



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 08/20/2025

Call to Order: President Peter V opened the meeting at noon. David B led the Pledge of Allegiance. The patriotic song was presented.

Four-way Test:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Eileen Q and Barbara R (wife of Nace R)

Thought for the Day: presented by Paul W

Happy Dollars: Irv F— had a great trip except too many choices to eat! Jim D- had a terrific vacation and thinks Rossmoor golfers are doing better than his old friends! John K – has a great beach vacation and saw his daughter on a boogie board and it was great.

Raffle: Bill B won a bottle of wine/gift card, and Pete S won a free lunch

Sunshine Report: Ruth B may not return to our meetings; she has been having some falls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peter V inducted Carol F as a new member and presented her with a red badge; Jim O will give her the formal induction next week.



- Trinity Volunteer Brunch will be on August 28th at 10 a.m. at Sweet Maple in Walnut Creek.
- Full membership report next week; we have another new member application in.
- Gala Update:
 - Ticket sales are very important – promote to friends and family.
 - Silent auction – members are encouraged to fill out the potential donations on the handout or donate something soon to make this a success.
 - Live auction – we have nine items and would like to have a few more, and members are encouraged to consider filling out the form and advising Alison L and Kathy S as well as Sharon L.
 - Sponsorships – these are very important to the success and sponsors receive complimentary tickets.

Rossmoor Rotary Presents

**38th Annual Gala Benefiting
Cancer – Alzheimer's – Parkinson's**



Saturday, October 11, 2025, 5:30 pm

Rossmoor Event Center

Dinner – Hosted Bar – Entertainment

Live & Silent Auctions

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PROGRAM



Rossmoor Walnut Creek (RWC) general manager, Jeff Matheson, was the guest speaker. Matheson came to Rossmoor in 2010 as director of resident services and was promoted to general manager on January 1, 2023. Before coming to Rossmoor, Matheson was the City of Dixon's director of public works, recreation, and community services.

Matheson covered a few key issues and answered questions:

- #1: Pickleball Courts
- #2: Food and Beverage Study
- #3: Insurance
- #4: Vision for the website
- #5: Key challenges

#1: Pickleball Courts

This has been a huge project with lots of debate. The project started in 2018 when Rossmoor saw the popularity of the sport and within a few years had grown to hundreds of people. The challenge was to find a spot that would not affect residents and, sound was a particular concern. RWC obtained bids and is now ready to present the Construction Phase Budget and Project Plan.

The funds for the new plan are coming directly from the Capital Fund. That fund cannot be used for paying insurance or be given to any mutual. It is estimated that the coupon would absorb 75 cents per manor for landscaping and maintenance.

There will be six courts and the location chosen was because of cost, parking, and nearness to restrooms. It is expected that the first game will be played in Spring of 2026.

#2: Food and Beverage Study

The purpose of this study is to find out what residents want. Now there is an RFP out looking for a partner who can run the restaurant and have a vision and capabilities to manage additional venues, such as coffee and sandwich kiosks, perhaps in Gateway, Hillside, and even healthy alternatives at the fitness center. This

RFP was given to the current operator in Creekside as well as others and is not intended as a criticism of the current operator.

In answer to a few questions, Matheson stated that RWC is not able to bring in volunteers to help staff the food service area(s). He will look into sharing the RFP with residents.

#3: Insurance

The good news is that while the global catastrophes have affected the insurance market, especially the reinsurance market, those rates seem to have stabilized. There was a slight reduction last year and he expects a 10% reduction this year. That said, the insurance required for a full-scale catastrophe of the entire property would be \$2.8 billion, and we can only buy \$1.26 billion coverage. There is a very small chance we would ever need the full \$2.8 billion of coverage, but it adversely affects the mortgage markets. There is a lot of lobbying to the federal government to amend regulations.

#4: Vision

There is going to be a focus on updating our website, both for promotional purposes to new prospective members and for our internal resident site to strengthen that site.

#5: Key challenge

Retention of staff. If residents can compliment workers, there is a process for that and you can leave a note at Gateway. This will help the organization retain its good workers. Many members in the audience were positive about how competent the staff is as well as the variety of activities available to residents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27	Speaker: Rick Hague on Gold Rushes of the 19 th Century – Connecting The Golden Dots
September 3	Speaker: Dave Behring on the NFL
September 10	10:30 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting Speaker: Allyson Mayo on Behavioral Fitness
September 17	10:30 a.m. - RRF Board of Trustees Annual Picnic at Sportsman Park
September 24	Speaker: Dick Powell on Mindfulness Practice As A Way of Life