



# ***The Desertarian***

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

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

### ***Desertarian for December 21, 2011***

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

President **Mike Sellin** opened this week's well-attended meeting by anointing **Jamey Canfield** as the leader of the salute to our flag, **Don Aikens** as the 4-way test leader, and the Rev. **Jim Griffes** as the spreader of good cheer with his message that "Rotary Means Love". Guests included Shelley Weinstein and Bruce Bradley, visiting from Edmonton, Alberta, Sunrise Club; **Sandra Levinson's** granddaughter Rachel; and **Bob Barrett's** great granddaughter Taylor

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don't forget Lifestream's major blood drive on December 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., across from the Palm Springs City Hall.
- **Jacque Wachs** thanked everyone for their donations to the Mizell Senior Center's program to honor seniors and marines from Twenty Nine Palms.
- **Hal Castle** stressed the importance of supporting our 4th annual "Bowling for Polio" to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, at the Palm Springs Lanes, 68-051 Ramon Road in Cathedral City. This fun event is sponsored by all three Palm Springs clubs and the Cathedral City club, and the proceeds help eliminate the scourge of polio.
- **Christine Cross**, our club's Rotary International Foundation Chair, talked about the Peace Scholarship Program. She presented **Judy Bronstein** with a Paul Harris +6 pin, sporting a beautiful ruby.
- **Judy Bronstein**, chair of the annual R.A.G.S. rummage sale, reminded us that starting January 7, and every subsequent Saturday, we should bring our items to the old Zelda's at 169 N. Indian Avenue. This site will be manned from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### OUR PROGRAM

**Denise Ellis** introduced today's guest speaker, Past District Governor **Richard Dell'Acqua**, a member of the Hemet Sunrise Rotary Club. Richard presented an exceptionally interesting slide

show, describing his participation as a dentist in the International Medical Alliance's visit to Esteli, Nicaragua. His efforts were so exemplified by his dedication to Rotary's motto: *Service Above Self*.

### **OTHER TIDBITS**

**Bob Elsner** was in his prime as today's Finest "Fine Master", extracting donations from **Dan Keller, Dick Hostrop, Judy Bronstein, Jacque Wachs, Jamey Canfield, Ed Ellis, Tim Ellis, Janie Bolitho, Helene Kalfuss, Bob Allan, Mike Sellin**, and - once again, **Mike Brill** (aka "The Brillster"). Happy Rotarians **Judy Bronstein**, visitor **Shelley Weinstein, Frank Peabody, Bob Barrett**, and **Dave Allen** donated Happy Dollars

Once again, **Tim Ellis** had the winning ticket for the "Marble Game", and he's now \$30 richer. The black marble is still in the bag, however, and the "Pot" is now approaching \$400.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week and Happy Holiday Season!

Mike Brill

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