



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

***Desertarian* for November 30, 2011**

- **Please sell all of your spaghetti dinner tickets, and turn in the money for the tickets that you have sold. If you need more tickets, please contact Anna Frost.**

President **Mike Sellin** opened the meeting on this beautiful "winter" afternoon, and he called on:

- **Mike Brill** - Pledge of Allegiance
- **Jamey Canfield** - 4-Way Test of the things we Rotarians Think, Say and Do
- **Rev. Jim Griffes** for an inspirational offering
- **Mike Sellin** - Introduction of visitors and guests:
 - Welcome back to Sojourner **Roger Micalko**
 - **Stan Miles**, past president of the Crenshaw Rotary Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are collecting annual gratuities to be presented to our dedicated servers at the Spa Hotel. If you missed the collection envelope, please seek it out at our December 7 meeting.
- Over 100 spaghetti dinner tickets have been sold, and we're expecting at least 150 attendees. **Christine Cross** and Carol Brill will be slaving all day at the Convention Center kitchen, preparing their wonderful spaghetti sauce. We're preparing extra this year, due to last year's demand to take this gourmet sauce home for future hunger pangs.
- Don't forget our holiday auction, to be held at our December 14 meeting. Bring a nice auctionable item.
- **Jacque Wachs** reminded everyone of the "Great American Book Giveaway" program - an integral part of Rotary's literacy project. Volunteers are needed to assist inserting labels in the books we're giving to our adopted Cahuilla Elementary School. Please meet at **Milt Levinson's** home at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14. Milt and Sandra will provide the doughnuts! We also need volunteers to meet at Cahuilla School that afternoon at 2 p.m. to participate in distributing the books.
- Rotary International Foundation chair **Christine Cross** shared that 50% of our club members have donated this year. Our District 5330 has 150,000 matching points; while these points last, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, which will expedite donors' Paul Harris status

upgrades. Christine emphasized the five principal reasons to support the Foundation: (1) Eradicating polio, (2) Basic education and literacy, (3) Promoting peace and conflict resolution, (4) Reducing child mortality, and (5) Fighting hunger. Recent donors were recognized: **Tim Ellis, Denise Ellis, John Martin, and Frank Peabody**

- **Jerry Moss** is asking for everyone to save their aluminum can tabs and turn them in to him. This program assists the Ronald McDonald house

OUR PROGRAM

Mike Brill introduced today's guest speaker, Palm Springs High School head football coach Steve Fabian. Many of our members have praised the coach for his past presentations to our club, stressing hard work, motivation, and attitude. Coach Fabian has led the "Indians" to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) playoffs for the past 12 of 13 years, and the state finals three times (winning the first championship in school history with its 2009 team!). He stressed attitude as the most important element of success. He also praised all of his assistant coaches, who have been with him year after year. ***HOT NEWS - The Indians beat Rialto Carter High School's Lions last Friday, and they will host Moreno Valley Rancho Verde High School in the state championship this Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.*** This should be a "barn burner" of a game (both teams have 13 - 0 records), and hopefully our Club will show up and support Coach Fabian's great 2011 team.

OTHER TIDBITS

Today's "Finemaster" was **Jamey Canfields**. Donating to "the cause" were **Mike Sellin, Francoise Rhodes, Art Snow, Christine Cross, Judy Bronstein, Dr. Dave Alderman, Tim Ellis, and Anna Frost**. Happy dollars were given by **Art Snow, Roger Mikalco**, and our guest Steve Fabian.

A SPECIAL "SHOUT-OUT" TO:

Bud Wein - We Miss You!

Chuck Cheeld - Wishing you a speedy recovery - hurry back!

Stuart Cross - HAPPY 70th!

Nancy Palmer had the winning ticket for the marble bag, and she's now \$27 richer. Alas, the black marble remains nestled among its friends in the bag.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Mike Brill
Desertarian Editor