



## MEETING NOTES: July 15, 2020

**Call to Order:** Jim Olson convened the meeting with thirty-one attendees present.



**Guests** were Craig Lazzeretti, Associate Editor of the Rossmoor News, Bill Oman, Annette Patch, and District Governor Mark Roberts.



**Awards** were presented to Jim Olson as past president of Rossmoor Rotary and for his donations to Rotary.

**Fab5:** Steve Elefant talked about planning a gala via zoom for the Fab5. He praised Joy for her work.

**Sintaro Village, Ethiopia:** Joy reviewed our current involvement in Sintaro Village and its schools.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rotary Foundation:** John King announced that the Foundation Board positions are now filled.

## PROGRAM

County Supervisor Candace Andersen talk was largely focused on Covid-19 issues. Seventy percent of the county budget is allocated for health-related services. All Covid-19 data is available on the county website. Currently, there are 5140 coronavirus cases within Contra Costa County, of those, 3,674 have recovered, and 84 people are hospitalized. There has been 92 deaths with 81-90 year olds most affected. Seventy-four new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours. The largest age group testing positive is the 19-30 year olds, followed by 31-40 year olds.



The skyrocketing number of cases in the county may be because more testing is being done. To date, 100,692 people

have been tested. Where the county once had a rate of 4% testing positive, it is now at 7 – 8% testing positive, although many are asymptomatic.

Rossmoor residents are counted within the total for Walnut Creek. Rossmoor has 11 or fewer cases and no deaths. Exact numbers are not given to protect individual privacy rights. Manor Care has reported 82 positive cases among patients and 30 positive cases among its workers. Forty-four Walnut Creek residents are hospitalized now.

Treatment utilizing Remdesivir, and steroids reduce the severity of the disease if given early enough. The county has 142 people in ICU's, but most patients do not have Covid-related problems. They are attempting to keep people off ventilators.

The state rules govern county services. Contra Costa County Health Director Dr. Chris Farnitano consults 2-3 times per week regarding new Covid statistics and strategies. Rising hospitalizations have landed the county on the watch list, limiting indoor openings of malls, hair and nail salons, restaurants, and places of worship. Our county has a variance from state orders in some areas because we have case leveling, adequate hospital beds, adequate Covid testing, sufficient tracing and isolation/quarantine capacity, and at least a 30-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Three settings have been of special concern in the fight to contain the spread of the coronavirus- senior and skilled nursing and other health care facilities, homeless shelters, and jails. Long term care facilities-now have a total of 456 cases with 61 hospitalizations and 64 deaths. Health care workers and patients in health and nursing facilities need to be tested monthly. Homeless shelters have tested 464 individuals. Of these, 55 tested positive. Incarcerated individuals are being discharged early, after they are quarantined. Those who have committed violent crimes such as murder, rape, or child molestation are not eligible for release. There are no Covid cases in our county jails.

In addition to Covid-19, the county is focusing on addressing diversity issues related to law enforcement and criminal justice as well as economic opportunity. The police and sheriff departments are being trained to avoid crisis. We do not have military grade weapons. We have crisis intervention training.

## CALENDAR

Today	Ariel Mercado – BART Today
July 29	Dr. Seema Yasmin – When Epidemics and Politics Collide