



MEETING NOTES: May 12, 2021

Call to Order: Joy Alaidarous led the pledge of allegiance. The patriotic song was "This Land is Your Land."

Sunshine: Jean Dormann. Nothing new to report.

Thought for the Day: Paul Wilson. "The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply."

Happy Dollars: Mitzi-a great Mother's Day celebration with granddaughters and great-granddaughters.

Ruth-also for her Mother's Day celebration with family.

David Brown

Joy-Ditto Mother's Day and her first trip out of state in long time to NYC.

Patrice, John King, and Tillie- Mother's Day Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is **Youth Services Month**.

Michael Harrington, Rotary Club of Concord sent a letter acknowledging the success of the Vision program our Foundation helped to support.

Paul Harris Award- Joy congratulated **David Brown** for being awarded his **Plus 5** pin. David's generous spirit is much appreciated by our Club.



Rotary International has undertaken an emergency appeal to combat **Covid-19** in India.

Lokanta Fundraiser- John Rice reported that the fund raiser was a success raising plus \$2300. Special thanks to Jennifer Hansen in organizing the on-site distribution of the meals.

Alamo Rotary Club- Joy spoke about her presentation at the 50th Anniversary of the Club which we helped charter. The meeting was well attended and **in person**.

Saturday July 3, 2021- We are planning our Presidential Awards and Presidential Demotion to be held at Il Pavone with a Pizza party. Stay tuned for details.

Interact-Patrice spoke about the election of new officers and directors for the upcoming year. It looks like a good crew is taking over.

PROGRAM



Jared Eisenstat, attorney, and Rossmoor resident. His topic was "Sentenced to Life With Possible Parole." Jared described his important, many years work, as a "Lifer Attorney," also called a California Parole Consultant Attorney. He described parole hearings by which those convicted of crimes, such as murder, work with his assistance to obtain parole. The emphasis during the hearing is on what the person has done during prison rather than what the person did before prison. Most of his clients are in their 50's. Just getting older is "rehabilitative," according to Jared.

He also states that almost everyone who is granted parole in California is not an "unreasonable risk" to re-offend. Parole law according to Jared is "not supposed to be who you were, but who you are now."

The parole hearings now because of Covid-19 are virtual. There is no judge or jury. What you have done in prison, such as getting your G.E.D., involvement in counseling, rehabilitation, job training, and arranging for transitional housing upon release, are all factored into the parole process.

Jared told us that he will be leaving Rossmoor moving to Angels Camp. We wish him well in his move and continued success in his important work.

CALENDAR

May 19	10:30 RRF Trustee Zoom meeting
May 19	Nancy Richardson – IRB research proposals re: human subjects
May 26	Justine Le – Rise against hunger