



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

***Desertarian* for December 14, 2011**

Ahh - the air is filled with frankincense, myrrh, and garlic! The holidays are upon us!

President **Mike Sellin** jingle-belled his way to the lectern and opened the meeting promptly at 12:14:37. He bestowed the honor of leading the flag salute to **Tim Ellis**, the recitation of the 4-Way test to **Nancy Palmer**, and the spiritual message to the Rev. **Jim Griffes**, who emphasized that Rotary spreads light throughout the world.

Rotarian Kevin Taylor, visiting from the Palm Springs Sunup Club, shared that Lifestream will be conducting a blood drive on December 30, 2011, at the Rabobank Center, across from City Hall, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be many, many festivities accompanying this event, and participation will include members of other Rotary clubs, the Palm Springs Police and Fire Departments, and other *machers* from the valley.

Guests included **Leonard Kalfuss'** cousin, Andrew Teitel, who has recently moved to the desert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mike Sellin** reminded everyone that our board meets the second Tuesday of every month, and it is open to all Rotarians.
- **Christine Cross** again emphasized Rotary International's Polio Plus program, and the urgency that all members contribute to the Rotary International foundation every year. She reminded us that the Bill Gates Foundation pledged \$200M in matching funds to fund Polio Plus, and that Rotarians have already contributed \$198.4M! So - only \$1.6M to go - dig deep and generously, fellow Rotarians, and let's all join the gargantuan effort to eliminate polio from the face of the earth once and for all!
- **Dr. Denise Ellis** will have a meeting of her new board immediately following our regular meeting of December 21.
- **John Glenn** announced that our next Job Shadow day, where Palm Springs High School students shadow Rotarian business and professional leaders, will be on January 25, 2012. Rotarians interested in sponsoring a student should contact John.

- **Jim Dunn**, chairman of our recent spaghetti dinner, thanked everyone involved. He said that the preliminary results showed a resounding success, and approximately \$3,000 was raised.

OUR PROGRAM

Denise Ellis played auctioneer by auctioning many tschotskes that were donated by Rotarians. This annual holiday auction is SO much fun, and astute buyers walked off with bottles of good wine, glassware, luggage, and may Rotary memorabilia items. Great job, Denise!

OTHER TIDBITS

Happy Rotarians included **Jacque Wachs, Denise Ellis** (for Rotary's generous donation of 1700 books to her Cahuilla Elementary School, as a part of the "Great American Book Giveaway", **John Jackson, Roger Mickalko, John Glenn, and Judy Bronstein.**

Tim Ellis ONCE AGAIN had the winning ticket for the marble bag, and he is now \$25 richer. Alas, the black marble remains nestled among its friends in the bag, and it is now worth \$324.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week and Happy Holiday Season!

Mike Brill

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