and, also, promoted the up coming **Bowling for Polio** on January 29<sup>th</sup>. He has already collected numerous door prizes for the event at Palm Springs Lanes.

**Bob Elsner** raked in the \$\$\$ and gave out a few silver dollars to those few who answered correctly. **JJ, Denise, Milt, Karl, Mike, Mark, Anna, Janie, Helene, Bob Barrett, and Bob Allan** all took 'hits'. We learned that American Airlines eliminated one olive in their salads in 1<sup>st</sup> class, thus saving \$40,000...not enough to get them out of financial trouble. And that was only the beginning!

**Happy Dollars** all around from **Helene, Jacque, Norm, Denise, Hal, and Jim Griffes**.

And, last but not least, **Bob Allan** picked the black marble and won the **\$900 pot!!** Well deserved for our longest serving Rotarian!

**Frank Peabody**, Guest Editor

