



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS *Desertarian* for November 14, 2012

President **Dr. Denise Ellis** opened today's meeting by asking **Jamey Canfield** to lead us in the salute to our flag. Try as he might, however, Jamey couldn't seem to find the flag, which apparently was hiding somewhere. We all visualized our great flag, however, and Jamey proceeded to flawlessly lead us in its pledge. **Thomas Smith** had no trouble finding the 4-Way Test of the Things That Rotarians Think, Say, ordo. And **PDG Dr. Helene Kalfuss** shared a beautiful and inspirational Rotary invocation.

Bob Elsner introduced visiting Rotarians Dana Horton (Vancouver Metro, BC), Mike Mulcany (Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan), Bill Wright (Coatesville, PA), and his wife Elva Wright (Downingtown, PA). Guests included our Assistant Governor Laura Ahmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Judy Bronstein** reminded everyone about the Thanksgiving Social, to be held at Ramona Villas on Sunday, November 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. She distributed directions and the gate code; please call her at her barber shop ([760-325-9245](tel:760-325-9245)) or home ([760-327-2311](tel:760-327-2311)) if you need this information. Judy also asked everyone to bring cans of food at next week's meeting. The food will be distributed to needy families by the Palm Springs High School Interact Club and Key Club.
- **Bill Lentz** is chairing this year's High School Job Shadow day, which will be held on January 30, 2013. Business owners and professionals are encouraged to host a student in the morning, and bring the student to our meeting for lunch.
- **Anita Grey** solicited auction items to be auctioned at our December 12th meeting.
- Our club donated \$25 to the Rotary Foundation, in memory of **John Jackson**.
- **Christine Cross** emphasized that November is Rotary Foundation Month, and she recognized **Bill Lentz, Don Aikens, Anita Grey, and John Martin** for their recent donations. **REMEMBER - EREY = Every Rotarian, Every Year.**

OUR PROGRAM

We were honored at today's meeting by the presence of our District Governor, **Jean Easum**, who was introduced by President Ellis. Governor Easum has been a Rotarian for six years, and she is currently a member of the Circle City club in Corona, California. She has served in numerous leadership capacities, including president of the Riverside Sunrise club. Reading her biography reveals an incredible passion for "Service Above Self", not only in connection with Rotary-related endeavors, but civic and public service endeavors as well.

Governor Easum began her talk by praising our club and many of its members, including **Bob Allan** (always smiling), **Sandra Levinson** (sense of humor), **Stewart Cross** (loves to chat), **Christine Cross**, (getting things done), **Dr. Helene Kalfuss**, (OK to get kicked in the a\$\$), and **Milt Levinson** (What you see is what you get). She described the three goals she emphasizes: (1) Taking care of people, including recruiting new members into the club; (2) Community Service Projects (she covered many of those that our club sponsors each year); and (3) the Rotary Foundation and its incredible affect on the international community. She then shared her own experiences with "Service Above Self" and the importance that Rotary tenet has played in her own life. Finally, she thanked our president Denise for her leadership in our club. She passed out "Rotary Ignite" pins, which we should wear to foster interest in Rotary among those whom we meet, with the goal of inviting them to experience Rotary. Thank you Governor Jean for an inspirational and motivational presentation!

OTHER TIDBITS

The esteemed (or is it steamed) **Robert Elsner** emphasized Veteran's Day trivia, as he extracted donations from **Don Aikens, John Craig, Thomas Smith, Dr. Helene Kalfuss, Milt Levinson, Art Snow, Christine Cross, Marv Goldberg, Mike Sellin, John Allan,** and **Ed Ellis.**

Happy dollars were given by **Mike Brill, Judy Bronstein,** and **John Craig.**

Dr. Jenny Vu's marble game ticket was drawn, but the black marble still stays hidden in the bag.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,
Mike Brill
Desertarian Editor