



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 03/20/24

Call to Order: Opening- President-elect, Carolyn, Pledge- David B., Sergeant-at-Arms.
Patriotic Song- "God Bless America"

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: **Diane M.** (guest of Jim Olson). 17 year resident of Rossmoor. Past president of Rossmoor Opera Club. Frequent contributor to the Rossmoor News and educator on Opera. **Wendy R.**, advisor and speech and debate teacher, Las Lomas High School. **Charlotte A (9th grade student); Audrika C. (9th grade student); Harrshwin S. (Junior)**, students from Las Lomas participating in our annual speech contest.

Thought for the Day: Jim O. On Spring. "Hope sleeps in our bones like a bear waiting for spring to rise and walk."-Marge Piercy

Sunshine Report: President Sue had a minor setback from her surgery. David B. said Marlene M. is hopeful of returning to our meetings.

Happy Dollars: Patrice J. (for our guest students); David L. (happy to be a member); Jim D. (now reached his 70's); David B. (same birthday as member Kathy S.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership- Jim O. inducted our newest member, David L. He will receive his Red Badge accordingly. We look forward to his membership and active involvement in our Club's events and programs.

District 5160 Assembly- Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8 a.m., in Fairfield. Carpooling will take place at Gateway at 7:15 am. Contact Carolyn if you have questions. A good number of members will be attending.

District 5160 Conference- in Sacramento, April 26-26. This annual event is a worthwhile experience of learning and fun. All members are encouraged to attend. Registration is still open via DACdb.

Raffle - John K. and Bill B.-both wines.

PROGRAM

Member Bio- Stan H. was born in Missoula, Montana, and moved to California as a child. He lived near Spear Lake, in Salinas, and the Gold Country. He has explored gold mines. His brother taught him to smoke at 6 years old (that's over now). He has also lived in Yreka, and reminisced about what Yreka is best known for, the Yreka Bakery. In high school at Yreka, Stan participated in all sports. He also played the French Horn. He developed a keen interest in languages at high school taking Spanish and French. His love of languages grew while in the Air Force stationed in Germany where he picked up German. In college he took Russian, and Serbo-Croatian. At Yale, he learned Chinese. Stan taught ESL (finally concentrating on English) at Del Valle High School here in Walnut Creek. He is retired from Bank of America as a database specialist. He has been around the world twice. Sounds like he would be a good companion to take along as an interpreter.

Guest Student's Speech Contest – Each of our engaging and smart students presented their take on Rotary's 4-way Test.

Charlotte A.- Her talk focused on the effects of Loneliness. Covid significantly affected our human interactions. The impact of social media and technology also lead to deleterious results. It is Fair and True to say that loneliness affects many. With that in mind, Charlotte emphasized that to benefit those impacted, we need to foster greater community interactions.

Audrika C.- She talked about how Unfair the banning of books has been. She listed a variety of important books, such as, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and *1984*, and so on that have been banned throughout the country. The truth is that in the last year 2571 books have been banned. Those who have led in the ban have often not even seen or read the books. There is no benefit in banning these books. We are deprived of the liberty that Locke and Jefferson believed to be a "natural right." Jefferson loved to learn from reading.

Harshwinn- He asked the question: "Do I completely believe everything my parents taught me?" One must have the faith to believe in oneself. It is true to say that "belief in oneself is the most important aspect of life." Self-worth and confidence ultimately lead one to the truth. Faith and belief in oneself are the only fair assessment. To have goodwill, one must put effort into friendships. Without this, goodwill cannot be achieved. For all to benefit from our actions, we must exhibit confidence and self-worth.

It is always a pleasure for our Club to receive the energy and wisdom from those younger who will follow us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 27	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Mar 27	John King - SF Chronicle Journalist
April 3	Lynn Welch – Rossmoor Counseling Services
April 10	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
April 10	Dawn Manley – Walnut Creek Service Day, Food Banks

PHOTOS



Las Lomas Teacher and Students

