



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: 05/31/23

**Call to Order:** David Brown, President, Pledge: Hogue. Patriotic Song: National Anthem-Lee Westwood

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Bill Eames; Stephen Epstein (Guest of Eddie Fisher); Karen Larkin (Guest of Sue Adams); Lucille Belomy (Guest of Connie Palladino); Peter Van Slyke (Guest of Bill Broxham).

**Happy Dollars:** Teddi Swanson, celebrating her granddaughter; Eddie Fisher, in preparation of his 31/2-year-old grandchild's visit; Paul Wilson, in celebration of his grandson's graduation; Connie Palladino, for the privilege of hearing Jackie Speier speak at the annual Rossmoor Women's Conference; Patrice Jensen, for enjoying her husband Tom's family; David Brown, for Tillie.

**Thought for the Day:** Series of Jokes by David Brown

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**4<sup>th</sup> of July-**Planning is underway. Job assignments are being worked out. All Members "on deck" for the key fund-raising event of the year for the Club.

Raffle: Bill Broxham, Lunch; Stan Hornberger, Wine.

## PROGRAM

**Erlin Bliss**, is a resident of Rossmoor, and member of the Rossmoor Big Band. He has a PhD in Physics, and spoke about his work for Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Laser Technology.

Starting in 1968, Erlin talked about the sophisticated, detailed, and strategic development and testing of lasers over the years culminating in 2022 with successful fusion ignition. "192 laser beams delivered more than 2 million joules of ultraviolet energy to a tiny fuel pellet. Harnessing the power of the sun and the stars," according to Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of the Department of Energy. Erlin's work over 53 years in laser technology was instrumental in reaching this milestone.

Applications of laser technology are in the development of new sources of clean energy, other environmental uses, and national security.

Erlin’s work for the National Ignition Facility saw him supervising 30 people in the planning, design, and operation of lasers. His group was formed to develop, and activate the alignment, diagnostic, and control systems needed to optimize performance.

All of us can celebrate the successful “fruits of his labor.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7	Kelly Berton Rossmoor Recreation 101
June 14	10:30 Board of Directors meeting
June 14	Paul Donner - Rossoor MOD update and farewell

PHOTOS



Presenter Erlin Bliss



Patrice presents certificate of appreciation to Erlin