



Rotary

# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: 07/09/2025

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:45 by President Carolyn H. David B led the Pledge of Allegiance; God Bless America was played; and the Four Way Test recited.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Joy A introduced Kathleen W, a new Rossmoor resident and a Rotarian we hope transfers to our club; Joy also introduced Gene K, who may be interested in our club. Lee S introduced his wife Donna.

**Sunshine Report:** Jean D said Norm A had surgery for colon cancer. Connie P and Marilee continue to have health problems.

**Happy Dollars:** Carolyn, happy for her nice sendoff; David, got his car and only needs some additions so he can drive it; Bill B for putting together today with Carolyn; Peter, his international Rotary convention in Calgary, and \$100 thanking Bill for housesitting his beloved dog Archie; Jim O, happy for his team on the Fourth; Sue, happy for the elephant paper (see below); and Peter S happy his wife is on her way home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim O said the Fourth of July hot dog sale was very successful. 37 or 38 members, with their spouses and friends, participated. 50 hot dogs were sold, netting nearing \$5,000. Jim also thanks the GRF preservation team.

Sharon thanked Jim O for putting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event together, and his helpers, John K, Bill B, Stan H, Eddie F, and Jim D.

Carolyn H announced that Trinity is having a workshop teaching computer skills Friday July 25, and would like anyone who can help teach to contact her.

There is a TGIF Friday, July 18. Put it on your calendar.

Jim O told of our speaker, Jean Strauss, Wednesday, August 13. She is a filmmaker, and her film, Full Measure, is at Peacock Theater on Saturday, August 9, at 1, 4, and 7. You will want to see this picture before her lecture.

Our next meeting will be at Creekside, in the Clubroom, again with Stan catering, as Nick is away.

Dues are due. Our Rotary has time constraints on when we have to pay out certain monies, so it is important dues be paid on time.

After a break for lunch at 12, the meeting resumed at 12:29

More Announcements: We have 8 anniversaries this month, Ruth, Fumi, Teddi, Steve, Jeff, Peter, Brenda, and Dick. We also have 3 birthdays, Brenda, Fumi, and Dick O.

There is a bocce ball tournament in Martinez September 6. All are invited.

**Raffle:** John K won a bottle of wine and Brenda won a gift card at Starbucks.

## PROGRAM

This meeting was an Induction for Peter VS as our new President, and a deduction for our current president Carolyn A. The following speakers helped with the ceremony:

Pam of Trinity thanked Carolyn for all the time and joy she brings to Trinity. Carolyn's energy for the mail program was a game changer. She also shepherded the Rotary grant process, to enhance Trinity's security. She is a gem and superstar and was given a Certificate of Thanks from Trinity.

Jim O remembered we all met Carolyn when she was working to bring garments and food to Ukraine at the beginning of the war. Carolyn joined Rotary, and later said she was overawed being President, but then said her usual "I can do this." Her enthusiasm and leadership skills exemplify the 4 way test.

Sue gave Carolyn a beautiful Rotary pin necklace. Patrice provided today's cake and decorations. And Eddie had a letter congratulating her, especially her work with the Trinity breakfasts.

Patrice gave Carolyn a card signed by all of her fellow Rotarians. We then had a slide show of Fond Memories of Carolyn's term.

Carolyn reciprocated with commendations and gifts for her workers. Joy, who we are proud to have as our new District Governor, was given a portfolio. Alison, Carolyn's side-kick, was given a tote bag.; Anne, her secretary, was given a lovely pen, engraved with her name; Patrice, Camp Royal, etc., was given a book on giraffes and, for her new great grandchild, a hand puppet giraffe; Irv, her treasurer, was given a lunch at Il Pavone with Carolyn at Irv's convenience so she could get to know him better; Sue, for all things Rotary, was given a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant, Creekside, and also a notepad made from elephant dung; Sharon, of Gala and 4<sup>th</sup> of July fame, was given a crown, and Carolyn's 3 Amigos, Bill B, Jim O, and John R, all got amigos hats and a lunch with drinks at Creekside; her other special amigo, David B, was acknowledged for all his generosity,

and he got an amigo hat and a camo Rotary hat; Eddie got 2 pastrami sandwiches, even though they are not the New York variety; and Peter VS, acknowledging his business acumen, was given a new Rotary satchel. Carolyn then officially turned over the presidency to Peter VS. Peter spoke to us about first meeting Carolyn. She was lawn bowling, but talking of her work for Ukrainians. Next he saw that she had found a home for helping people, Rossmoor Rotary. He acknowledged she would be a hard act to follow.

Peter found Rotary through his friend George, when he was feeling so down after losing his wife 2 years ago. He has found meaning in the group, and wants to show his gratitude. His written message is on the internet, but the focus this year is on membership. Not just more numbers but also the quality of all membership.

Peter has chosen as his charity the Sisters of Sobriety. His family has had alcohol addiction issues, and he wants to help people and teach them to help themselves. He gave each of us a Rotary pin, Unite for Good.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16	Ken Jonah - Scams
July 23	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
July 23	Craig Lazzeretti - Trials and Tribulations of Getting out the Rossmoor News
July 30	Dr. Bryna Siegel - Autism