



The Desertarian

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

Halloween Desertarian 2012 B-O-O-O-A-A-H-H-H!!

I call this Halloween day the arrival of our good friends and neighbors from the frigid North! We welcomed visitors from Lake Cowichan, BC, Calgary, Cootesville and Darlington, PA, Wenatchee and Seattle, WA. Also returning is **Chris Seidel**, Palm Springs Sojourner from Saugatuck, MI. Welcome to the 'still in the 90's' Palm Springs! I jumped ahead of myself...**Mike Sellin** led the pledge, **Brian Gentles** (visitor from Calgary) recited **ALL** of the Four Way Test, and our Big Guy Sojourner from Duluth, **Charlie House**, greeted our visitors.

Announcements were made by **John Allan** inviting participation in the Changing Clocks Day on November 3rd departing the Mizel at 8AM. **Prez Denise** reminded us that **District Governor, Jean Easum**, will speak at our November 14th meeting...followed by **JJ Bronstein's** invitation to our November 18th Thanksgiving Social. **Margie Taft** will run her White Elephant game...not to be missed!! Everyone bring one unwrapped White Elephant gift. **Christine Cross**, our Foundation Chair extraordinaire, reminded everyone that Nov. is Foundation Month. **Mike Sellin** and **Nancy Palmer** received RI donation recognitions today. **Frank Peabody** said SAVE THE DATE...Tour d' Jazz is Friday evening Feb 8th followed by Tour d' Palm Springs on the 9th. Mark your calendars and prepare to volunteer for this important fund raiser for our Local Foundation.

Incoming President, **Anita Gray**, introduced **Bob Haunschild** from the Hemet Sunrise Rotary Club. He spoke about the effects of diabetes and heart disease. (I immediately stopped eating the Halloween candy on the table!) Among the tidbits: 1 in 2 will die from cardiovascular disease, 1 in 4 is living with diabetes. He got into a rather scientific discussion on how Nitric Oxide reverses heart disease. There were many points discussed. Our resident Kidney Doctor, **Dave Alderman**, had some questions about the information that was disbursed, and, reminded us to verify medical information...especially info from the Internet.

On a lighter note, **Bill Lentz** regaled us with historic tidbits on Halloween...at \$10 a pop! We learned that Halloween came on the scene in the 16th century, the Irish and Scots celebrate with turnips, rather than pumpkins, and the most popular woman's costumes are Cat Woman and Snow White. Men prefer the super heroes from the Avengers. Donations were made from **Don Aikens, Bob Allan, Denise Ellis, Christine Cross, Ed Ellis Nancy Palmer, JJ Bronstein, Art**

Snow, and **Jacque Wachs**. **Jenny Vu** got it right and received a cute stuffed doll that she will use for a forthcoming event, announced in the next paragraph.

Christine Cross donated \$15 Happy Dollars for her 15 years in Rotary followed by **Nancy Palmer** for the SF Giants' World Series win (**Bob Allan** said...but it took them 4 games to do it!) **Jenny Vu** announced she is pregnant with her 4th child followed by \$\$ from **Anita** and **JJ** as congratulations on a very rare happening in our Rotary Club! The raffle of \$20 was won by visiting Rotarian, **Jennifer Kroger** from Wenatchee. She drew a green marble. Oh, darn! **President Denise** ended the meeting with a 'pass the candy game', called The Halloween Wright Family. You had to be there, it was a hoot! Oh, and remember to 'fall back' the clocks on Sunday, Nov 4th ...AND for heaven's sake, remember to vote!!

Submitted by guest editor, **Frank Peabody**, for his travelling eminence, editor **Mike Brill**