



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: April 13, 2022

Call to Order: President Bill called the meeting to order. Hogie led the Pledge of Allegiance. The patriotic song was Ray Charles' rendition of "America."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Rich Edell (guest of Jim Olson); Robyn Griffler (friend of Eddie Fisher); Larry Hutchings, Clayton Rotary.

Sunshine: Jean D. talked about Bob S.'s foot surgery and upcoming eye surgeries for Bill and David. She commented also on the obituary in *Rossmoor News* of past member Char Howard.

Thought for the Day: Irv related a story with a moral for us to figure out. Something on the order of don't "assume" because you know what that means.

Happy Dollars: **Jim**, happy for his visit to his longtime colleague and the wedding plans of his granddaughter. **Eddie** for his friend accompanying him to the meeting; **Patrice** for her husband Tom's recovery from surgery; **Norm Jacobs** for his Seattle visit to see his daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter; **David Brown**, for always being happy in our Club; **John King**, for adding his raffle winnings to Elie's college account.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ukraine Disaster Relief- Members of our club have been very generous. We have helped the District 5160 raise more than \$100,000 through matching funds.

St. Pat's Day in May- May 27, Fireside Room, "Caught in the Act Theater." Online reservations can be made from our website. It will be a fun event.

Activities Fair at the Event Center - May 19. Service and social clubs of Rossmoor will have booths describing their clubs.

4th of July Picnic-Plans are underway to renew this event which is the primary fundraising activity of the Club. We invite all members to participate in this important event. More details to follow.

A/P Gala- Event Center at the October 8, 2022. Our Gala committee is actively involved in preparation.

Raffle- New member Freda Atkins-Wine. Irv Ford-the money.

PROGRAM

Cars 2nd Chance Award- Larry Hutchings of Clayton Sunrise Rotary, presented a check to treasurers Irv Ford and Sharon Long for \$1750. This was from the donation of member Nancy Richardson's golf cart. Larry and Nancy emphasized the ease of this type of donation and that all residents of Rossmoor who have unused autos, etc., consider this way to donate and receive a good tax benefit.

Member Eddie Fisher was the presenter on the topic Rotoplast. What is it? What's done? He spoke about his work as a pediatric dentist performing surgeries on cleft palates and cleft lips in Guatemala and Ethiopia. This voluntary effort called Smile Train was started in San Francisco in 1992. Each of these missions was funded by Rotary Districts.

This worldwide effort included 226 missions in 26 countries. Over 17,500 people were served. All reconstructive surgeries were free. The focus on providing surgeries for facial deformities is to facilitate, educate, counsel, collaborate, and learn. Such goodwill is fostered by these actions.

34 members were part of the team including, 4 anesthesiologists; 4 plastic surgeons; 1 dentist (Eddie); 7 nurses and a speech pathologist. Rotary clubs in these countries were engaged in the program.

Eddie emphasized in passionate terms that **ROTOPLAST CHANGES LIVES**. He showed us photos of children and young adults before surgery and after surgery and the joy they felt afterwards. Eddie also described the vast logistical differences between Guatemala and Ethiopia.

His involvement in the Rotoplast program is an exemplar of the good works that he volunteered and performed as a Rotarian. We are graced by his membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20	10:30 RRF Trustee meeting
April 20	Las Lomas HS Camp Royal candidates
April 27	Susan Grossman - Peace Fellowship
May 4	Mark Myers – The Music Never Died

PHOTOS



