



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: June 1, 2022

**Call to Order:** Bill Broxham opened the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hogie. My Country Tis of Thee was sung.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Tom Palmer, Teddi Swanson, Dennis Lou, Steve and Jakemin Osborn

**Sunshine:** Jean mentioned that Ruth R's broken arm was actually a broken elbow. But Ruth made it to the St. Pat's Day party.

**Thought for the Day:** John King gave some pertinent and funny aphorisms. Later, Bill Bloxham's Thought was Dance Like Nobody is Watching, followed by a video of our Tillie on the dance floor.

**Happy Dollars:** Dick Ford for his Blue Badge; Carolyn Hinrichs for her "angels" who have helped with her Ukraine efforts; David for Friday; Joy, thanking all for helping with the St. Pat's party; and Bill for any mistakes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Awards:** Dick Ford, his Blue Badge; Marilyn Miller, the Paul Harris award with an additional 3 sapphires.

**Bill:** The St. Patrick's party was "really cool", and a success. July 4 is the barbecue, all hands on deck.

## PROGRAM

Tim O'Keefe, CEO of the Golden Rain Foundation

- 1) The Pandemic. It is not over yet. With home testing, many cases are not reported, so sewers are being tested, and reveal that cases are up. Use social distancing (3 feet away for 15 minutes is OK. Farther apart, no time limit. Closer, use mask.)
- 2) The Great Resignation. The number of resigned employment in this country was way up in 2021, especially with early retirements. Here in MOD, 115% turnover in 2021. This included bus drivers, lifeguards, etc. For example, the General Manager of our Fitness just resigned. Very hard to keep our services up with fewer employees. The bright side: with less payroll, we have a budget surplus.
- 3) Facilities Master Plan. Our current plan was designed in 1963, when Rossmoor was created. We need and are adopting a new 10-year-plan. The plan shows that the cost of the plan will be just under \$50,000,000 spread over 10 years. This leaves about \$50,000,000 short of all we would like to do. The new membership fee on each buyer (now \$10,000, rising to \$12,000 in September, and an additional \$500 extra after that each year) pays for all our improvements. Note that property transfer fees are illegal in California. So Home Owner's Associations (HOA's) cannot charge property transfer fees and have to assess residents for their improvements. But the GRF is not a HOA; it is a trust. Therefore it can have new member fees, which are not considered property transfer fees.
- 4) Water Reclamation: Mandatory reductions to water use are coming. We need the golf course as a fire retardant. Watered lawns do not burn. Two locations are being considered for a water reclamation plant, one near the Securitas office (too far away) and one 300 feet (a football field) north of Cactus Court. This will not be a huge building with outdoor smelly water pens. All is enclosed, and from 10 feet away, there is no odor. Within the 10 feet, the smell is merely musty.
- 5) Crime in Rossmoor. There is crime in Rossmoor. Do lock your doors. Most crime here is from residents or their guests, not interlopers.
- 6) Roadway Safety. Stop signs and speed limit signs are for real. Walnut Creek Police come in and do give tickets. Also, are you at a party? Someone has had too much to drink? Do not let them drive.
- 7) Evacuation Drill. The one held 5/15/22 for Mutual 68 was a success, with about 120 cars. Walnut Creek police will not hold an entire Rossmoor evacuation drill. There are exits that can be opened by firemen or police if needed. These exits are shown several times a year in the Rossmoor paper.
- 8) Pickleball. Three areas are being considered for 8 new courts: Buckeye, which Walnut Creek does not like; adjacent to the Event Center; and now Creekside. If Creekside, the courts would be covered by the solar panels about to be put up for the Event Center parking lot (thus decreasing noise going up), and any of the 3 locations would have side sound barriers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8	10:30 Club Board of Directors meeting
June 8	Liz Whitlock _ UCSF Anesthesiology
June 15	10:30 RRF trustee meeting
June 15	Hillside clubhouse – Flag Day

## PHOTOS



Marlene Miller receives Paul Harris Fellowship



Tim O'Keeffe speaker