



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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MEETING NOTES: March 2, 2022

Call to Order: President Bill opened the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hogie, and the patriotic song was the national anthem sung by Mariah Carey.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Anna C. and Scott P.

Sunshine: Jean D. had nothing to report

Thought for the Day: Bill B. told us, "When you question democracy think of Ukraine."

Happy Dollars: Bill S. husband of our speaker because we were so generous to them. David B. because he is really happy with his Paul Harris pin. Bill B. for his good vacation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Ford won a raffle prize of wine, and Connie P. won the free lunch.

Three minute member bio was presented by Connie P. Scott P. upgraded to a blue badge.

Membership: Merilee H. thank you for all you have done for membership. Jim O. will be the new leader of a new membership committee.

The St. Patrick's Day party is postponed until May, more information to follow. The 4th of July fundraiser is unsure, and we are planning the Gala for Oct. 8.

Birthdays: Gary S., Sharon L., Beth R. and Edith S.

Inductions: Norm J.

Awards: Paul Harris awards were given to David B. \$8,000, and Bill B. \$2,000. For every \$1,000 four lives are saved. 50% of these monies comes back to our district grants, 50% to global projects. These awards were presented by the District Governor.

PROGRAM

Our IN PERSON speaker was our 5160 District Governor for 2021-2022, Kathy Suvia. Kathy's background is in community development and nonprofit work. She has a Master's degree in

Nonprofit Management. District 5160 stretches from Weed (50 miles south of Oregon border) to San Ramon, and her job is to visit each of the 72 clubs in the district. So far, she has visited 52 of them. She visits to see what the clubs might need and how she can help. She says she started in nonprofit work and didn't make much money, but she has moved up the ladder and now she makes no money. Speech: Rotary gives ordinary people extraordinary opportunities. For example, when she was President of the Mt. Shasta Rotary, there was a bad fire in nearby Weed, a town of about 2,000 people. 150 homes were gone and 1500 people evacuated. Rotarians from around the country wanted to help.

There was no Rotary in Weed, so they contacted here at the Mt. Shasta Rotary. Soon she had two dozen offers of places to stay, and money donations to help the displaced. This was a Rotary moment.

Her job is to help us, to visit and find our interests and needs. All Rotary asks is that all members give at least \$25 a year to Rotary. These monies go to world projects. Right now 5160 is in the top 10% worldwide in giving.

We need to get new members. Remember how you felt when you were asked to join? This was a gift to you to let you participate in worthwhile projects, such as the Polio Plus Society, ending worldwide polio. We need more people for service.

Rotary must also expand its reach. Rotary is all about relationships. The Fab 5 here, then on to the District and the world. Also we must reform the area District Newsletter, which comes out every month, updating us on the member clubs. And we must diversify our membership.

International Rotary President Shekhar Metha's theme is Serve to Change Lives, especially to empower girls. A new effort is called 10 for Girls (\$10). And the hat was passed for this worthwhile endeavor. Girls in so many impoverished countries have to forgo schooling for a week every month because they have no access to sanitary pads, or no privacy to change them, or ways to dispose of them. But a co-op of widows is now making cloth pads that are washable and reusable. Girls will not miss school, fall behind and drop out. And the widows are working – a win win.

Our district theme is Honor the Past and Back to the Future. We must adapt to the future.

Remember, Rotary tomorrow depends on what we do today. Today we are working on polio, literacy, peace, sanitation, and Camp Venture (a business camp for high school students).

The Olympic motto is Faster, Higher, Stronger. That is a good motto for us. Our member numbers and contributions are up.

Question: Is Rotary involved with the refugee crisis in Ukraine? Answer: No. Rotary does not do emergency assistance, but Rotary partner, Shelter Box does and is on location now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9	Joint Meeting Alamo Rotary – music group The Four Way Ramblers
March 16	Mike Heller – Habitat for Humanity
March 23	10:30 RRT Trustee meeting
March 23	Camp Royal candidates Las Lomas High School

PHOTOS



