



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS

***Desertarian* for November 7, 2012**

President-elect **Anita Gray** presided over today's meeting. As she prepared to perform the opening rituals, she was rather rudely interrupted by membership chairman **Jamey Canfield**, who presented her with her coveted Blue Badge. She then proceeded to honor **Nancy Palmer** with leading the flag salute, **Mike Brill** (recently returned from his 11-day cruise to Italy, Montenegro, Croatia, and Malta) with reciting the 4-Way Test, and **Bob Barrett** with sharing an inspirational invocation. **Christine Cross** introduced visiting Rotarians Elizabeth and Chris Rusnak (Kirkland, WA). **Judy Bronstein** introduced her special guest Jimmy Grontkowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Judy Bronstein** thanked **John Allen** (chairman), **Thomas Smith**, **Dr. Dan Keller**, and **Bill Lentz** for their participation in the "Change the Clock, Change the Smoke Detector Batteries" program last weekend.
- Please make every effort to attend our 11/14/12 meeting, where we will be honored with the visit of our District Governor **Jean Easum**.
- November is Rotary Foundation Month. Our goal is \$250 donation per Rotarian.
- **Jamey Canfield** presented **John Martin's** Blue Badge. Sadly, however, John will be moving to Santa Clarita in the near future.
- The deadline to sign up for our November 18th Thanksgiving social is November 14th. The cost is a mere \$5 per person, and great food and fellowship is guaranteed! Please sign up with **Nancy Palmer**.
- Ms. Fern Rudd, Palm Springs High School's Partners in Education Coordinator, invited our members to be a mentor to a student in our high school's Business Academy. The time requirement is just 30 minutes per month, and it involves one-on-one contact with a student, thus helping the student to develop a bridge between school and the real world. Please contact Ms. Rudd either by e-mail, frudd@psusd.us, or call her at [760-778-0448](tel:760-778-0448) to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

OUR PROGRAM

Today's program was given by our own **Bill Lentz**, the general manager of Knott's Soak City Water Park in Palm Springs. Bill gave a comprehensive overview of this major Palm Springs attraction. He began by citing the history of the park itself, which originally opened on April 26, 1986, as "Oasis Water Park". After its purchase by Cedar Fair Entertainment Company in May, 2001, its name was changed to its current name. Bill covered the many exciting water venues

within the park, ranging from the oh-so-gentle Sunset River, to the not-for-the-faint-at-heart Tidal Wave and Sea Snake. Another major feature of the park, we discovered, is the Fitness Point Health Club - a full-service, state-of-the-art fitness center that is open 365 days a year. Thanks, Bill, for a great presentation!

OTHER TIDBITS

Our fine-master today was **Jamey Canfield**, whose questions centered on water, of course. He extracted hard-earned donations from **Bob Elsner, Dr. Dan Keller, Dr. Tony Signoret, Jacque Wachs, Mike Brill, Milt Levinson, Nancy Palmer, Art Snow, Bob Barrett,** and **Christine Cross**. Happy dollars were given by **Mike Brill, Rev. Jim Griffes,** and **Judy Bronstein**.

Finally, thanks to **Bob Elsner** and **Frank Peabody** for doing the Desertarian during my absence.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,
Mike Brill
Desertarian Editor