



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 05/24/2023

Call to Order: David Brown, President, Hogie led the Pledge, and "God Bless America" was the patriotic song

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Bill Eames; Stephen Epstein (Guest of Eddie Fisher); Steve Elefant; Allison Boetter (Guest of Carolyn Hinrichs)

Thought for the Day: "Memorial Day" Tribute to those who have served. Video of "Amazing Grace."

Happy Dollars: Jim Olson; Mitzi Bray; Eddie Fisher; Bill Broxham; Norm Jacobs; Sharon Long; David Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Fair- Thursday, May 25, Fireside Room. Our Club will have a table.

4th of July-Planning is underway. A meeting will take place at 10:30 Wednesday, May 31, in the Pine Room with members who participated last year to spell out details.

Raffle- John King, Lunch; Ron Brown, Wine.

PROGRAM

Tom Cashion, Public Safety Manager, Golden Rain Foundation.
Topic: "Making Rossmoor Even Safer."

Tom has led a vigorous program here for the 2 ½ years since he was hired after a stellar career with the Walnut Creek Police Department. He stated that we are a "very trusting" community, and he wants to protect that trust by implementing increased safety measures pertaining to fire abatement, traffic, disaster evacuation measures, and the monitoring of people coming into Rossmoor through security.

He talked about vegetation mitigation such as removal of junipers, grasses, and the discing of the canyons and hillsides surrounding Rossmoor.

He talked about the importance of the Nixle alert system that we should all have and how this important communication method, and the excellent work of Rossmoor News that keeps us informed up to the moment.

We also have close associations with Walnut Creek Police Department and CalFire. CalFire is key in responding to grass fires via helicopter, and PG&E moves quickly to stop power line fires.

Neighbors for Safer Streets is a cause important to Tom. Responding to the passionate efforts of Lynn Carruthers, Tom has employed the “3 e’s” to improving our street safety—engineering, education, and enforcement. Increased signage, street markings, stop signs, and regular articles about safety measures for drivers and pedestrians, along with periodic surveillance and enforcement by Walnut Creek Police Department has been a great help.

The **access control project** at the security gate is now underway. New security cameras are in place that survey incoming and outgoing traffic. Non-residents are now responding to “live testing,” i.e., having to show photo i.d.s and getting passes for the duration of their stays. In addition, automatic license plate readers are in use.

Tom has certainly been a busy guy, and one to be appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31	Erlan Bliss – Laser Technology Lawrence Labs
June 7	Kelly Berto – Rossmoor Recreation Dept.
June 14	10:30 Club Board of Directors meeting
June 14	Joy Alaidarous – Guatemala Floors Project

PHOTOS



Mieko Winnacker earns Blue Badge with Jim Olson



Tom Cashion receiving appreciation from Chuck Lamb



Tom Cashion