



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 01/17/24

Call to Order: President Sue called the meeting to order. Sargent at Arms David led the flag salute. The patriotic song was "You're a Grand Old Flag."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: District governor Claire R, District Governor Elect Dan G., Assistant Governor John D., Lafayette club members Troy F. and Sally J.

Happy Dollars: Many people were happy and contributed happy dollars

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy S gave a 5-minute biography. She is from New York and New Jersey. At 30 she had Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. After remission she married Peter, which was 38 years ago. She started a business which had major accounts. The company did promotions, trainings, and other things. She needed more help and Peter came to work with her.

Peter S. also did a 5-minute bio. He started journalism in high school. He had a career in the newspaper business. Eventually becoming an editor. He had a practice wife and a son. The wife did not work out. But he kept involved with his son. At age 14 the son came to live with Kathy and Peter. Son Jack is in Walnut Creek which prompted their move here. Peter loves to sing and has joined a barbershop singing group.

Troy F and Sally J told us about the Feb 5 lunch on Wed. the 7th. It will be at the Event Center starting at our usual time of 11:30. Please make your reservation by paying the \$35.00 to Irv F. Checks can be made out to R.R.C. (Rossmoor Rotary Club).

Raffle- Paul W and guest Sally. Both got a bottle of wine.

PROGRAM

Claire was our speaker as is the custom during the governor's official visit. She told us the inspiring story of RI President, Gordon McNally's theme of Create Hope in the World. She also talked about his emphasis on building positive peace and mental health. Our district will be forming a Rotary Action Group for Mental Health.

Claire honored 2 of our members. Acknowledging her theme of the year Team 5160 she named Peter VS as Rookie of the Year and Carolyn H. as Most Valuable Player. Sharon L. received her Major Donor Award from Claire. David C., who is transferring to the Rossmoor Club was inducted into our club.

Claire's special project is the Tutu Desk. It is a portable durable lap desk for use by students in Africa who have no desks. The club members contributed. John R. informed Claire that \$1,100 had been raised and would be sent to the club coordinating this project. Way to go Rossmoor Rotarians! That is 55 students who will be better equipped to learn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 24	Erika Vandenbrande – WC Community Development
Jan 31	Member Bios
Feb 7	Feb 5 Lunch – Event Center
Feb 14	Connor Merrigan – Summit Financial

PHOTOS





Claire R





Peter VS and Claire



Troy F and Sally J



Carolyn H and Claire R



David C and Claire R



Sharon L and Claire



Kathy and Peter S, Sue A