



# **The Desertarian**

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

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS**

### ***Desertarian for June 13, 2012***

President **Mike Sellin** (AKA he who will be demoted on June 23, 2012) opened today's meeting by calling on **Mike Brill** to lead our group in the Pledge of Allegiance. PDG **Dr. Helene Kalfuss** then led us in the 4-Way Test of the Things that Rotarians Think, Say, and Do. Visiting Rotarians included Bill Longacre (Walnut Valley, CA), Ron Sellin (Cathedral City), and Dr. Ginny Vu, guest of **Jim Dowler**.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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, with no-host cocktails beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6. Be sure to sign up for a great evening of camaraderie, as we roast Mike!
- **IMPORTANT** Next week's meeting will be held at the Palm Springs Unified School District's Nutrition Services Facility, and the cost will be \$15 per person. Please disregard previous driving directions and heed these:
  - **Enter Nutrition Center Drive off of Gene Autry Trail -DIRECTLY EAST AND ACROSS FROM ATLANTIC AVIATION!** This entrance is approximately 1/2 mile south of the Air Museum and 1/2 mile north of Home Depot.
- Sadly, **Janie Bolitho** will be resigning from our club due to pressing work commitments. She has done an amazing job as Secretary, and she will be sorely missed. Assuming her club secretary duties will be **Jacque Wachs**.
- **Jim Dowler** has resigned as president of our Club Foundation. **Jim Dunn** will replace Jim Dowler on the foundation board. Our club unanimously expressed its deepest gratitude for the many years of service to our club's board, provided through the leadership of **Jim Dowler**.
- **Anita Gray** is chairing a new District 5330 program called ONE MILLION MEALS. We'll be collecting non-perishable food items and diapers (unused, please), and F. I. N. D. (Food in Need of Distribution) will be charged with distribution. Further details of this exceptionally worthwhile program will be forthcoming.

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Incoming president **Dr. Denise Ellis** introduced today's guest speaker, Ginger Ridgway. Ms. Ridgway is the first Museum Director of the Cabot's Pueblo Museum in Desert Hot Springs. Prior to assuming this position in March of this year, she was the Curator/Director of Programs at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum for 14 years.

Ms. Ridgway presented one of this year's most interesting programs, covering both the history of this fascinating facility, and its current and future plans for growth. Their web site, [www.cabotsmuseum.org](http://www.cabotsmuseum.org), contains a wealth of information about the museum, which is located at 67-616 E. Desert View Avenue, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240.

### **OTHER TIDBITS**

The task of recognizing the brilliance of all of our members fell to the witty Brit (or is it the Britty Wit?)

**Tim Ellis**. Tim quizzed **PDG Milt Levinson, Bob Allan, Ed Ellis, Jim Dowler, Mike Brill, Mike Sellin, Anita Gray, Bill Lentz, and Bob Barrett** on the week's most exciting sporting events - the Los Angeles Kings' Stanley Cup win and the Timothy Bradley/Manny Pacquiao Welterweight Championship fight.

Happy \$\$\$'s were donated by **Jacque Wachs, Bob Elsner, Denise Ellis, Bob Barrett, and Tracy Powers**.

Can you believe that **Bob Elsner** again won our weekly marble game drawing. His blue marble gained him \$40 (which he will split with his partner-in-crime **Don Aikens**), and next week's jackpot should exceed \$1100!

Have a safe and wonderful Father's Day and a great week!

Mike Brill

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