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MEETING NOTES: 01/07/2026

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. Peter V. and the Rotarians in attendance recited the Four Way Test.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Chris, volunteer for Joybound, Betty T., 19-year volunteer for Joybound, Stanley M., Lorna, Judy R.

Thought for the Day: presented by Peter V. We all have a lot in common with each other and as mother said, just love each other. Put principle before personality.

Happy Dollars: Sharon L. daughter donated kidney and she is doing well, Janet W. is going to become a Great Grandma, Tom K. Supporting the Indiana Hoosiers.

Raffle: Peter S. lunch, David B. Yogurt for Carolyn H. Hat and shirt to Peter S and Chocolate and Tea to David B.

New Member Bio: Kathleen W. has been in Rossmoor about 5 months and was a Rotarian in her last residence. She was a Public Health Nurse and a Health Care Administrator with a BS degree from Cal and a master's degree from Cal State Stanislaus in Mental Health Nursing. In her career she went to Napa State Hospital and she also worked with communicable disease control for Public Health and at the Dept of Corrections she went to see and help those who were incarcerated. She became interested in joining Rotary when she learned the work Rotary had done around the world to eradicate Polio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter V. announced that Rossmoor Rotary just celebrated 60 years as Rotary Club.

Member Birthday: Kathleen W. on 1-4 and Rick H. 1-7

Member Anniversaries: Jim D. and Ann H.

See's Candies sale received \$4,900 from sales so far this past year and there are still a few boxes available for sale.

Reminder the **Fab 5 get together will be at the Event Center on Feb 5.** With cost of \$40 each. The speaker will be William K. Wesley speaking on the Full Life Balance. A holistic approach to success and happiness.

Membership, please give membership survey to Alison



Jim D. reported for the Paul Harris Foundation Award that once a member makes a \$1,000 donation, they are eligible for the Paul Harris fellowship. Recent award was given to Patrice J. and Janet C.

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PROGRAM



The speaker at the meeting was Alyssa Stone, Director of Community Engagement from Joybound People and Pets. Alyssa works with the human bond to unleash the power to help and heal. Originally formed in 1991 by All Animal Rescue Foundation (AARF) and was renamed to Joybound. When one is asked what does the animal mean to you the unanimous answer is unconditional love. She reported that pets are important for those with post-traumatic stress and as we age, pets help people stay healthy. She stated that pets are medicine. Bringing animals to kids' lives is essential. Alyssa stated that they have about 850 volunteers which is the "life blood" of Joybound. Volunteers will socialize with cats and sit in condos with a dog during the day. They have programs that sponsor Pet Adoptions, Dog and Cat Training, Dog Grooming and Joybound transforms shelter dogs into psychiatric service dogs and trains shelter cats and dogs to become facility animals.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 14	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Jan 14	Annual Meeting
Jan 21	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Jan 21	Tony Platt – The Scandal of Cal