



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 01/21/2025

Call to Order: President Peter, -Patriotic Song-National Anthem

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: Tom G.(Indiana Rotarian); Mark R., pianist friend of Terry M., Brian M.(Rotarian from Gloucester, Mass.), Shelly G., knows our guest speaker., Don G.

Happy Dollars: Bill B., great time in Palm Springs; David B., likes his new van.

Raffle: Irv F. won twice, candy and wine; Teddi S. won coffee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Members hummed and danced to the music during our social gathering provided by new member Terry M. on guitar, and friend Mark R. on piano. We hope the beat goes on in the future.

-Terry M., new member induction received Rotary Pin, and Blue Badge w/new member red ribbon.

-Kathleen W., received her permanent blue badge after completing activities required for this.

-Fab 5-February 4,2026, in the Event Center. 11:30-1:30. Cost is \$40. We are hopeful for full attendance by members to this annual event including members from Orinda (coordinating club), Moraga, Lamorinda Sunrise, Lafayette, and Ross Moor Clubs. The clubs will present their achievements during the year. A catered lunch with an inspiring guest speaker is featured.

PROGRAM

Guest Speaker-Tony P., Distinguished Affiliated Scholar at the Center for the Study of Law & Society, UC Berkeley. Tony describes himself as a “revisionist” historian, one who studies history as an “argument about the past.”

Today's historians he said, are primarily writing about what is happening today. As a graduate of Cal, Tony described his love/hate relationship as a student, and faculty member. He went on to detail how Berkeley and

the University are so important to the history of California. He said that the more you learn about Cal, the more ambivalent you become.



In the beginning of the State, Cal-Berkeley was the only university in the state that was tied both militarily, and diplomatically. Cal is independent of the State legislature. It has an endowment of \$190 billion. It is the second largest employer in the State. It has 300,000 students, and 265,000 staff.

The Regents operate in secret refusing to disclose investment strategies; and Berkeley is profoundly conservative, despite what many of us have always thought as progressive and liberal. In his book, "The Scandal of Berkeley," he tells of Berkeley being the first city in the U.S. to have racial covenants, and segregation. The book goes on to describe how UC Berkeley has created a fantasy narrative and sense of amnesia about its actual history. Yet UC Berkeley as many of us know has a long history of activism, e.g., the

"free speech movement," the first non-commercial radio station, KPFA, etc. An activist himself,

Tony's work as a founding member of the Berkeley Truth & Justice Project, continues to do research on Cal's land holdings and investments, and as an advocate for land-back to Tribes and Native American organizations affected by UC Berkeley's actions over time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 28	Jeremy Walsh – Newspaper Media in our Daily World
Feb 4	Fab 5 lunch
Feb 11	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Feb 11	Candace Andersen – Current Events Update