



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS *Desertarian* for May 30, 2012

The Palm Springs weather has turned HOT, HOT, HOT, and so have our weekly meetings, with warm camaraderie and guest speakers with hot topics!

After opening today's meeting, president **Mike Sellin** called on Stuart Cross to lead us in the salute to our great flag and Jerry Moss to enjoin us to recite the 4-Way Test that we Rotarians think, say, and do. There were no visiting Rotarians today and no guests to introduce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Judy Bronstein**, chair of this year's Angel View Prom, reminded everyone that the prom will be held at the Demuth Community Center on June 2. She reiterated that this inspirational event is among the highlights of our Rotary year, and everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Our June 13th meeting will be held in the Cahuilla Room of the Spa Hotel. In addition, our June 20th meeting is an **away meeting**, to be held in the Palm Springs Unified School District's new Food Service Center, off of Gene Autry Trail in back of Home Depot.
- President Sellin's demotion and incoming president **Dr. Denis Ellis'** installation will be held on June 23 at our regular meeting place at the Spa Hotel. Dinner and festivities are only \$35 per person.
- **Christine Cross** presented Paul Harris Foundation "plus-1" pins to **Jacque Wachs** and **Thomas Smith**.
- **Judy Bronstein** turned over two \$200 checks from our Interact Club; one going to the RI Foundation and one to our local foundation.
- PDG **Dr. Helene Kalfuss** congratulated our club for achieving 100% giving this year to the Rotary International Foundation. She shared that our district is in competition with Hawaii's District 5000 for top percentage giving with the zone. District 5000 is at 79% while our district trails slightly for the number two spot at 74.9%.
- **Christine Cross** inducted new member **Delaney Serfling**, who was sponsored by **Jamey Canfield**. Welcome, Delaney!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. **Denise Ellis** introduced today's speaker, Patricia Ryan, RN, MSN, ANP-BC, the Neuro Program Coordinator at Desert Regional Medical Center. Ms. Ryan presented a comprehensive discussion of strokes, the number 3 leading cause of death in the United States (behind heart disease and cancer), and also the leading cause of long-term disability. She defined a stroke as a condition where blood isn't getting to the brain, thus depriving the brain of oxygen. She stressed the acronym **F A S T** to recognize the onset of a stroke: (F)acial Droop, (A)rm weak or numb, (S)lurred speech, and (T)ime of the essence - call 911 immediately.

OTHER TIDBITS

Karl Krueger was today's "fine master", and he extracted "donations" from **Mike Brill**, everyone not wearing a Rotary pin, **Bob Barrett, Judy Bronstein, Jamey Canfield, Christine Cross, Delaney Serfling, Jacque Wachs**, and **Bob Elsner**. Happy dollars came from **Christine Cross, Ed Ellis, Bill Lentz**, and **Dr. Denise Ellis**.

Dr. Denise Ellis ONCE AGAIN had the winning ticket to the "Marble Game" (3 out of the last 4 weeks), but the \$1017 prize is still awaiting someone to find the black marble (11 left). She added \$35 to her winnings, however.

Have a great week!

Mike Brill

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