



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 01/10/24

Call to Order: Flag Salute was led by David B. **PATRIOTIC SONG:** Sing-along to “It’s Are a Grand Old Flag.”

Guests: There were many luncheon guests and also many guests who came just to hear our speaker.

Sunshine Report: Norm is in the hospital and Kathy S is still not feeling well.

Happy Dollars: Eddie was happy with his two guests; David B was happy for the great presentation today; Bill B was happy for a good holiday, and Ruth, just happy to still be with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Feb 5 annual luncheon meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Event Center. The luncheon is \$35. Please give your check for the luncheon ahead of time to Peter V S, so we have a count. We want to have a good turnout for this fun event with the other 5 local Rotary clubs.

Raffle- A guest, Joe F won a bottle of wine, as did Ruth.

PROGRAM

Kevin Wilk was our speaker. He gave a very heartfelt speech about the vicious anti-Semitism and general hate speech that has started in our country and is growing exponentially.

The timeline for Kevin started in November, 2022, when hate flyers were distributed in Walnut Creek. Then came the first Zoom “bombing” of the Walnut Creek City Council meeting in May of 23. Four people called in, one after the other, obviously coordinated, and ranted anti-Semitic hate rhetoric. Two weeks later in June a hate banner was put up on Highway 24. Luckily the media responded and called out the hate, and continues to do so. Other cities in California were also being “bombed” over their Zoom sites. The Walnut Creek City Council wanted to keep Zoom. It is a good way to communicate. But the hate was proliferating. “We know where you live.” “Watch what happens to Wilk next week.” Once an address of one of the Walnut Creek City Council members was put out publically by one of the Zoom callers, Walnut Creek shut down its Zoom. These hate sites are proselytizing for new members, showing them how to call on Zoom, what to say, to amplify the hate. Wilk feels he has a duty to speak out. He says we can’t normalize such conduct by silence. If such

speech is allowed to go on and is ignored, it festers, becomes the new normal. Call it out, don't let the haters be anonymous. If their neighbors and employers know who they are, there can be consequences for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 17	DG Claire Roberts – Club Visit
Jan 24	Erika Vandenbrande – WC Planning Dept.
Jan 31	Jerry Wilderson District DEI
Feb 7	Feb 5 meeting – Event Center

PHOTOS



Meeting attendees



Kevin Wilk



Sue, Kevin, and Jim