



The Desertarian

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

January 25, 2012

President **Mike Sellin** called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. with assistance from his Palm Springs High School student “shadow,” **Lydia Ramirez**.

Rev. Jim Griffes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Frank Peabody** managed to complete all elements of the 4-way test of the things Rotarians think, say or do.

Milt Levinson introduced visiting Rotarians and guests, and the Club was pleased at the large turnout of visitors—in addition to our student and faculty guests from Palm Springs High School.

Announcements included:

- **Denise Ellis** distributed copies of the PSHS boys basketball schedule for the season’s remaining games, and also promoted tickets for the upcoming “golf drop” charity event.
- **Tim Ellis** (who also is P.S. Chamber of Commerce President) reported that the January 24th “State of the City” annual address and luncheon (11:30 a.m.) with **Mayor Steve Pougnet** at the Hilton will be a sellout of more than 400 people. He announced that everyone and the public as well, will then be invited to walk over to the Bank of America building at Palm Canyon and Tahquitz Canyon Way to witness the start of demolition of the building as first step replacing the old Desert Fashion Plaza for a vibrant new and mixed use and open community facility. (In response to an inquiry from **Dave Alderman**, it was explained that visiting the BofA building demolition will not count as a Rotary meeting make-up.)
- **Bob Elsner** announced a brief standup “Coins for Kids” Committee meeting at the conclusion of luncheon.
- **Frank Peabody** asked for more volunteers to assist with the February 11th “Tour de Palm Springs” bike ride.
- **Jacque Wachs** reminded everyone of Sunday’s “Bowling for Polio” fund raiser.
- **Mike Sellin** announced a “stand up” Board meeting upon adjournment of today’s luncheon meeting.

President **Sellin** then introduced **John Glenn**, chairman of this (and previous) year’s “Job Shadow Day” in cooperation with Palm Springs High School. John introduced and thanked PSHS’s **Fern Rudd**, who coordinated the arrangement with the school. Also thanked were other faculty members, including Principal **Ricky Wright**, and all of today’s “hosts” who spent the morning with 23 high school students at respective places of visits or offices.

John and Fern explained the process involved in coordinating and organizing the annual “Job Shadow Day.”

John Glenn introduced a former PSHS “Job Shadow Day” alumnus, Ben Kiromti, who gave background on the valuable information and benefit he obtained while a PSHS student several years ago.

Then, in turn, each of today’s 23 students were invited to come forward and briefly describe their morning’s activities, spent with their “hosts.” All felt the experience was beneficial and gratifying, and expressed appreciation to the Club and to the hosts for making “Job Shadow Day” a reality.

As the meeting neared its close, President **Sellin** invited Happy Dollars comments, of which there were just three: By Admiral **Mike Brillster**, Club President-Elect **Denise Ellis**, and “**Painless Dan**” **Keller, D.D.S.**

Shades of Groundhog Day (*the movie*): The “opportunity drawing” ticket (worth \$35 today) again was drawn by visiting Rotarian/snowbird **Stewart Graham**—for the second consecutive week!! But also for the second week in a row, the black marble eluded him. But he donated his \$35 winnings to the Club’s “Coins for Kids” fund (again).

Bob Elsner, Guest Editor