



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: 02/08/23

**Call to Order:** President David rang the meeting to order. Hogey led the flag salute.

**Sunshine:** Jean D. reports that Bill B. is home after knee replacement surgery. Jean still does not know where Joann A is. However, she is confident that cards sent to her address are getting to her.

**Thought for the Day:** Marlene M. told us a cute story about a car with water in the carburetor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Dollars: Eddie F. for our club having the courage to tackle such a hard topic and holding good thoughts for all the victims. Jim O also for this hard topic today. Patrice J. for the opportunity to attend our District's Leadership Academy. It is only open to people who have been club president and who are recommended by a past attendee. Tillis S. for her pleasure in being a Rotarian and how wonderful the big meeting with all Fab 5 clubs was.

Raffle: Irv F. a bottle of wine. Joy A. a free lunch.

Tillie was presented with a Paul Harris Pin signifying an additional \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

Jim Day was presented with his red badge. He was a Rotarian in Turlock. We welcome him in our club.

Great comments from the other Fab 5 presidents. There we 120 Rotarians at the Event Center last week. It was great to see our friends. What a lot of amazing people. The food was delicious and the speaker great. Kudos to all involved in making this happen.

St. Pat's Party is March 16th at the Fireside Room starting at 5:30. We are co-sponsoring this with the Irish Cultural Club. We have a limit of 200 and reservations are coming in rapidly. If you want to come, make your reservation soon. There is information in the Rossmoor News today. You can go to our club website [Rossmoorrotary.org](http://Rossmoorrotary.org) to find a link, bring a check or cash to the next meeting. Joy will be collecting at the check in table or mail a check to our PO Box.

## PROGRAM

Jim O introduced the Speakers from Love Never Fails. They were Amena Sidiki, Hanna Diaz, and her husband Arturo, Hide, and Lorena. Love Never Fails is a non-profit based in Alameda County. However, their outreach now covers the entire state. They search for and rescue victims of trafficking. They also help other victims of domestic violence. They work closely with the police.

The first thing they wanted us to know was that this goes on right here in our area. In January there were 16 arrests in Antioch. There were 30 survivors from just one arrest. The youngest was just 9 years old. Young boys are victims as well. Generally, the youngsters are vulnerable from not feeling loved and secure in their living situation. Usually they are "groomed" courted with promises and gifts. This can happen online too. A red flag is the victim showing up with expensive gifts, clothes, and having manicures and hair does.

Love Never Fails has 7 houses in Alameda with 46 beds. They are currently full. They also collaborate with 47 churches. In addition to safe housing, they facilitate education. There is a Tech Academy in conjunction with CISCO. Graduates are obtaining good jobs.

A difficulty is SB359 which restricts what the police can do about prostitutes openly walking around. This bill was the responsibility of Scot Weiner.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 15	10:30 RRF Trustee meeting
Feb 15	Jeff Matheson – Rossmoor General Manager
Feb 22	New members biographies
Feb 24	5:30- 8:46 Choice in Aging Crab Feed Rossmoor Event Center

## PHOTOS



**Guest Speakers with David Brown**



**Hannah, Amina, and Heidy**





New Member Jim Day and friend



Tilly receives the Paul Harris award