



Special Edition July 3, 2021 Awards Ceremony and Presidential Demotion

The multifaceted party was held on July 3rd and I'll Pavone. We had salad and a smorgasbord of delicious pizzas. Our turn out was nearly 40 people which post pandemic seems like a big crowd. It was wonderful to see friends and various family members.

The Awards kicked off with the awarding of Blue Club name badges to David B. Paul W and Sharon L. High time as David is our PE, Sharon is now assistant treasurer for the Foundation, and Paul has been the club secretary and keeper of the calendar for the program committee all year.

Next Polio Plus Society pins, certificates and sports bracelets were given out for those who joined during the last big push. The new members are Nancy R. Jim O., Earl A. Sharon L., Bill B., Mitzi B., Irv F. and Ruth R. They join Tillie S., Patrice J., Merilee H., David B., Paul W., and Joy A. This makes a very respectable 14 members from our club joining the ongoing effort to eradicate polio from the world. Very good news district-wide we did enroll over 500 members in the Society, which the district matched with an additional \$50,000. RI matches and Gates foundation matches 3 to 1, which ends up to be \$1,200,000. Just think it is estimated that it costs \$2 to immunize a child. So this is a whopping 600,000 children that will be immunized. See what we can do with our combined efforts!

We had some Paul Harris's recognition pins to award. The Paul Harris Society recognizes generous giving to the Rotary International Foundation. Joy A. gifted Jean D. with her first Paul Harris just because she is so happy Jean joined us. Joy also gifted Steve E. with a plus one to go with his long ago original Paul Harris. Bill B. was presented with his first Paul Harris as his giving is now over \$1,000. Our champion was David B. who got a new pin with a ruby signifying that he has given at least \$7,000.

Our next very special awardee was Irv F. Irv has made a commitment to the Rotary Foundation to include them in his post life giving. He is now the proud

wearer of a round blue enamel pin with a diamond signifying his membership in the Bequest Society. Congratulate him when you see him.

Co-President Steve awarded certificates of appreciation along with blue Rossmoor Rotary coffee mugs to all who served on the club board during the last year. Co-President Joy did the same for those who served as foundation directors this year.

Jim O. had prepared a short program in Steve's honor, but Joy skipped right over that. She demoted her co-president by presenting him with his past president's pin, name badge and gift of a lovely individualized plaque with a gavel. We are going to make up for Joy's skipping by having Jim do his program at a club meeting ASAP.

Steve read an inspiring installation for our new President Bill B. He was awarded his president's pin and name badge. We all gave him a standing O and our best wishes for a successful year.

Our new President Elect David B. was given a Rotary baseball cap so that he has some Rotary gear.

Two members were honored with Service Above Self plaques. Sue A. for ALWAYS being there when needed and her ongoing commitment to run the Rotary Food Drive for the food bank. John K. who has done an outstanding job of being the chairperson of the Foundation not only this year, but also agreeing to serve for an additional year.

David B. had donated a \$100 for a random drawing of those attending. Irv F. was the lucky winner.

The grand finale was the awarding of The Rotarians of the Year Award. There are so many in our club who do so much and are deserving of this honor. However, your co-presidents chose Patrice Jensen. She always is eager to help. Patrice is a past president of our club. The first restaurant fundraiser was her inspiration. Perhaps most importantly, she was the driving force behind getting our Las Lomas Rotaract Club started. This is an honor she has certainly earned.