



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: December 15, 2021

Call to Order: President Bill rang the meeting to order. Hogey led the flag salute. The patriotic song was "The Star Spangled Banner" from the opening of the recent Army Navy game. President Bill commented on the huge stadium of men and women who have dedicated themselves to keeping all of us safe.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: President Bill introduced guest Tom Gettinger who is a Rotarian making his second home here in Rossmoor. We can expect him to be a regular attendee when he is in residence here.

Sunshine: Jean D. sent a sympathy card to the Dochterman family on former RI President Cliff Dochterman's passing. She has also been in touch with Harvey G. who has chemo appointments on Wednesdays.

Happy Dollars: Earl A. donated 82 in recognition of his recent birthday. David B. donated \$200 just because it is the season to be generous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the second week in a row the money was won. So we will be back at \$25.00 in the New Year. A bottle of wine was also won.

PROGRAM

The Speaker was Tom Cashion, our new head of security in Rossmoor. Tom joined the Golden Rain Foundation as the Public Safety Manager in February 2021 and took over the Public Safety of Rossmoor on April 1st. He has over 24 years of law enforcement experience and retired as a Captain from the Walnut Creek Police Department in December of 2020. During his career, Tom served in many divisions of the police department to include, patrol, detectives, and administration. Tom has in-depth experience in risk management, investigations, supervision and management and emergency preparedness. Tom was an Assistant Commander of the Central Contra Costa County Regional SWAT Team, Manager of the Walnut Creek Police Department's Bomb Squad and the Sector Commander for Rossmoor. Tom created the first Police Information Technology Team, brought automated license plate readers to the city, and created the police departments Special Events Unit to respond to large protests. Tom also organized and managed the first live evacuation drill in a mock wildfire emergency.

Tom also "moonlights" as an Authenticator with Major League Baseball and is assigned to the San Francisco Giants.

Tom has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento. He is also a graduate from Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) at Boston University and a graduate of the California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Command College which is affiliated with the University of San Diego. His research paper was published in an International Police magazine and he was invited to Washington D.C. to sit on an expert panel regarding wearable technology for law enforcement. Tom has been awarded the Ethics Award, Life Saving Award, Class Speaker in Command College and numerous other commendations.

Tom lives in Walnut Creek with his wife and children. Tom enjoys travelling, hiking and working on historic vehicles but admits he's not very good at it.

He covered four main areas.

Evacuation Zones: All of Rossmoor is now divided into Zones for a more efficient way to get us out of here if the need should arise. There are cards available with the zones and streets in each available at Securitas Office, MOD, and Gateway. We should all be signed up to both Rossmoor's and the City of Walnut Creek's Nixle notification system. The zones are color coded and numbered. Signs telling you what zone you are in have been attached to our entry signs. Look for them and remember what zone you are in. **Important if you feel unsafe leave! Do not wait for mandatory evacuations to start!** Have a plan with 2 places you would go, have a grab bag. And stay alert.

Lock Boxes: If emergency responders need to help you, you want them to be able to get to you quickly. If they can't, they must call for police help to break your door down. Those could be precious minutes lost that put you at more risk. A lock box near the front door is a really good idea. They are not expensive, can be purchased from Amazon or Ace Hardware, installed by yourself or a handyman service. You register your information with both the fire department and the police department. It also can serve you well if you are out and lose your keys.

Exit Routes: In an emergency all four lanes at the gate will be outgoing. Emergency responders will come in through Acalanes Adult School and the dog park. The Fitness Center parking will be the staging area. There is a fire road at the top end of Stanley Dollar that could take folks to Lafayette. There is another on up at Gray Eagle that needs some arrangements and work before we could use it. In an emergency we will have additional help from other law enforcement agencies due to a mutual aid agreement. We will need to follow directions and not just decide on our own that we are going to use an alternate exit.

Gate Security: Cameras and license plate readers are coming shortly for both entry and exiting vehicles. An additional system for us to give permission for guests will allow us to send something to our guest's phones rather than the phone call to the gate. You can still use the old system if you want. Guests will have a pass to display on their dashboard with where they are going and how long they will be there. There are ideas in process about walk in traffic. It is easy to get control of the southeast side but much more difficult on the Tice Creek side. The problem there is all the permits and impact studies that are required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 22	Dark
Dec 29	Dark
Jan 5	Michael Barrington - WASH

PHOTOS

