



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

***Desertarian* for February 1, 2012**

Escaping from the outdoor temperature of 75F (24C for every other country in the world except one), and coming in from gorgeous blue skies, a full house of Rotarians and their guests welcomed president **Mike Sellin's** bang of his gavel to start the meeting. **Marvin Goldberg** led the flag salute, PDG **Dr. Helene Kalfuss** enjoined the group to recite the 4-Way Test of the things Rotarians think, say, and do; and **Rev. Jim Griffes** offered a spiritual moment. **Bob Elsner** introduced visiting Rotarians Jim Davies (Grand Rapids, MI); David and Sandy Heath (Campbell River, BC); and Ron Sellin (Cathedral City).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jacque Wachs** reported on the huge success of the previous weekend's *Bowling for Polio*, a joint effort of the three Palm Springs and the Cathedral City Rotary Clubs. These clubs generated \$7,500 toward the eradication of polio, and our club's contribution was \$2,000. Many thanks to **Hal Castle**, **Bill Lentz**, and **Dr. Helene Kalfuss** for their efforts toward making this a completely successful event.
- **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.
- **Christine Cross**, newly appointed to the Palm Springs Mayor's council for sustainability, volunteered our club's participation in a 5.5 mile race to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. We will man/woman water stations and also provide a "carb load" spaghetti dinner the previous evening
- **Bill Lentz** was presented with a membership in the Paul Harris Society.
- **Dick Hostrop** received his "Paul Harris + 4" pin, signifying a cumulative contribution in excess of \$5,000.
- **Helene Kalfuss** honored **Judy Bronstein** with a "Bequest Society Level 4" crystal recognition award.

- Don't forget the February 11, 2012, *Tour de Palm Springs*, where our club members and Interact members will assist with the SAG stop in Desert Hot Springs, and survey efforts in Palm Springs.

OUR PROGRAM - Dr. James Melton, introduced by **Dr. Denise Ellis**

James Melton is internationally recognized as a motivational public speaker. He is the author of several best-selling books, focusing on leadership, self-motivation and success. Public Television has produced an eight-part series on his work, entitled *Reaching New Heights of Excellence*.

Dr. Melton discussed his eight-point plan for successful lives. Upon completion of his program, he presented a copy of his latest book, *Leadership - Above & Beyond the Crowd* to our own **Marg Taft**.

OTHER TIDBITS

Pundit **Tim Ellis**, displaying his inimitable style of British humor, "recognized" **Jamey Canfield, Jerry Moss, Jacque Wachs, Nancy Palmer, John Brewster, Milt Levinson, Helene Kalfuss, and Denise Ellis**. Donating "Happy Dollars" were **Bob Elsner** and **Helene Kalfuss**.

Frank Peabody won this week's "Marble Game", but he couldn't find that elusive black marble. Next week's winner could take home close to \$500!

Don't forget to bring that special Valentine at our February 8th "Valentine's Day" meeting.

Have a GREAT WEEK!

Mike Brill
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