



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS *Desertarian* for November 21, 2012

President **Dr. Denise Ellis** opened today's meeting by asking newly-inducted member **Andrew Teitel** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sojourner **Jack Ball** followed by enjoining us to recite the 4-Way Test, and **Dr. Helene Kalfuss** shared an inspirational moment. There were no visiting Rotarians at today's meeting. Guests included **Tracy Power's** son Sean, **Tim Ellis'** son Josh and daughter Audrey, and **Andrew Teitel's** mother, who is visiting from Detroit.

Those expecting a pre-Thanksgiving turkey lunch were treated instead to chunks of sauced mystery meat (someone said they thought it was beef), served over pasta, with au gratin potatoes and sliced carrots. Actually, though, it was pretty tasty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Judy Bronstein** reminded 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. She also thanked **Jenny Vu** for providing storage space for next year's Rotary Garage Sale (RAGS). Jenny's office is located at 1546 N. Palm Canyon, and donations may be brought on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- **Christine Cross** thanked **Ed Ellis** for his annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation.
- PDG **Dr. Helene Kalfuss**, chair of our local foundation, reminded everyone that the deadline for 2013 grant requests is January 15, 2013. Grant requests should be mailed to P. O. Box 171, Palm Springs, CA 92263.

OUR PROGRAM

Thomas Smith introduced today's speaker, Betty Folsom. Betty is a veteran educator and 40-year resident of Jurupa Valley. She is past president of Jurupa Valley Rotary Club and current Rotary sponsor of Jurupa Valley High School's new Interact Club. She is also the president of the California Association of Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisors.

Betty's presentation focused on Rotary International's scholarship programs. She described the current Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, which provides up to \$25,000 to students pursuing graduate degrees in a variety of subjects. She then segued into RI's new "Future Visions" scholarship programs. These are divided into those granted by Rotary International, and those granted by our District. The RI scholarship programs will be increased to \$30,000+ dollars, and may be applied to up to four years of post graduate study in one of six areas: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, and Economic and community development. District scholarship may be granted to high school students who wish to further their education by attending community colleges. Additional information may be obtained by visiting either our District's web site www.rotary5330.net.

OTHER TIDBITS

Finemaster **Tim Ellis** focused is "recognition" on - what else? - Thanksgiving. He extracted donations from **Bob Allan, Ed Ellis, Bill Lentz, Bob Elsner, Christine Cross, Denise Ellis, Mike Sellin, and Mike Brill.** Happy dollars were given by **Milt Levinson, Bob Allan, and Judy Bronstein.**

Christine Cross won a whopping \$17 in the marble game, but the black marble still stays hidden in the bag. Next week's pot should be close to \$50.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Have a great week,

Mike Brill
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