



# ***The Desertarian***

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

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS *Desertarian* for June 20 and 27, 2012**

**REMEMBER - NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012**

### **JUNE 20, 2012**

Our club had an "away meeting" at the new Palm Springs Unified School District's Nutrition Center on June 20. This multi-million dollar facility will be the central feeding venue for the District, preparing 23,000 lunches and 14,000 breakfasts during the school year.

The on-site kitchen prepared a lunch consisting of lasagna, garlic bread, cheese cake, and salad. While dining on this high-calorie, high-fat lunch, a district nutritionist presented an analysis of the exceptional obesity rate among youth. Following this presentation, we were given a tour of the kitchen facility. This amazing mega-kitchen has every conceivable piece of state-of-the-art restaurant equipment, so hopefully our students will be able to enjoy healthful, delicious, appetizing, and nutritious lunches and breakfasts beginning in the fall.

### **JUNE 27, 2012**

President Mike Sellin conducted the last meeting of his very successful year. **Bill Lentz** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **Frank Peabody** enjoining us to recite the 4-Way Test of the Things that Rotarians Think, Say, and Do. The Rev. **Jim Griffes** recited a lovely prayer, remembering the lives of **Norm Brown's** recently deceased wife of 66 years, Bernice, and Past District Governor **Cy Breen**, who died at the age of 100. Their memories will be a blessing to us all.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- President Mike thanked those in attendance for a fun, boisterous demotion.
- Our Rotary Board unanimously selected **Anita Grey** to follow **Denise Ellis** as president for the 2013 - 2014 Rotary Year. Congratulations, Anita!
- **Bob Barrett** recently had knee replacement surgery, and he is now on the road to recovery. Hurry back, Bob - we miss you!

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

President Mike introduced Jeri Vogelsang, the director of the Palm Springs Historical Society since June, 2008. Along with her assistant, Nicolette Wenzell, she shared an extremely interesting slide presentation highlighting the many, many celebrities who visited and resided in Palm Springs during the 1950's through 1970's. Also included in the presentation were photos of many of our historical buildings - some remaining; others long since replaced. We're

indeed fortunate to have professionals such as Ms. Vogelsang who are dedicated to preserving the glory of Palm Springs - past and present.

**OTHER TIDBITS**

**Bob Elsner** was today's "quizmaster". He humorously extracted donations from **Marv Goldberg, Dick Hostrup, Mike Brill, Frank Peabody, Art Snow, Jamey Canfield, Karl Kruger, Jacque Wachs,** and **Anita Grey.**

Happy \$\$\$'s were donated by **Jim Griffes, Judy Bronstein, Frank Peabody, Bill Lentz, Don Aikens, Anita Grey,** and **Mike Sellin.**

**Milt** and **Sandra Levinson's** daughter, Rachel, had today's lucky ticket for the "marble game". She won \$27, but the elusive black marble is still in the bag (I think there are about 11 marbles left). Next week's jackpot should be will over \$1,000!

Have a safe and wonderful 4th of July and a great week!

Mike Brill

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