



# ***The Desertarian***

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

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS** ***Desertarian for October 3, 2012***

President **Denise Ellis** cheerily rang the Rotary bell, thus opening another exciting and gratifying Rotary Club meeting. **Thomas Smith** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **Christine Cross'** 4-Way Test recitation. **Bob Barrett** provided a thoughtful invocation. **Jim Dunn** introduced our sole guest, who was visiting from Winnipeg, Canada.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Please make every effort to attend the Rotary International Foundation meeting, which will be held at the Red Robin restaurant in La Quinta at 6:30 p.m., October 19th.
- We have new Rotary business cards that serve to invite prospective Rotarians to our meetings to experience the joys of Rotary. Since we're all members of the Membership Committee, we should keep a few of these cards in our wallets or purses. When we encounter a prospective member, give that member one of these cards, inviting him or her to our meeting.
- President Denise read a letter from Rabbi Yankel Kreiman, thanking our club for our donation in memory of **Norm Brown's** deceased wife, Bernice.
- As most of you know, Dr. IQ (aka **PDG Milt Levinson**, will hold "office hours" at our next meeting on October 10th. He will be asking questions based on the October, 2012, edition of **The Rotarian** magazine. Be prepared!

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM - Former Palm Springs Mayor Will Kleindienst**

**Frank Peabody** had the honor of introducing our guest speaker, San Bernardino Sunset Rotary member Chehab El Awar, who is also the District 5330 Governor Nominee. Chehab is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, chair of the District's Polio Plus committee, and serves a leadership role in the Chips Committee as well as Strategic Planning.

Chehab first spoke of the great strides made in eradicating polio worldwide. He shared the good news that India has now been polio free for more than one year. Once it has passed the three-year mark, it will officially be removed from the list of polio-endemic areas. That leaves just Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria that still require mass-immunizations to make the world polio-free. Our contributions to the polio-plus program can make that happen!

Chehab followed his discussion of polio with a comprehensive slide presentation on the "1000 Smiles" program - a wonderful volunteer effort to correct cleft palate and lip deformities in the Ensenada, Mexico, area. He introduced the "CHIP" program to our members, CHIP being an acronym for Children's Health International Project. Please see <http://www.rotarychips.org/>, an official program of our own District 5330. The 1000 Smiles program fosters camaraderie among

District 5330 (our district), 5340 (San Diego area), and Interactors from throughout these districts. Those interested in assisting with this wonderful program should visit <http://www.thousandsmiles.org/>.

**OTHER TIDBITS**

**Jamey Canfield**, resplendent in his sartorial-statement suit and tie, wowed us with his "Recognition" questions pertaining to dentistry (coinciding with the 1000 Smiles presentation). Donating to the cause were **Dr. David Alderman, Judy Bronstein, Ed Ellis, Mike Brill, Nancy Palmer, Tim Ellis, Marv Goldberg, Bob Elsner, Frank Peabody, Dr. Jenny Vu, Dr. Tony Signoret,** and **Thomas Smith**. Happy Dollars were donated by **Bob Allan, Jacque Wachs,** and **Dr. David Alderman**.

**Bob Barrett's** ticket was drawn for the Marble Game, but the black marble remains in the bag.

Have a great week!  
Mike Brill  
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