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## MEETING NOTES: 08/27/2025

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**Call to Order:** President Peter, Pledge/Patriotic Song- David B, National Anthem by Moriah

### Four Way Test

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair?
- Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it Be Beneficial to All Concerned?

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Seena C. (referred by Brenda J. Is thinking about membership); Janet C. (new member pending). Other guests hear to listen to our featured speaker.

**Thought for the Day:** Rick H. From John Lennon-"Life is What Happens to You While You're Busy Making Other Plans."

**Happy Dollars:** Eddie F. for his adventurous cruise and trip to Alaska with Robyn; David B. 17 days before he can drive again. Pete Van S. said, "that's 17 days we are still safe."

**Raffle:** John K. and Peter S., both lunches

**Sunshine Report:** Jean D. Condolences for Doug S. whose wife passed away recently. We are saddened for Doug. Sharon L. reported that Connie P. will undergo back surgery next week to relieve her sciatica.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Carol F. inducted into our Club by Jim O.

-Gala Update-Carolyn H. and Sharon L., emphasized that we are behind in getting gift certificates from businesses, such as restaurants. They asked that we sign boxes next to those who gave last year and again make business calls.

-District Bocce Ball tournament- Saturday, September 6. See David B.



## PROGRAM



Rick H. spoke about 19<sup>th</sup> century worldwide “gold rushes.” As a graduate in geology and mining engineering, Rick is well versed. He has given many presentations about the history and significance of gold rushes. He talked about 6 major gold rushes around the world, not just in the Americas, and their social and political impact. The quest for individual freedom encouraged mass immigration. The opportunity to make one’s life better motivated action. A downside is that this pursuit led to war and conflict.

An upside is that the gold rushes fostered trade, and economic expansion. Six major gold rushes were described in No. America; North Carolina, Georgia, California, Pikes Peak Co, Cripple Creek Co, and the Klondike Ak. He did not go into detail about So. Africa, Central and South America, and

Australia.

Some very famous expressions came from the gold rushes. “There’s gold in them thar hills”-Georgia. “The Trail of Tears” about the relocation of the Cherokee Indians from Tennessee to Oklahoma. And “It’s a Guy Thing,” which expresses that most miners were men. However, women were also engaged in mining pursuits.

Rick talked about the various technologies employed in seeking gold; panning (or placer mining), rock and cradle rocking, sluicing, hydraulic, and dredging.

Finally, one anecdote struck me. Where did OZ from the Wizard of Oz come from? OZ (ounce) was the measurement of gold.

It was a fully satisfying history of something all of us Californians know something about.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 3	Dave Behring – The NFL
Sep 10	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Sep 10	Allyson Mayo – behavioral Fitness
Sep 17	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Sep 17	Annual Picnic Sportsman Park