



# Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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## MEETING NOTES: 09/04/2024

**Call to Order:** Carolyn H. rang the meeting to order at 12:28. Peter V. led the flag salute. The Patriotic song was "Grand Old Flag".

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Claire R past District Governor and Debbie R former Rossmoor Rotary member and AG. Guests to speak about Camp Royal; Sophia Belgutei, Nikolai Madenovic and Rianna Islam.

**Thought for the Day:** Alison L. presented a quote from Mark Williams from Williams College "Climb high and climb far".

**Happy Dollars:** Jim O. thank you to the Los Lomas students for their presentation, Mike S. happy as grandson won first place in the cross country race as a freshmen and is listed as 13<sup>th</sup> in the state, Sharon L. thankful for the students who went to camp Royal, Eddy F. happy for the Camp Royal students, Joy A. thankful for the district who presented the check for Brian Mboni, Bill B, happy for the kids at Camp Royal, Norm A. also happy for the camp Royal kids, Patrice J. happy to know the Camp Royal kids, Ruth R. happy to be moved into a new location, Peter S. thankful for all the gala helpers and glad to be covid free, Peter V. happy to be back playing golf, Connie P. happy surgery went well for her husband.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rotary's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala – November 9<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming Gala fundraiser. You may purchase them before the weekly meetings or online at [rossmoorrotary.com/gala](http://rossmoorrotary.com/gala). Costs are: \$175 pp / \$1200 table for 8 / \$1500 table for 10. Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit card. Checks are made payable to: Rossmoor Rotary Foundation or RRF. For more information contact Sharon Long at 209-304-5118.

Kathy S. who is coordinating the silent auction for the Gala has signups by category and is asking the members to participate by offering a donation for the Gala silent auction.

Joy A. introduced Claire Roberts Past District Governor of Rotary who is here to present a check to the Brian Project, which is in support of Brian Mboni. Brian is an Ugandan man who was orphaned at a young age. Save the Children rescued him from the streets at age seven. His sponsor got him through nursing school. He now wants to become a doctor. Our club has been working with a Rotary Cub in Kampala Uganda to support him through his under graduate program. He has been admitted to study for both medical and surgery degrees.

Individuals, the Rossmoor Rotary Foundation, the Clayton Valley Concord Club all have pledged money. We wrote a district grant request. It was granted. Today our immediate Past District Governor presented us with the check. Brian is very thankful for our help in support of Brian Moboni.

Raffle: Peter S. wine and Stan H. Lunch  
Birthday: Nancy R.

## PROGRAM

Patrice Jensen introduced the speakers; the 2024 Camp Royal students from Los Lomas High School; Sophia Belgutei, Nikola Madenovic and Rianna Islan who told of their rewarding time at Camp Royal. Rianna spoke first and shared that she had a great time meeting people from all over CA and with whom she bonded. She learned about herself and the others. Nikolai spoke next and stated he was not sure what they would learn at a leadership camp and what he did learn was how to be the best leader of self as well. Sophia thanked the Rossmoor Rotary for the experience to meet leaders from all around the U.S. as they got to know each other on a super level. They presented a slide show of the days at camp: Day One was the bus ride to camp where they met all attending the camp as well as their cabin mates and listened to Lain Hensley; Day Two began with breakfast with Keremy Bates as the speaker and free time where they learned how to be good to themselves, Day 3 provided knowledge energy, structure and how to gain knowledge and insight as a person. Day 4 they were taught mindfulness and the last night they slept under the stars during which they set an alarm for 3 a.m. to see the Milky Way. Last Day they said the final goodbyes and worked as a team to climb the 13-foot plywood wall to lift each over the wall. This experience helped them open up about themselves and know who they are. Each morning, they were awakened at 6 to 6:30 and chose to participate in one of the 3 options provided, Yoga, running or cold plunge. During free time they played volleyball or ran or went to the cabins to talk and made friendship bracelets. There were kids from their local area schools Acalanes and Campolindo as well. They thanked the Rotary for such a very valuable time. Sophia learned to disconnect from the iPhone and talk. She has joined the army. Nikolai thanked Rotary so much and shared a video of activities at camp. Nikolai had written the music and made the piano displayed in the background of the slide show. Rotarian Eddy F. said they came back as great adults from camp and he congratulated the 3 students. The students gave Patrice their appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 11	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meetings
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Sept 11	Nancy Murr - OLLI Lifelong Learning
Sept 18	Picninc Sportsman Park
Sept 25	Member Bios

**PHOTOS**



**Camp Royal Students and Rotarians**

