



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS Desertarian for December 5, 2012

President **Denise Ellis** opened today's meeting by asking **Stewart Cross** (who was also celebrating a birthday) to lead us in the salute to our flag. **Ed Ellis** had us recite the 4-Way Test of the Things That Rotarians Think, Say, and/or Do. **John Allen** introduced visiting Rotarians **Richard Holmgren** (Newport/Balboa, CA) and **Joy Cameron** (Lantzville, BC, Canada).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift or two to our next meeting (**December 12th**) for our annual Holiday Auction, to benefit our local club. Also, please bring money to bid on these items. **Tim Ellis** will be our auctioneer, and this promises to be a fun and profitable meeting. This will be a great opportunity to bring a potential Rotarian guest, who will receive a free ticket to our "Marble Game".
- PDG **Milt Levinson** requested that we Rotarians assist with providing toiletry items to home-bound seniors who have a serious need for these items. Please bring your donated items to the next meeting. Milt also commented on the "Giving Tree" located in the Mizell Senior Center's lobby. This tree contains individual requests from seniors who in need of specific items.
- **Judy Bronstein**, chair of our annual garage sale (aka RAGS), reminded us that every Saturday, 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. Judy passed around a sign-up sheet to assist at Jenny's office during the above donation times.
- **Bill Lentz** reminded us of the upcoming job shadow event on January 30, 2013. He will be contacting previous participants in this great program.

OUR PROGRAM

Bob Elsner introduced today's speaker, **Mike Brill**, whose topic was "Cruising 101". Mike, who has sailed on over 40 cruises, presented a short history of cruising, followed by a discussion of the various cruise ships and itineraries available in today's market. His presentation was followed by several questions from the audience. Mike would like to thank Bob Elsner for reducing the amount of heckling that he usually proffers to Rotarian guest speakers.

OTHER TIDBITS

Finemaster **Jamey Canfield** focused his questions on cruising, with such gems as "How many rolls of toilet paper does the Oasis of the Seas stock for each cruise". Among his victims were

**Dr. Dave Alderman, John Allen, Marv Goldberg, Mike Sellin, Jim Dunn (welcome back!),
Jacque Wachs, and Milt Levinson.**

Happy dollars were given by **Roger Mikalco** (welcome back!), **Ed Ellis**, and **Dick Hostrop**, whose grandson's pee-wee football team just won the "Super Bowl" of their age group by beating Corona!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO **JOHN ALLEN** FOR HIS PROMOTION TO PALM SPRINGS **FIRE CHIEF**! Well deserved, John!!

Denise Ellis won \$22 in the marble game, but the black marble still stays hidden in the bag. Next week's pot should be close to \$300.

Have a wonderful Rotary Week!
Mike Brill
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