



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 01/03/24

Call to Order: President Sue rang the meeting to order at 12:01. Freda A. led the flag salute. The Patriotic song was "Stars and Stripes Forever," sung by the Rotary Members in attendance. Today's lunch will be pizza and salad donated by Eddie F.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: There were two visiting Rotarians, David C, Sycamore Valley Rotary, and Joanne D from the Maui Rotary who is the sister of a former Rotary President. David C. will be joining the Rossmoor Rotary.

Sunshine Report: none noted

Thought for the Day: Connie P shared Inspiration: How We Can Find Joy in the New Year-Some food for thought.

Happy Dollars: Joy A. happy for the new fish Market, Carolyn H. delivered to Trinity Center 65 items of new clothes and 7 blankets and Eddie F. just always Happy! David B. so happy his sister came to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See's Candy sales sold \$6,168 so far. Eddie F. thanked all the people who helped on 4 Saturdays and one Tuesday and one Wednesday. For a total of 116 hours of selling candy.

Total grants paid out were \$143,000 for 2023.

An honorary membership was awarded to Joan B., David B's sister, for all she does to help David with the weekly setups.

Anniversaries were acknowledged for Anne H. and Norm J., as well as birthday greetings for Connie P. and Norm J.

Raffle: Paul W. won lunch and David B. won a bottle of wine.

PROGRAM

Joanne D from the Lahaina Club of Maui spoke about living on Maui and shared that her grandfather worked on Front Street at a store owned by Fleetwood Mac. Joanne shared that 7 or 8 days after the fire the famous banyan tree is growing new roots. There is a need to find long term housing for the residents who lost their homes. They feel it will be 10 years to come back to where it was prior to the fire. Menlo Park, Fire Station, donated a truck to Maui fire dept. Bill B. asked if it is too soon to visit Maui and Joanne said no, they welcome all visitors.

Member Bios:

Nancy R - Joined Rossmoor Rotary in 2005 and has lived in Rossmoor for 35 years. Nancy was born on Labor Day on a rainy day in Phoenix. She was a Girl Scout, played violin and danced. Went to AZ State and was Chemistry major. She became a patent researcher and after taking a class with an introduction to computers had a job as a patent expert for computers and became a patent agent. Nancy worked for law firms as a patent expert. Nancy *served* as the President of the Golden Rain Foundation.

Alison L – Moved from PA to CA. Alison was born in Santa Barbara and lived in the desert where her father was stationed by the Navy. She belonged to the student government and drama club. Went to UCLA in the late 60's. Was an artist and majored in English. She taught 3rd grade. Alison moved to east coast PA and loved the history. She developed a training program at the bank. Alison belonged to the Brandywine Historical Society. Joined the revolutionary war reenactment group and wrote about the history and theater of those days. Alison moved to Rossmoor in 2019.

Edward “Eddie” F – Moved to CA from NY because his wife's family lived in CA. Eddie's has two sons an attorney and a meteorologist. When Eddie moved to Rossmoor, he needed Rotary as he had been very involved in Rotary in NY. He joined Temple Beth Bnai Israel of Rossmoor and found golf. Eddie was born in Bronx NY and became a dentist. In college he majored in Chemistry with a minor in math and education. Eddie then went to Dental school. In his class there was only one woman out of 188 students. After 53 years of marriage his wife passed and he met his current wife, Robin, on a blind date. Eddie has served on the school board, hospice, and Jewish Community Center. When he spoke at those meetings, he carried a 5' tooth brush with him. Eddie has traveled to Ethiopia and Guatemala as a dentist and had valuable experiences on those trips.

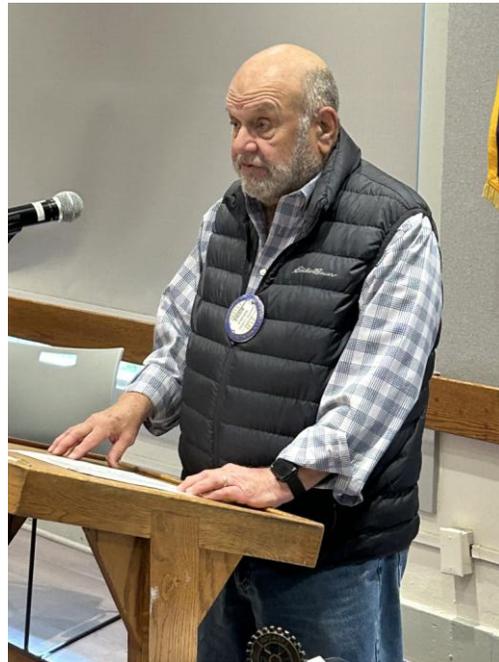
UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 10	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Jan 10	Kevin Wilk – WC City Council – Hate speech
Jan 17	DG Claire Roberts club visit
Jan 24	Erika Vandenbrande – WC Planning Dept.

PHOTOS



Alison L



Eddie F



David and Joanie



Joanne D



Nancy R



Pizza was delicious!