



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS

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## MEETING NOTES: July 17, 2019

President **Jim Olson** called the meeting to order.

**Guests** were Pete Smith, Mike Cure, Lauralee Barbaria, Carol Schaeffer, Peter Squire, and Diane Bredt.

**Rotary Video:** The video presented how we specialize in global cooperation, with a focus on fighting disease like polio. Currently, there is slight increase in the polio rate in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary International has learned that it must change its interview process to better understand lifestyle issues that contribute to the increased rate of polio in these countries.

**Thought of the Day:** **Marlene Miller** offered some humorous viewpoints, many from a female perspective.

**Sunshine:** **Sheldon** is on hospice at home and desires calls and visits. **Bob McCarthy** has been absent for a time, but his health issues are still unclear.

**Happy Dollars:** **Ruth** was about a about trip to Alaska. **Marilee** talked about dealing with her deceased mom's house. **Chuck Lamb** mentioned his Tahoe and Yellowstone trips.



**Raffle:** The pot has grown to \$644. Today's winners were **Hoagie** (free lunch) and **Pat Zahn** (bottle of wine).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**John Rice** introduced the new Rotary brochure developed by **Jann, John Rice** and **Harvey Gilbert**.

**Call for Auction Items:** **Jim** reminded us about the Alzheimer's/Parkinson's Gala and the need for auction items.



## PROGRAM

Long time Walnut Creek Mayor, Cindy Silva, was our speaker. She was first elected to the City Council in 2006 and was subsequently re-elected to the Council in 2010, re-appointed in 2014, and re-elected in 2018. She served as mayor in 2010-11, and again in 2012-13. Prior to her election



to the City Council, Silva served on the Planning Commission from 2004-06, including two years during which the City was updating and adopting General Plan 2025. In addition to serving as mayor, she also runs a marketing business.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Southern California, Silva has a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is a native of Santa Cruz, California. She and her husband, Tom, have a daughter, Katie, who is a 2005 graduate of Las Lomas High School and 2009 graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle.

She provided an update on areas of focus for the City of Walnut Creek. They included:

- School Safety
- High population growth with highly educated citizenry
- increased housing downtown
- Broadway Plaza upgrade is almost complete.
- Downtown growth is strong.
- Main and Cypress mall upgrading
- New hotel next to BART
- Leshner Center and growth of the Arts area (More than 25% of attendees are from out of the area.)
- Shadelands Business Park and adjacent Orchard shopping center
- Four city community buildings are being rebuilt and improved.
- Traffic safety and flow is improving.
- Bike rental service in the city
- Playground development
- Proving for the growth of Pickleball
- The Green City Initiative is being conducted in conjunction with Marin Clean Program.
- Trash and recycling center



## CALENDAR

Today	Joyce Tucker – Blackhawk Museum, Chinese and Natural History Exhibits
July 31	Fred Kern – Rossmoor Technology Committee