



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 02/14/24

Call to Order: The meeting was brought to order by our President Sue at 12:30. David B. led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The patriotic song was "Anchors Aweigh."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: David L, soon to become a member.

Thought for the Day: Patrice read some humorous haiku.

Happy Dollars: Sue, for Valentine's Day; Bill, the 49ers will rise again; Peter S., soon after he met his wife, they exchanged Valentine cards – and they were the same cards (they have been happily married since); Patrice, her new neck brace is softer and she is going to Cambodia; Eddie, he is taking Robin to the Warriors game; Ruth, she is the last of the Kiwanis that moved to our Rotary; and David, he is just a happy guy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy announced that our District Conference will be held April 26 – 28 in Sacramento. This conference is always interesting, helpful, and fun. The conference shows that the District is way more than just one club. We have several people going, but should have more, given the size of our club. There are still spaces, but they are going fast.

John R. announced that the Irish Club is giving a St. Patrick's Day party, to which we are invited. The party fills up quickly, so John has sent an on-line form for attendance, and information on how to pay the \$50. It includes a QR code for convenience. Or you can give a check directly to Sharon.

Patrice reported on B Walker Ranch. We are now receiving monthly reports on the status of building the ranch. The ranch is for autistic young adults to learn how to raise fruits and vegetables and sell the produce. We, our Rotary Club, are providing \$26,000 for the water tank and other irrigation needs. But we also need some hands-on participation. This is our project and we need to be more fully involved. Members with building experience are requested to help.

John B. recognized contributions to the Rotary Foundation by Merilee, who received her second Paul Harris award, and to Ruth, who received her second major donor award. Congratulations to both.

Sue commended Jim O., John R., Bill B., and David for all the work these four do behind the scenes to keep our club going.

Anniversaries- Merilee has been in the club since Feb., 2016. Birthdays: Marilyn, Alison, John B., Patrice, and Jim O.

Raffle- Kathy R. won \$249; Eddie won a free lunch.

PROGRAM

Our announced speaker was sick, so we had instead a Ted Talk, provided by Bill B. The talk was by Catherine Price on *fun*. She said people today are so busy and distracted they often seem dead inside. They need more fun, but fun that involves feeling alive. Fun is feeling, not a specific activity. The feeling is lightness and joy. To have real fun you need playfulness, connection with another, and flow, i.e., you lose track of time when you are in the moment. This fun is energizing and healthy. The more such fun, the more you feel alive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 21	Member Bios
Feb 28	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Feb 28	Anne Bevilacqua - Prison Teaching
Mar 6	Nace Ruvoilo – Court Judge

PHOTOS





Merilee, John, and Ruth



