



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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MEETING NOTES May 18, 2022

Call to Order: President Bill rang the meeting to order. Hogey led the flag salute. Kelly Clarkson sang "God Bless America" at a baseball game.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Joy A's guest Mary Alice Luketti who has just moved to Rossmoor.

Thought for the Day: presented by Irv Ford. It was about all the attributed God considered when making woman. Except their one flaw, they often forget their own worth.

Sunshine Report: We have been missing Earl Abbe and were delighted to have both Earl and his wife Betsy with us today.

Happy Dollars: Eddie F for his father. David B. for the new flagpole with the shiny eagle on top. Patrice for her upcoming trip to see her daughter. Earl A for being here. Carolyn for joining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raffle: Irv F. lunch and Mary Alice L. lunch. So she will need to come back.

The Mystery Dinner Theater will be a week from Friday, and this Friday is the last day to make a reservation. Go to our club website to make your reservation rossmoorrotary.org

The grants committee will be working on our annual awarding of grants this next week. If any member wants a particular charity considered they should contact Joy A. They will need to fill out a grant request form.

Membership was done by Jim O. Our latest new member is Carolyn Hinrich who has been working with us on Ukrainian relief. She decided we were a group she could identify with.

John K. presented our Rossmoor Rotary Foundation report. He thanks Patrice J. and Marlene M. for their past 3 years of service as trustees on the foundation's board. Also, profound thanks to John R. for multiyear year service as treasurer. He has trained Sharon L. who will be assuming that role on the new board starting in July. We have three candidates for the three open positions for the upcoming year. It is a 3-year term. The candidates are Eddie F., Connie P., and Bob S. If anyone else want to submit their name as a potential trustee, they should notify John K. within the next 3 weeks. We will vote on these new directors in 4 weeks.

India NID (National Immunization Day) Joy A. pointed out the fliers on the tables announcing an opportunity to go on a Brad Howard trip to India in October, tour, meet other Rotarians, and participate in immunizing children against polio. Joy went on just such a trip a few years ago and said it was a life changing experience.

PROGRAM

The program was presented by Eve Birdge, the executive director of The White Pony Express. evebridge@whiteponyexpress.org This is a local 501c3 charity that collect perfectly good food mostly perishable and quickly gets it to places where it can be distributed to those in need. This food would otherwise go into a land fill. The food is from restaurants, grocery stores, and fast-food trucks. The items include things such as whole trays of lasagna, food from a salad bar, produce that need to be eaten now., and overflow produce from home gardens. They have over 400 volunteers, 11 refrigerated trucks, and a staff of 17.

The food goes to the unhoused, low-income seniors, foster children. The WPE partners with over 80 agencies. The program is beginning to be replicated elsewhere in the country. They have also participated in Ukraine relief, sending more than would fill a giant semi-truck. This was not perishable food but other things of need.

Our club has been giving grants to the WPX for a number of years. This year we have committed \$5,000 to support the Lamorinda Sunrise Club's district grant to fund a new refrigerated truck. Some of the ones currently in use are wearing out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25	Dr. Lawrence Souze – Future Economic Realities
May 27	5pm St. Patrick's Day in May Gateway Fireside room
June 1	Tim O'Keefee GRF CEO – Rossmoor Update

PHOTOS

