



# ***The Desertarian***

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

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

### ***Desertarian* for January 4, 2012**

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wow - where was everyone today?? Our attendance was below 50%, meaning that over half of our members missed out on the tamales and chicken fajitas, as well as the camaraderie and snarky remarks by **Bob Elsner**! Anyway, President **Mike Sellin** opened the meeting and asked **Stewart Cross** to lead us in the pledge, **Dick Hostrop** for the 4-Way Test, and Rev. **Jim Griffes** for an inspiring spiritual moment that stressed "YES" - to Service Above Self, to the 4-Way Test, to the Rotary International Foundation, to our own club's leadership, and to our own club members' service. Visiting Rotarians included Bill Conn from Park South, Kansas; Bob Springmeyer from Salt Lake City; and Lee Reddy from North Shore Seattle. **PDG Helene Kalfuss** introduced her guest, family member Andrew Teitel, who recently relocated to the desert.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Stewart Cross** reminded everyone about our annual rummage sale, to be held on March 31. He and other volunteers will be present every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 169 N. Indian Canyon, for those wanting to drop off merchandise. **Art Snow** volunteered his truck for those needing it.
- District Governor **Steve Wallace** and his wife Vicki will be having a meet-and-greet at the North Shore Yacht Club (Salton Sea) on March 10. Bring your own beverages and food.

#### OUR PROGRAM - CLUB ASSEMBLY

- **John Glenn's** job shadow day will be on January 25. We need more members or non-members to share their businesses/professions with a Palm Springs High School student from 9:00 to 11:30 on that day.
- **Jacque Wachs** and **Hal Castle** reminded us of our annual Bowling for Polio day on January 29. This event is co-sponsored by the three Palm Springs clubs and the Cathedral City club. Thanks to **Jim Dunn** and **Françoise Rhodes** for publicizing this event.

- **Frank Peabody** and **Bob Barrett** are in charge of this year's participation in the annual Tour de Palm Springs bicycle event, which is expected to draw over 10,000 participants! We need volunteers on February 11 to man the "Stop and Go" (SAS) station. Our Club Foundation will benefit financially from this event, so maximum participation is strongly encouraged.
- **Christine Cross** discussed a pilot program encouraging corporate membership in Rotary. Our club is the only one in the district chosen for this program, and one of only 200 worldwide!). Please see Christine for details.
- **Frank Peabody** stressed the importance of recruiting new members, and he reminded us that everyone is a member of the membership committee!

### **OTHER TIDBITS**

**Bob Elsner**, our erstwhile "Fine Master", extracted donations from **David Allen, Bob Allan, Art Snow, Thomas Smith, Mike Sellin, Helene Kalfuss, Jim Griffes, Norm Brown, and Hal Castle**. Happy Rotarians who donated happy dollars included **Jacque Wachs, Helene Kalfuss, Mike Brill, Bob Elsner, Roger Mickalko, and Mike Sellin**.

Today's Marble Game was worth \$23, and it was won by **Bob Barrett**. Aw, shucks - he drew a red marble, so next week's "pot" will approach \$400.

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Desertarian Editor