



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: 02/21/2024

**Call to Order:** Opening-President Sue, Pledge-David B, Patriotic Song-The Army Anthem

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Drake R., Solano Sunset Rotary; Debbie R., Moraga Rotary; Mike B., Palo Alto Rotary

**Thought for the Day:** Bill B. presented a series of thoughtful quotes: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear. Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude. And so on.

**Happy Dollars:** Joy; Peter; Jim D.; Jim O; Irv for the lovely daffodils around Rossmoor; Debbie R., John K for successfully preventing ID theft of Mom, and Ellie going to Calif. Academy of Science; David B was happy for John K.; Ruth R; David L. had another success in thwarting ID theft.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim reminded members, especially new members about the **District Assembly, March 23, 2024, 8-2pm, in Fairfield, Ca.** Online registration via DACdb is encouraged immediately. The annual **District 5160 Conference will be in Sacramento, April 26-28.** This is a very important event that has much to offer members. Excellent speakers; lots of learning opportunities; and lots of fun will be in the offerings.

**Membership-** Jim announced the unanimous approval of the Club Board of new member, Anita C., a retired executive, and current realtor recommended by Patrice J.

**St.Pat's Party-** Sharon announced the date, Saturday, March 16, 2024, the joint Rotary/Irish American Club party. She will collect registration fees, or members can purchase online by signing on to [RossmoorRotary.org/St. Pat's party](http://RossmoorRotary.org/St.Pat's.party). The event will be in the Fireside Room. 140 Tickets have been sold so far. The fee is \$50 per person.

**Raffle-** Bill B, and Ron B; both winners of wine.

## PROGRAM

Four members gave speaker bios.

Norm J. A recovered “alcoholic,” now clean/sober for 33 years. Norm humorously described his life. Born in L.A. Jewish. Commissioned in the Air Force. Married at 21. He talked admiringly about his son working for IBM in Israel. Norm lived for a long time in Sacramento. Learning to be an aviation meteorologist in the service, he worked like a lot of meteorologists on T.V. in Sacramento for 4 years. Norm is PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN. Rotary identifies with his religion and personal philosophy.

Marilyn “Mitzi” Bray “Do you remember 1931?” Some of us do. Born in Switzerland to an American doctor. She was Raised in Minneapolis. Previously married she had her 5 children, she met current husband George at a 25<sup>th</sup> reunion at Brown university. Now married to George for 40 years, she has 15 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Mitzi went to Yale. Graduated with a master’s in public health from Sacramento State. Mitzi worked for a non-profit group in So. California assessing people with high blood pressure. She enjoys photography; and has visited 130 countries. Living in Louisiana for 20 years where George was a professor, she served on a Board of Directors of a battered women’s-shelter. She has also served as an officer of the League of Women’s Voters and has served on the American Association of University Women. She told a humorous story about calling Child Protective Services in L.A. checking on her 57-year-old son she feared had been a victim of a shark attack she had heard on the news. When they heard his age, they hung up.

George Sellers- George talked about being the longest tenured member of our Club-40 years. When he joined our Club there were over 200 members, and no women.

Only 1 member per profession was permitted. It was an “elegant and fun” club. Born in Berkeley in 1944, he moved with family to Walnut Creek in 1952. He graduated in finance from UCSB. He had a dissatisfying experience working for Dun and Bradstreet it was boring and too many meetings. His dad advised him to go to work in the security business. He worked for a short time for Electronic Data Systems under H. Ross Perot. After that, he worked for Paine/Webber until it was bought by UBS. He likes the symmetry of our club. Now that he is retired, he will come to more meetings and play more golf at Rossmoor.

Jean Dormann- A child of Scottish immigrants who emigrated to Spokane, Washington, Jean graduated in general education from Washington State. Jean worked in personnel management at Kaiser Oakland. In 1965, she married Chuck Dormann, a beloved past club past-president who worked for IBM. IBM’s business philosophy was to move their employees around. So, they wound up in Anchorage, Alaska. They were there for 3 years where 2 children were born. Upon returning to the Bay Area, they had 1 more child. Jean has 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. The Dormann’s have lived in Oakland and Castro Valley. Jean has worked as an administrator for the East Bay Regional Parks District. She advised us to remember our Parks System and the valuable experiences it has to offer. In 2003 the Dormann’s moved to Rossmoor. Since that time, she has served as the “condiment lady” at our 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, and now is chair of the Sunshine Report, following her late Chuck’s role.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
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Feb 28	Anne Bevilacqua – Prison Teaching
Mar 6	Nace Ruvulo – Court Judge, ret.
Mar 13	10:30 Board of Directors Meeting
Mar 13	Member Bios and Connor Merrigan – Summit Financial

## PHOTOS



**George S and Sue**



**Jean D and Sue**





Mitzi and Sue



Norm and Sue

