



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: 12/10/2025

**Call to Order:** President Peter, Pledge/Patriotic Song presented by David B., a youthful singer of the National Anthem. Here's to the young; they know how to show patriotism.

**Four-way Test:** -Is it the Truth?

-Is it Fair?

-Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships?

-Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

**Thought for the Day:** Presented by Patrice-She introduced us to some "slang" terms used socially and applied them to some club members. Here are a few: "rizz", short for charisma. Applied to John R. "glow-up." A positive transformation for Peter S. "yeet," to throw something with excitement and force, for Carolyn H.

**Happy Dollars:** David B (not happy). His new car has broken down. Jim D., Patrice and Eddie F.

**Raffle:** Irv F., (See's Candies); Teddi S., lunch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim O.- **The next program committee meeting is the Fourth Thursday of the Month, January 22, 2026. 9:30-10:30 in the office of Sue Adams, Rossmoor Rotary.**

Alison L. Membership-Half of our regular members turned in surveys about their attitudes/feelings about the Club. We look forward to a full response to know how we are doing in our operations, what needs to be improved, and what we are doing well.

Holiday Party-Patrice J. ensures a wonderful time. The party will be during our regular Wednesday business meeting. But no business. Just enjoyment of each other and the entertainment Patrice has arranged. There will be about 60 attendees; and musical entertainment. Il Pavone will serve a traditional lunch. The cost for lunch is the usual \$30.

Trinity Clothing Drive-Alison L. will be accepting donated clothing for Trinity.

See's Candy Sale-Sales are going as well as they did last year. Only cold weather has made the members experience selling, uncomfortable. The sale continues today at Waterford, and the next 2 Saturdays (December 13, and 20) at Safeway. Please commit to a 2-hour period if you can. Slots are still open. Check with Alison L., or Carolyn H.

Fab5 Meeting- This annual meeting, February 4, 2026, in the Event Center, is the time when all Fab5 clubs, Lafayette, Lamorinda Sunrise, Morga, Orinda, and Rossmoor show off their achievements. Lunch including a very good guest speaker will be the usual time of 11:30-1:30. The cost is \$40. See Doug Switzer or Irv Ford for payment.

Club Annual Meeting-Usually the first Wednesday in December, it was overlooked. The annual meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026. At that time, nominations and votes for, President-nominee (2026-27), officers, and 2 termed out Board members (Alison L, and Kathy S) will take place. Already, Doug S as treasurer, and Paul W, as secretary have agreed to continuing as officers. The nominating committee, Peter V.S., Carolyn H., lead, John S., Jim D., Peter S., and Jim O, will search and ask for candidates.



**Mo. R-New member induction -Jim O.** At the Club Board meeting earlier, Mo was unanimously approved by the Board as a new member. At the Club meeting, Jim O., inducted Mo as a new member and gave him his Red Badge and Rotary Pin. Club members applauded his membership, and Mo gave a warm acceptance speech.

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**New Member Bio-Janet C.** Like many of our members, Janet has had multiple careers. The first, public education in the 70's in Illinois. She was one of only 10 female school

superintendents in Illinois. Before California, Janet lived most of her life in the Chicago area in New Buffalo, Michigan, located on Lake Michigan. After her role in education, she went into retail. She opened a restaurant and clothing shop called charmingly, "Michigan Thyme Shops and Café." Michigan Thyme's location covered Central Standard and Eastern Standard times. So, when making dining reservations, patrons had to specify their time zone. The café was in the back and operated only in the summer. Among other activities, Janet had to clear tables. She told one anecdote when working in the clothing shop; on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, she overheard a French speaking client talking to an American about how the French helped during the Revolutionary War. Being in the retail business how county government regulations made life "difficult." There were constant threats of shutting the café down. Fortunately, she moved to Oakland after ignoring their threats. Now she is one of us. No more threats.

## PROGRAM

There was no guest speaker, instead, our annual writing of Holiday Cards for “Meals on Wheels” recipients. Members took several cards and with pens, markers, and crayons, wrote cards with thoughtful messages, serious or humorous, nothing political, expressing with warmth and cheerfulness, best wishes for a peaceful and happy holiday season. All unsealed, the cards will be delivered before Christmas.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 17	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting	
Dec 17	Annual holiday party	
Dec 24	DARK	
Dec 31	DARK	