



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS *Desertarian* for January 18, 2012

Prez **Mike Sellin** opened the meeting at eleven past noon and honored PDG **Milt Levinson** as the flag salute leader. Milt was followed by **Charlie House** who recited the 4-Way Test of the things Rotarians think, say, and do. We welcomed back super-sojourners **Ted and Sherre Calouri**. Visiting Rotarians included Stewart and Gilda Graham from the Rotary Club of Regina, Clay Crook from Moses Lake Sunrise (Washington), Joy Cameron from Lantzville, B.C., and Pam Buckway from Whitehorse, Yukon. **Mike Brill** introduced special guest Michael Genova from Pacific Premier Bank

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **John Glenn's** job shadow day will be on January 25. We now have 18 Rotarians and non-Rotarians who will share their businesses/professions with a Palm Springs High School student from 9:00 to 11:30. The students will then be hosted at our weekly meeting, where they'll have the opportunity to share their experience. This is always a wonderful event, so maximum club attendance is encouraged.
- **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.
- **Judy Bronstein** again reminded everyone to please bring their garage sale items to 169 N. Indian Canyon, every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

OUR PROGRAM - Dennis Zink, Head Basketball Coach, Palm Springs High School

Coach Zink arrived at Palm Springs High in May, 2004, where he accepted an offer to become a history teacher as well as head basketball coach. His background included five years at another California high school, where he chaired the special education department and as head basketball coach, won several league and CIF championships. When he took over at Palm Springs High, the team had fallen on hard times, with a previous season record of 7 wins and 19

losses. In three years under coach Zink, Palm Springs won the Desert Valley League championship, followed by four consecutive championships.

Coach Zink shared that his basketball program has been so successful that other high school and college coaches have visited to experience the team's success. He also presented information as to the major economic impact the basketball team has had on Palm Springs' economy. He estimated that each year, visiting teams from throughout the country contributed approximately \$236,000 for lodging, food, and entertainment! This year's team is in second place as this is being typed. For an exciting, thrilling evening of high school sports, all Rotarians and their families are encouraged to attend one of these remaining home games: February 7 - Xavier; February 11 - Cathedral City; or February 14 - First Desert Valley League playoff game.

OTHER TIDBITS

Jamey Canfield was today's super-finemaster. Making "donations" were **Jacque Wachs, Denise Ellis, Anna Frost, Thomas Smith, Karl Kruger, Bob Allan Jerry Moss, Milt Levinson** and **Mike Brill**. Happy Dollars came from **Bob Allan, Jacque Wachs, Art Snow (HAPPY BIRTHDAY!), Bob Elsner, and Jim Dowler**

Today's Marble Game was won by visiting Rotarian Stewart Graham, but the black marble is still nestling in the bag.

Have a GREAT WEEK!

Mike Brill
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