



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS Desertarian for November 28, 2012

Seems hard to believe that we're already at the end of November, and I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Sated with turkey and stuffing, prez **Denise Ellis** asked **Dick Hostrop** to lead us in the flag salute. Sojourner extraordinaire **Charlie House** led us in the 4-Way Test, and **Rev. Jim Griffes** shared a beautiful inspirational moment.

Dr. Tony Signoret, in his sartorial splendor, introduced visiting Rotarians PDG Red Peryea (Hemet Sunrise, CA) and Cathedral City club president Gillian Cross. **Dick Hostrop** introduced special guest Brad Spencer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ!** Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift or two to our next meeting (December 5th) for our annual Holiday Auction, to benefit our local club. Also (pay attention, Jacque), please bring money (US Dollars preferred) to bid on these items. **Tim Ellis** will be our auctioneer, and this promises to be a fun and profitable meeting.
- Secretary **Jacque Wachs** asked everyone to please check your entry in our club roster, and notify her of any corrections or additions. You can access the roster by going to <http://www.crsadmin.com/gen/Login.aspx?msg=session&aid=7204>. Contact Jacque if you need your log-in and password.
- **Judy Bronstein**, chair of our annual garage sale (aka RAGS), reminded us that beginning on Saturday, December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, everyone is invited to bring their items to **Dr. Jenny Vu's** office, located at 1546 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palms Springs.
- We will be donating our annual appreciate dollars to the great Spa Hotel service staff, beginning with our December 5th meeting.

OUR PROGRAM

Anita Grey introduced today's speaker, Caroline Conway, who presented a comprehensive slide presentation on California's wildlife preserves. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period that solicited many queries with professional responses.

OTHER TIDBITS

Finemaster **Bill Lentz** focused his questions on wildlife (the 4-legged kind) and nature preserves. Among his victims were **Mike Sellin, Margie Taft, Jacque Wachs, John Craig, Judy Bronstein, Tony Signoret, Dick Hostrop, Bob Barrett, Mike Brill, and Anita Grey.**

Happy dollars were given by **Judy Bronstein, Anita Grey, Margie Taft, Bob Elsner,** and **Frank Peabody**, who honored Margie Taft, whose participation in the recent Dancing with the Stars contest, raised \$15,000 for our wonderful Desert Aids Project!

Mike Sellin won \$21 in the marble game, but the black marble still stays hidden in the bag. Next week's pot should be close to \$275.

Have a great week, and please bring a potential Rotarian to our next meeting, where the guest speaker will wow and amaze him/her!

Mike Brill
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