



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: 11/19/2025

**Call to Order:** President Peter called the meeting to order. David B led the pledge of allegiance, and "America the Beautiful" was the patriotic song.

**Four-way Test:** Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to All Concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships; Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** none noted

**Thought for the Day:** John S. We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

**Happy Dollars:** Jim O. for the Rotary/Italian Club Golf Tournament winning team: Carol F., Bill B., John R., and Jim. Jim D., Eddie F. (his journey with Robyn to the National Parks in the West); David B., happy with his car; Bill B., John K, the success of the "Shark's" young first round pick

**Raffle:** Carolyn-Starbuck's, Peter S. Lunch

**Sunshine Report:** none noted

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership- Alison L. handed out member questionnaires. Please complete them. Let us know how we are doing. The next **Membership committee meeting is on Wednesday, December 3, 10:30-11:30**, in the Pine Room at Hillside.

Trinity- Carolyn told us of our volunteers cooking breakfast. I think, David C., Elliott B., and others are involved. Also, Carolyn is still collecting clothing items, mostly all kinds for an increasing need. Trinity will be hosting a volunteer **thank you lunch at noon, Wednesday, November 26**. Please tell Carolyn if you plan on attending.

See's Candy- Carolyn urged us to volunteer at the upcoming sessions at Rossmoor Safeway; **Saturdays, November 22; December 6, 13, and 20; Wednesday, November 26. The hours are 10-12; 12-2; and 2-4.** There will be a table at each entrance. We need 2 volunteers for each time slot. John R. will do an orientation on how to use Paybee credit card payment application.

This is an important fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation. It is also very popular, and one that has been successful for many years. What we do will be a service to those who love See's candies without having to go See's stores.

## PROGRAM



Jim B., Director of College Advancement, Diablo Valley College. Jim talked about the mission of California Community Colleges and its place in higher education. Jim talked about his personal dislike of school until he found DVC after being discharged from the Army. DVC was his entry to further education at UC Berkeley and law school.

After Covid and the decline in enrollment, since 2022, the rise in current attendance both in person and online has reached almost 50,000 students. Many graduates go on to UC Berkeley, Stanford, Harvard, etc. Community Colleges are key to realizing educational success. 100% of high school graduates are eligible for community colleges.

He also focused on the core mission of community colleges which is vocational education. He showed a video about careers in advanced manufacturing which DVC is emphasizing. Since manufacturing jobs in the U.S. have declined from 28% in 1960 to 8% today, the

imperative is to do something there.

Many members commented on the importance and value of community colleges in their lives and their families.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 26	DARK
Dec 3	Matilda Hoffman – The Art of Conducting
Dec 10	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 10	Christmas cards and fun games