



## MEETING NOTES: August 11, 2021

**Call to Order:** President Bill Broxham. Welcome back after a successful medical procedure. Hogie led the Pledge of Allegiance and the patriotic song was our National Anthem from the Olympic Gold Medalists USA Women's Basketball team.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians-** A warm welcome to Patrice's invite Jenny Ma.

**Sunshine:** Jean Dormann and Jim Olson. Member Ed G. has an undisclosed illness that is keeping him from attending. He is hopeful that her will be better soon and able to come. Jean also expressed her happiness that Bill is back and in better health. Bill thanked all of us who sent messages of a positive outcome.

**Thought for the Day:** Bill tested us with a series of quotes from Yogi Berra to Mark Twain.

**Happy Dollars:** Merilee, celebrating her birthday; David Brown for Tillie and Merilee; Hogie; Ruth Reeves; Dale Martin; Irv Ford; Jim, happy to be "out of Minnesota;" Sharon Long; Patrice on seeing her daughter; Mitzi; Bill; and Steve Elefant who is marrying off his son. Thank you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

All **happy dollars** will go to the Club. Those members wanting tax deductions for donations exceeding \$50 should make out checks to the Rossmoor Rotary Foundation (or RRF).

**Annual Picnic Meeting-**August 25, beer tasting. Joy needs a head count. Members can bring guests, spouses, etc.

**Walnut Creek Service Day-**Sue Adams talked about our successful participation in the past, that in the first couple of hours, we collect more food donations than all Walnut Creek combined. This Fall's drive will be on **Saturday, October 9**. More details to follow and sign up for participation.

**District 5160 Conference Lake Tahoe, October 29-31-**President Bill encouraged those members wanting to attend to register now. Go to the District 5160 website to register.

**GRF Covid-19 Masking and Social Distancing-**Starting next week tables will be set for 6 persons only. Although most if not all members are vaccinated, we still encourage wearing masks. Thank you.

**3 Emails-** Bill reported on receiving 3 mails. 1. Requests from Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary for volunteer mentors at Diablo Valley College. Steve Elefant has graciously volunteered. 2. The Dixie Fire. Rotary of Greenville has started a "Go Fund Me" effort to raise money for those affected by the fire. 3. FAB 5 ¾ century celebration for those members 75 and over.

**Raffle-**Wine to Joy. Lunch for Sharon

## PROGRAM



**Kira Klapper**, NBC Bay Area anchor of *Today in the Bay*. Kira is another of Steve Elefant’s memorable “finds” as refreshing guest speakers. Kira presented our members with a complete picture of her experiences as a journalist for 10 years and her upward climb to success. After graduating from Boston University, this Los Angeles native, started in lowly Mankato, Minnesota as a generalist “one-man band” shooting, editing, and writing daily reports. If only she would have started in Minneapolis, her experiences there might have been more agreeable. She had to escape and had her “escape tape” ready for her next opportunities.

Many of us long time Bay Area residents are familiar with the various reporting teams she worked with at KGO, ABC 7 as substitute reporter, anchor reporting on “breaking news” as well as in-depth reports. Stories that she has covered include the Asiana Airlines crash, and the historic opening of the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge. She has also filled in as weather anchor for the Fox and CBS affiliates in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

During the Covid-19 pandemic she spends time shepherding her kids. Kira is an ardent supporter of women’s heart health through the Go Red for Women Initiative. And she volunteers and encourages people to adopt shelter pets. Quite a career.

### CALENDAR

Aug 18	Khali Blackman-Newton Coaching Corps
Aug 25	Noon to 1:30 Annual Picnic Rossmoor Sportsmen’s Park
Sep 1	Bill Broxham – Club Assembly