



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

Desertarian for October 26, 2011

President **Mike Sellin**, aka the high school referee whom everyone loves to boo, opened the meeting at 12 ± :15 o'clock. British-American **Tim Ellis** did a masterful job of leading us in the pledge of allegiance to the Stars and Stripes; **Jamey Canfield** cajoled us into reciting the 4-Way Test of the things we Rotarians think, say, and do; and PDG Helene Kalfuss introduced visiting Rotarians and guest. Visiting Rotarians included a charming couple, Peter and Kathleen, from the Rotary Club of Corbert, England; and Dean Brown from the Waikiki Rotary Club. We welcomed back sojourners **John Jackson** and **Charlie House**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Greeters are needed for our upcoming District Conference, November 4 - 6, 2011. Please see Bob Allan.
- Stuart Cross reminded us that starting the first week in December, our club will start accepting donations for its annual "RAGS" garage sale. Please see either Stuart or Judy Bronstein for further details.

OUR PROGRAM



Program chair and pres-elect **Denise Ellis** introduced La Quinta Rotarian **Lothar Vasholz**, chairman of the board of the Salvation Army of Cathedral City. Lothar retired as Executive Vice President of Unionn Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is past international president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and a recipient of the Legion of Honor. Lothar shared his six year association with the Salvation Army, discussing its origin and mission. He has been instrumental in recruiting area Rotarians to participate in the

Army's annual "Bell Ringer" program, which he touted as an ideal way to enhance camaraderie among fellow Rotarians. The Salvation Army's key component is one of compassion, and it serves in 124 countries throughout the world.

OTHER TIDBITS



Our fine finemaster today was the esteemed **Tim Ellis**, who collected "donations" from **Janie Bolitho, Milt Levinson, Helene Kalfuss, Christine Cross, Ed Ellis, Bob Elsner, Jamey Canfield, Karl Kruger, Jacque Wachs, Mike Sellin, Mike Brill** (who had to defer payment, since he was, that morning, the victim of a home burglary that included his wallet), and **Judy Bonstein**.

Happy dollars were given by **Denise Ellis, Tim Ellis** (hey - we need another 10 or 20 more Ellisses in our club!!), **Jim Griffes, Karl Kruger, Helene Kalfuss, Charlie House, Frank Peabody, and Bob Barrett**.

Don't forget the Rotary Peace Conference, to be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center on November 13, 2011. Please see **PDG Helene Kalfuss** for further details.



Anna Frost distributed five **Spaghetti Dinner** tickets to each Rotarian. The dinner will be held at the Mizell Senior Center on Thursday evening, December 8, and the cost is a mere \$15 each. If this year's event is anything like last year's, it is GUARANTEED to be a wonderful evening, with Christine's world-famous meat sauce, and all of the "fixin's" to go with it.

Our Guest Lothar Vasholz won this week's "Marble Game", and he donated the proceeds to the Salvation Army's "Soldiers Needs Project".

Finally, thanks to **PDG Milt Levinson** for his leadership in putting together our Progressive Dinner, which was held Saturday evening, October 29, 2011. The 30 folks who attended, and the four host families (Wachs, Levinson, Cross, Brill), had an immensely enjoyable evening with great food and wonderful Rotary fellowship. If you couldn't attend this year's event, please consider joining us again next year!

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Mike Brill

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