



# Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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**Notes:** Jim O      May 21, 2025

**Club Website:** [www.rossmoorrotary.org](http://www.rossmoorrotary.org)

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## MEETING NOTES: 05/21/2025

**Call to Order:** Sue A called the meeting to order, David B led the pledge, the patriotic song was Star Spangled Banner, and the 4-way test was recited.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Sarah P

**Thought for the Day:** Alison L. presented a saying from Winston Churchill, "Success is not final; failure is not fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts."

**Happy Dollars:** Eddie F., seeing his son; Joy A. for the approval of a District Grant for the Brian project; Jeff K., enjoying time with his granddaughter; John S. for the fine article about he and his wife Debbie in the RN; Bill B. also because his granddaughter is visiting here from Arizona; John R., happy that Freda has accepted the Foundation treasurer position giving him a breather from this important position; David B, always happy; Sue A., happy for John.

**Sunshine Report:** Sue A. reported Connie P. suffering back pain; Jean D. still recovering from wrist surgery.

**Raffle:** \$109 is in the pot. Joy A. won two lunches. Anne H. won a gift basket donated by member Jeff K., from **Custom Exteriors**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting called to order-Bill B.

New Trustee Nominees-**Teddi S., Sharon L., Anne H.**

Club members approved all by acclamation. Club President Nominee-John Swearingen; Treasurer, Freda Atkins; Assistant-Treasurer, John R. All members of the Foundation Board.

**Byron Park Visit**-Ron B. updated the event on **Thursday, May 29, 2025 at Byron Park from 4-6pm.** 22 Club members have signed up. Pick up at Gateway, 3:30 pm to carpool. Byron Park residents of which 40% are past residents of Rossmoor) are excited to attend and learn about Rotary.

**Membership Fee-2025-2026**-John Rice. The Club Board met and unanimously approved **an increase to \$260**. Most of the increase is due to increase in fees paid to Rotary International. Look for a letter soon requesting membership renewal with all the details.

**Loaves and Fishes Golf Tournament**-to “drive out hunger.” **Monday, June 2, 2025**, here at Rossmoor. To register, email, [nick@loavesfishescc.org](mailto:nick@loavesfishescc.org).

**July 4 Hot Dog Fundraiser**-Jim O. told of this year’s plan. Sharon L. will soon hand out sign-up sheets for members assignments as baggers, grillers, servers, ticket sellers, condiment handlers, etc. Jim asked for 3-4 able-bodied members to assist in the pickup from Costco and Smart and Final, and a driver for the U-Haul, on Thursday, July 3. This is the most important fundraiser for the Club. It’s also a fun event. Most Club members have participated in past July 4 picnics.

**Membership**-Alison L. has agreed to serve as Chair. A committee will be formed, and upcoming meetings will be scheduled. A new member orientation will take place, Wednesday, May 28, here at 10:30am.

## PROGRAM

### Member Bios-

Rick H. told quite a story of achievement. Born in Brooklyn but left at young age before developing the unique Brooklyn accent. He attended high school in upstate New York. His dad was a troubleshooter for YMCA. His mom concerned that Rick needed grounding sent him to a prep school. In 1961, unsure of why, he wound up at the Colorado School of Mines. Leading to his career was as a mining engineer, working for the world’s largest coal mining company in Australia. He also chartered tankers sending them all over the world. He has worked for Price-Waterhouse in banking and financial services. For a time, he lived in Namibia (Southwest Africa). He has experienced the effects of apartheid. He and his wife, a journalist, and the only copyeditor for a newspaper in South Africa were thought to be spies. They eventually moved to Colorado. From the 70’s through the 90’s, they lived in California. Here they learned about Rossmoor and moved. Rick volunteers as a docent at the John Muir House in Martinez. In August, Rick will be our guest speaker talking about the “Gold Rushes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.”

Steve E. was born in Flint, Michigan, 1941. He had a normal childhood. His elementary school was on the same campus as the junior and senior high schools. Steve went to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to study accounting. At the time Michigan did not give degrees in accounting. He worked for Coopers and Lybrand which merged with Price-Waterhouse. One of his clients was Ford Motor Company. Form 1968-1969 he was sent to work in Korea on the Korean National Railroad. At the time, locomotives for the railroad were used not on the rails, but to generate electricity. He had the unusual experience of being able to use his air ticket to Korea to travel around the world. Travel is now his avocation. He met his wife after Korea. They had twin sons who both graduated not from the University of Michigan, but instead Michigan State. Their sons now live in Walnut Creek which brought them to Rossmoor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28	Peter Pay – Leave no pet behind
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	June 4	Lynn Carruthers – Neighbors for Safer Streets	
	June 11	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting	
	June 11	Stan Gideon – Restaurant Tipping Policy	