



# ***The Desertarian***

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

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS**

### ***Desertarian for November 23, 2011***

We need raffle prizes for our December 8, 2011, Spaghetti Dinner

- Please bring a bottle of nice wine to our November 30th meeting
- Please solicit raffle prizes from some of the businesses you frequent –  
–AND FINALLY–
- Please sell all of your dinner tickets, and turn in the money for the Spaghetti Dinner Tickets that you have sold. If you need more tickets, please contact Anna Frost.

President **Mike Sellin** opened the meeting at 12:11 p.m. (but who's counting?) He called on:

- **Margie Taft** - Pledge of Allegiance
- **Dr. Dan Keller** - 4-Way Test of the things we Rotarians Think, Say and Do
- **Bob Barrett** for a spiritual thought
- **Mike Sellin** - Introduction of visitors and guests:
  - Ron Sellin - Cathedral City Club - Classification "Dad"
  - Joan Osborne (**Janie Bolitho's** sister from Golden, Colorado) - a new Rotarian!
  - **Margie Taft** introduced **Jan Moss**, a past member of our club and widow of past president **Dr. Arnold Moss**.
  - Kimberley Castle, **Hal Castle's** daughter, visiting from Washington, DC

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our annual holiday auction will be conducted at our December 14 meeting. Please remember to bring a nice gift to be auctioned off.
- **Jacque Wachs** shared there will be a gala Christmas dinner at the Mizell Senior Center for senior veterans and thanks to **Jim Dowler**, up to 45 single Marines from Twenty-nine Palms. This event will be on December 25 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help serve, put Christmas bags together, etc. Attendees are invited to bring gift items, such as gift certificates, books, magazines, puzzles, candy, gum, toiletries, etc.
- **Judy Bronstein** will begin collecting RAGS rummage sale items on December 3. Please see Judy for details.

- **Christine Cross** distributed a list of names for our 2012 - 2013 Board of Directors. This list was compiled with input from past presidents **Christine Cross, Mike Brill, Jacques Wachs, Ed Ellis,** and **Bob Allan**. Nominated were:

**Denise Ellis** ó President, **Tracy Powers** ó Treasurer, **Janie Bolitho** ó Secretary, **Mike Sellin** - Past President, **David Allen** - Board Member, **Judy Bronstein** - Board Member, **Hal Castle** - Board Member, **Jamey Canfield** - Board Member, **Mark Davidson** - Board Member, **Jim Dunn** - Board Member, **Tim Ellis** - Board Member, **Bill Lentz** - Board Member, **Milt Levinson, PDG** - Board Member, **Jacque Wachs** - Board Member, **Jim Dowler** - Representing the Palm Springs Rotary Club Foundation

- Nominations from the floor were solicited. There being none, the membership at large unanimously approved the board. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NOMINEES!

### OUR PROGRAM

President-elect **Dr. Denise Ellis** introduced today's guest speaker, Lee Ann Clark. Ms. Clark is a community ambassador for the Fabulous Palm Springs Follies. She gave a comprehensive overview of the Follies, which is entering its third decade this year! Running for seven months every year, its first performance was in January, 1992, and it has played to full houses ever since. The audience is made up of about 1/3 tour groups arriving by bus, 1/3 snowbirds and tourists, and 1/3 local residents.

This year's theme is "Hot, Hot, Hot". Cast members must be at least 55 years of age, with this year's cast ranging in age from 58 to 82. All costumes are made locally in Palm Springs, and there are currently over 1500 costumes! Ms. Clark showed three short videos, and she stressed that attending the show is a "feel good experience" that is guaranteed to make you laugh and cry!

### OTHER TIDBITS

Today's "Finemaster" was **Bob Elsner**, whose questions revolved around - what else - the Palm Springs Follies. Donating to "the cause" were **Dan Keller, Thomas Smith, Bob Allan, Bill Lentz, Don Aikens, Jerry Moss, Jacque Wachs, Bob Barrett, Denise Ellis,** and **Karl Kruger**. Happy dollars were joyously given by **Judy Bronstein** and **Hal Castle**.

Guest Rotarian **Joan Osborne** had the winning ticket for the marble bag, and she's now \$18 richer. Alas, the black marble remains nestled among its friends in the bag.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Mike Brill  
Desertarian Editor