



The Desertarian

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS *Desertarian* for December 12, 2012

DECK THE HALLS (OR AT LEAST DECK THE SPA HOTEL)

Our annual gala holiday event spotlighted several of our members in various shades of red and green. Obviously, they were totally into the holiday spirit. President Denise opened the meeting by asking Jim Dunn to lead us in the flag salute. Andrew Teitel led is in the 4-Way Test, and Rev. Jim Griffes shared a beautiful holiday invocation. Thomas Smith had no visiting Rotarians to introduce, but he introduced special guest Joy Meredith. Joy, who is the trustee of her father's (Norm Brown) estate, presented a \$500 check to our local foundation, in Norm's memory. Joy has headed up Palm Springs' Main Street for many years, and she would be a very welcome addition to our club!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cahuilla Elementary Book-Give-Away. Each child at our adopted school, Cahuilla Elementary, will receive two books. Milt is requesting assistance next Wednesday, December 19th at 8:30 a.m., to assist with distributing these books at Cahuilla Elementary School in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- Christine Cross presented a refresher on the Paul Harris Society. She honored Denise Ellis with her first Paul Harris Fellowship, Judy Bronstein with a Paul Harris + 7, and Bob Allan and Frank Peabody with a Paul Harris +6. She then congratulated Tim Ellis, Bob Elsner, Charlie House, Dr. Helene Kalfuss, and Andrew Teitel for their "Every Rotarian Every Year" contribution to the Rotary International Foundation.

OUR PROGRAM

Tim Ellis grabbed his auctioneer's gavel and along with assistants Jamey Canfield and Jacque Wachs, conducted today's annual Rotary Gift Auction. We had donations galore, and special thanks go out to Knott's Soak City, Karl Krueger, the Palm Springs Follies, Las Casuelas Terraza, Johnny Costa's Restaurant, Escena Golf Club, the Doral Hotel, Palm Mountain Resort, the Marquis Villas, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Desert Adventures Jeep Tours, San Diego Hacienda Old Town Hotel, Dick Hostrup, and several other merchants and members for their generous donations. Thanks to generous and enthusiastic bidding from our members (and guest Job Meredith) our club raised almost \$2,600! GREAT JOB TO ALL CONCERNED!

OTHER TIDBITS

Happy Rotarians included Anita Grey, Frank Peabody, Judy Bronstein, and Dr. Denise Ellis (congratulations for Cahuilla Elementary's receipt of three major trophies, honoring this great school for its academic achievements!).

Mike Brill shared the Marble Game's \$33 with Tim Ellis, but the black marble is still in the bag. Next week's pot will be over \$300, so BUY THOSE TICKETS!

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season!

Mike Brill
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