



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS ***Desertarian* for July 25, 2012**

After calling the meeting to order, prez **Denise Ellis** asked **Jim Dunn** to lead is in the salute to our flag. This was followed by new Rotarian **John Allen** enjoining us to recite the *Four Way Test of the Things that Rotarians Think, Say, and Do*. **Bob Barrett**, back from his successful knee replacement, recited an inspirational prayer remembering our dear fellow Rotarian **Norm Brown**. This was followed by **Mike Brill**, who gave a synopsis of Norm's many years in our club. Norm has asked that donations in his memory be made to the Rotary Club of Palm Springs Foundation. Please forward checks to the foundation's treasurer, **Mike Brill**.

Visiting Rotarians included George Watts (Dallas, TX) and Dr. Ginny Vu (Moreno Valley, CA). Guests included Brian Wachs (**Jacque Wachs**' "equal" half) and Leslie Nay, wife of long-time Rotarian **Kevin Nay** and their son Ian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August is Membership Month, and please remember that **we're all members of the Membership Committee!** A special membership meeting will be held at Mimi's Cafe in Rancho Mirage on August 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Christine Cross** presented Paul Harris pins to **Mark Davidson** and **Mike Sellin** (Paul Harris + 1). Congratulations to both for their commitment to the goals of Rotary International.
- **Don Aikens** introduced Katie Petterson (2nd year at Cal State Long Beach's Masters program) and her brother Tyler Petterson (starting in September at University of California Irvine), both recipients of Harry Mazur and Kevin Brill Scholarships. They both expressed their sincerest appreciation for our Rotary club's involvement in their academic successes.
- **Mike Brill** introduced Ian Nay, also a recipient of both the Mazur and Kevin Brill scholarships. Ian is starting his second year a Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in kinesiology, and he is on the Dean's List for his academic achievement during his freshman year.

TODAY'S PROGRAM - TOM NOLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PALMSPRINGS

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Bob Elsner, the current airport commission chairman, introduced Tom, who has been executive director for five years. Prior to then, he had 22 years of experience in airport management at seven different airports around the United States.

Tom shared that our airport has contributed over \$1 billion to our economy, handling 1.6 million passengers this year. He also touted the fact that our airport was recently voted among the top 10 "most relaxing airports" in the country. He fielded several questions upon the completion of his interesting briefing.

OTHER TIDBITS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO **ED ELLIS**, who is now the same age as your humble Desertarian editor. However on August 2, your editor will again be one year older than Ed.

Jamey Canfield outdid himself with his humorous extraction of "donations" from **Dr. Denise Ellis, Bob Elsner, Dr. Dan Keller, Christine Cross, Dave Allen, Mike Brill, Bill Lentz, and John Allen**

Happy Rotarians shedding happy dollars included **Mike Brill, Bob Allan, and Bob Barrett**. Today's Marble Game was won by **Bob Barrett** (a whopping \$14), and the recently-won pot stands at \$67.

Next week's guest editor will be **Jamey Canfield**, as I'll be off to hot and humid South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, celebrating some significant family events. Thanks, Jamey!

Have a great week!
Mike Brill
Desertarian Editor