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MEETING NOTES: 12/12/2025

Call to Order: Peter V. rang the meeting to order at 12:30. David B. led the flag salute. The Patriotic song was Star Spangled Banner.

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: : Lee S. Rotary in Sarasota, FL., Robert M. a writer for Rossmoor News, Bob C., Barbara R. Cecil C. String orchestra, Betty C. Rossmoor resident originally from Hong Kong and Mo a new member.

Thought for the Day: presented by Alison L. a quote by John Wesley "do all the good you can as long as you ever can. "

Happy Dollars: Jackie has a son in Oakland married a woman from India who came to US to get a master's degree who told her Rotary came to India to do many things for the town, Norm A. happy to be back after cancer treatment, Patrice J. happy that many are coming to the holiday party, Jim O. had a happy thanksgiving with family and a grandchild made a cake, David B. will be Santa in Benicia and Peter V. took his car to a car show in Lafayette where his car was featured.

Raffle: Sharon L. wine and Irv F. free lunch

Member Birthday: Joanne A., Doug S., and Ron B.

Member Anniversaries: Joy A., Marlene M., David C.

Sunshine Report: no report

PROGRAM

The speaker at the meeting was Matilda Hofman, the Diablo Symphony Music Director and Conductor. Matilda joined the Diablo Symphony in 2012 and is the 6th music Director since the symphony was founded in 1962. She stated that music is a great way to keep the large public together. She began as a violist. She



moved to being a conductor when she was recovering from an injury. Matilda was originally from England and with the musical conducting skill one does learn about all the musical skills and differences in the orchestra. When she joined the Diablo Symphony, there was no education program so she began by doing an outreach to receive instrument donations. Through this outreach to school children, they have had hundreds of school children attend the Leshner Center for special performances. Matilda also presented a small example of the importance of conducting with the baton as it adds a little extension of the arm and the tempo will be performed with the different speeds of the baton. The demonstration was performed with one of the violin musicians, Kathryn Hofman, from the orchestra playing her violin. The Diablo Symphony will perform the Sounds of Vienna in Rossmore on February 28, 2026.

Questions: Many questions were asked such as are you hearing the music when you first look at the score of music, which director influenced you most, how do the musician's read music and see the conductor, who decided which songs will be performed at each concert and how different are large and small ensembles to conduct.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 10	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 10	Christmas cards and fun games
Dec 17	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Dec 17	Annual Christmas Party
Dec 2	DARK
Dec 31	DARK