ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS

District 5160 Club 461

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MEETING NOTES: January 13, 2021

<u>Call to Order:</u> Jim Olson welcomed members, Hogie led the pledge, and Skip introduced the patriotic song, "God Bless America."

Sunshine: Jean Dormann told us about Ruth R.'s illness and that we should all call or send her our best wishes. Ruth is feeling o.k. and hopes to be back with us soon.

Thought for the Day: Jim Olson read quotes from an article in the Rotary magazine by Steve Almond about how failures by famous people ultimately lead to their success in business, art and sports.

Happy Dollars: We want to thank Bill Broxham, happy about his son's improving health. John King for his mom. David Brown for John's mom. Hogie, and the always happy Tillie Schiller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club 461 Annual Meeting

- -Jim Olson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:40 p.m. A quorum (33% of active members) was present. The agenda included two main topics:
- 1. Election of new Officers and Directors
- 2. Suggestion by members about how we can improve as a club in 2021.



Candidates and Terms

*President Nominee (President 2022-23)-David

*Secretary (2021-22)-Dale Martin

*Treasurer (2021-22)-Irv Ford

Directors (2021-23) Sue Adams Jean Dormann Chuck Lamb **Nancy Richardson**

Interact- Patrice Jensen spoke about the fun Zoom night between Rotary buddies and Interactors January 8. The Interactors have scheduled some more fun nights that we hope members will attend. They are, Friday January 29, "bingo" night, and Friday, February 26, "show and tell." Please calendar these events. They are worth your time.

PROGRAM



Reverend Dr. Rodney Lemery, Community Justice Minister talking about, "Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice."

Reverend Lemery spoke about his "calling" to this work. Reverend Dr. Lemery serves as the part-time Justice Minister for the Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek. Reverend Dr. Lemery was previously in the Baptist ministry and employed this experience in leading those imprisoned to conversions to Christianity.

He works both "behind the glass" and "in front of the glass" because of Covid-19 and via video conferencing. His services are both spiritual and emotional care. Besides prisoners, he also serves the correctional officers as Correctional Chaplain at the Solano County Jail in Fairfield, California.

His motto is "each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done." He supervises volunteers, runs Bible study classes, and partners with other religious faiths. **PenPal** correspondence is an extremely "healing" activity he is also engaged in.

He is engaged in numerous other activities, such as, handing out religious materials, doing dietary scheduling of meals and interviewing the incarcerated about their dietary needs. He maintains the supply and distribution of reading glasses. He also conducts marriages and funerals.

All Chaplains doing this work are **certified**. His primary goals are assisting in developing emotional and spiritual skills that better the improvement of those incarcerated.

CALENDAR

Jan 20	DARK
Jan 20	11:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Jan 27	Guy Bjerke Concord Redevelopment
	Plans, Naval Weapons Station