



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS Desertarian for October 10, 2012

We experienced a special treat today as four of our wonderful EarlyAct students from Cahuilla Elementary School conducted our meeting. President Vicky Baldizzone opened the meeting, and other officers - Vice President Sophie Edgar, Treasurer Samantha Babasa, and Secretary Nicole Rodriguez provided other opening tasks. Rev. **Jim Griffes** provided a beautiful spiritual thought. **Bob Elsner** 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.
- District Governor **Jean Easum** will visit our club on November 14, and maximum attendance is encouraged.
- District 5330's conference will be held at the Doral Resort in Cathedral City on October 26 - 28. Sign-up sheets are available at our meeting.
- November 3 is our annual "Change your clocks, change your smoke detector batteries" event. **John Allen** is in charge of this event, so please contact him to donate your time to this very worthwhile event.
- We'll have a gala Thanksgiving pot-luck event on November 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Margie Taft** will be in attendance to conduct our über-fun dice game. Please see **Nancy Palmer** to sign up and indicate the food item(s) that you will bring. The turkey, ham, and other fixin's are already taken care of.

TODAY'S PROGRAM - IMA Helps

PDG Milt Levinson introduced today's program presenters - Cathedral City Rotary Club president Gillian Cross and Cathedral City Rotary member Bill Soqui. The power point presentation focused on the medical volunteer organization "IMA Helps", which provides extensive medical and dental services to remote regions in South America. Gillian and Bill shared their experiences in providing true "Service Above Self" to improve the health and lives on the hundreds of recipients of this endeavor. Rotarians, Interactors, and others can receive further information about how to participate in IMA Helps by going to www.imahelps.org.

OTHER TIDBITS

"Dr. IQ" **Milt Levinson** opened his office hours by quizzing and fining our membership on tidbits contained in the October, 2012, issue of *The Rotarian*. Contributing were **Dr. Dave Alderman, Dick Hostrop, PDG Dr. Helene Kalfuss, Tim Ellis, Bill Lentz, Ed Ellis, Thomas Smith, Frank Peabody, Mike Brill, Jim Dunn, Nancy Palmer, John Allen, Dr. Tony Signoret, Anita Grey, and Dr. Denise Ellis** (notice that the Ellis triplets were all fined)!

Happy Dollars were donated by **Mike Brill** (in honor of Bill Bronstein's 85th birthday), **Jacque Wachs**, and EarlyAct president Vicky Baldizzone.

Bob Elsner's ticket was drawn for the Marble Game, but the black marble remains in the bag. Bob generously donated his winnings to Cahuilla's EarlyAct club.

Have a great week!
Mike Brill
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