



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

Desertarian for February 22, 2012

Ahh, another gorgeous day in Paradise, as President **Mike Sellin** banged his gavel to open today's meeting. **Bob Allan** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, the one and only **Mark Stanley** (*welome back!*) somehow managed to count to four by reciting the 4-Way Test, and the Rev. **Jim Griffes** provided an inspirational moment of prayer. **Mike Brill** introduced visiting Rotarians Fred Latuperissa (Ontario, CA), Bob Puckett (Big Bear Lake, CA), Ray Boutcher (White Rock, BC, Canada), Gordon Herle (Penticton, BC, Canada), Marty Armstrong (Vernon, BC, Canada), Bern Handel (Poughkeepsie, NY), Chris Calligan (North Las Vegas, NV), and Paul Farrell (Salem, OR). **Frank Peabody** introduced his special guest, Anita Ray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our condolences go out to the family of long-time Rotarian and wonderful friend to all, **Murray "Bud" Wein**, who passed away on February 19.
- **Bill Lentz** has assumed the chairmanship of our "Rotarians at Work" day, April 28, 2012.
- This year's District Assembly is set for March 17 in Corona. Incoming president **Denise Ellis**'s board and all other interested Rotarians are encouraged to attend.
- Save June 30 for the celebratory demotion of prez **Mike Sellin**.
- **Jim Dowler** presented a check from our Palm Springs Rotary Club Foundation to Mizell Senior Center Executive Director Ginny Foat. The funds help fund the valuable "Meals on Wheels" program, which provides 150 meals daily to seniors with medical and/or aging issues. He also presented a foundation check that helps to fund the Community Concert Association's musical events that benefit students from the Palm Springs Unified School District. Accepting this check were **Don Aiken**'s wife Marjorie, Dr. Kay Gjerdingen Ehrhardt, and their board president John Leonard.
- **Jim Dowler** was recently appointed Director of the Palm Springs USO. Thanks, Jim, for all that you do to support our troops!

OUR PROGRAM: PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

We were fortunate to hear a presentation given by Fred Bell, Vice Chairman of the Air Museum's board of directors. This is one of the finest air museums in the country, and one of its unique features is the fact that the aircraft on display, mostly World War II vintage, are flyable! Among the featured aircraft are a B-17, every Grumman Navy fighter including the Hellcat and P-63, amphibian aircraft such as the Grumman "Goose", a P-51, and so many other memorable aircraft. Future acquisitions will include a Russian Mig-21, and aircraft from the Korean, Vietnam, and Desert Storm wars. The museum has over 300 docents, and each has played a part in the aircraft that he or she represents. Thanks, Fred, for a most enlightening overview on one of Palm Springs' true gems!

OTHER TIDBITS

Recognition was conducted by **Jamey Canfield**, and those donating to the cause included **Christine Cross, Bob Allan, Dick Hostrop, Ed Ellis, John Brewster, Art Snow, Bob Barrett, Karl Krueger, and Jim Griffes**. "Happy" Rotarians **Bob Elsner, Mike Brill, John Glenn, Jim Dowler, Don Aikens, John Brewster, Judy Bronstein, and Sherre Calouri** donated happy dollars.

Judy Bronstein won this week's "Marble Game", but he couldn't find that elusive black marble. Next week's winner could take home close to \$600!

PDG Milt Levinson is slowly recovering from his recent surgery, and he should be back in attendance within a week. I'm sure he has had time to formulate some diabolic questions for his next appearance as "Dr. IQ". Hurry back, Milt!

Have a GREAT WEEK!

Mike Brill
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