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Notes: Kathy and Pete S **Photos:** Paul W March 11, 2026

Club Website: www.rossmoorrotary.org **District Website:** www.rotary5160.org

MEETING NOTES: 03/06/2026

Call to Order: President Peter V opened the meeting. David B led the Pledge of Allegiance. The patriotic song was presented.

Four-way Test:

- a. Is it the TRUTH?
- b. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- c. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- d. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Annette K from Rossmoor (guest of Joy A)

Thought for the Day: David B

Happy Dollars:

- Joy A
- Jim O
- John K
- Jim D
- John R
- David B
- John S

Raffle: Guest Annette K won \$25, and Irv F won wine.

Birthdays

- Sharon L

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity Center Fundraiser @ the Event Center (Carolyn H announced) on March 31. This event is sponsored by the Democratic Club. (One of our new members will be performing!) Jazz Concert with **Just Friends**



Tuesday, March 31 @ 7PM
Rossmoor Event Center
[1021 Stanley Dollar Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94595](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1021+Stanley+Dollar+Dr,+Walnut+Creek,+CA+94595)
TO BENEFIT TRINITY CENTER

Spring is Here! **Saint Patrick's Day Party on Monday, March 16th**

- Registration for the event is now closed.

Far West PELS (President-elect Learning Seminar) – John S, President-elect

- Enjoyed the PELS session and looks forward to leading our club starting in July. John highlighted the inspirational speakers and learning. One key point he made is how we focus on how Rotary makes an impact to others and we also need to think about how Rotary makes an impact on us. Assistant Governor Kathy S. added that the session was well organized with excellent videos and speakers.

PROGRAM

Joy Alaidarous has visited 65 Rotary Clubs since taking on the role of the district governor for district 5160. She has enjoyed her visits and glad to be speaking with her “home” club as her last official visit.

The theme for Rotary International this year is “Unite for Good.” Joy’s theme is “Building Bridges.” Joy believes we are all bridge builders and we make our connections strong.

She shared a slide with a small segment of more than 100 district leaders who support our clubs. Her chief of staff is Leanne C and the treasurer is Claire R who also supports technology for the district. She also pointed out Mary K who is the chair of membership and Karen L who heads Polio Plus. All of the district’s leadership team members are a resource for our club.

Joy has 12 assistant governors who liaison between the club presidents and her. Kathy S is also a member of the Rossmoor club and is the AG for the FAB 5 clubs: Moraga, Lamorinda Sunrise, Lafayette, Orinda and Rossmoor.

Joy shared that there is a strong district governor line. Coming up next year is Woody Fridae (2026-27), followed by Beri Kasper (2027-28) and Glen Eaton (2028-29).

The current Rotary International president is Francesco Arezzu from Italy, and he will be followed by “Yinka” Olayinka Hakeem Babalola from Nigeria. Larry Lunsford from Kansas City will be next in line.

Joy shared not only “what” she does but “why” Rotary is so important to her. The “why” is not only because Rotary is a positive force in a divided world, but because she was diagnosed with polio as a 5-year-old girl. Having faced that type of uncertainty at a young age, Joy learned about Rotary’s focus on eliminating polio and is passionate about that aspect of Rotary’s mission.

Joy also shared insights about The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and encouraged members to become a Paul Harris member by donating \$85 a month. By donating to the annual fund, 47.5% of those monies comes back to the district. TRF has a rating of four stars by Charity Navigator and is a well-managed fund.

She also is encouraging our members to become part of the Bequest Society by donating at least \$10,000 in each person’s will, trust, life insurance, or retirement account. There are six attorneys from Rotary who can work with Rotary members “pro bono” to manage the appropriate paperwork related to these bequests.

Joy’s key project this year is ShelterBox. ShelterBox is a charity that delivers aid to families devastated by conflict or disaster, to give them durable shelter and the tools to rebuild communities. The CEO of Shelter Box will be speaking at the District Conference in May.

Some upcoming district events include:

- District Assembly (South)
 - o March 21, 2026
 - o 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - o Rodriguez High School
 - o 5000 Red Top Road
 - o Fairfield, CA
- District Assembly (North) at Shasta College in Redding
- District Conference
 - o May 1-3
 - o Santa Rosa, CA
- Rotary International Conference
 - o Taipei, Taiwan
- Awards Banquet
 - o July 11
 - o Hotel Winters, Winters, CA



John R and Patrice J donated \$6,000 for ShelterBox on behalf of the Rossmoor Rotary Foundation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting 11:30 Weekly Meeting with speaker Tom Debley on What Made Henry Kaiser Tick? The Story Behind His Remarkable Ethical Standards
March 25	11:30 Weekly meeting with speaker Rev. Mark Burnham on Mini Houses
April 1	11:30 Weekly meeting with speaker Joel Dimsdate on Dark Persuasion – The History of Brainstorming
April 8	10:30 Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 Weekly meeting with speaker Las Lomas High School and student candidates for Camp Royal