



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 02/22/2023

Call to Order: President David Brown rang the bell, the flag salute was led by Hoge, and the national anthem featured LeAnn Rimes at Churchill Downs, Louisville KY.

Sunshine: Jean D announced that Joanne A is now at Penny's Guest House, 1751 Alrey Dr. (off Concord Blvd) Concord, CA 94521. Visitor hours: 9-7pm. Open to a visit and cards are always welcome. If calling, best between late am or early pm. Call first 925-609-8313. Her daughters are Carol and Janet.

Happy Dollars: Patrice for Birthday Party surprise. Mieko for finished Biography. Eddie F. for all bio's. Tilley for Happy Every Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie F won the raffle.

Joy announced the St Patrick's Day Party has sold out.

Caroline H thanked Fab Five committee for great meeting support and David B for taking care of dining room tablecloths.

PROGRAM

Three Minute Biographies by four newer members

Mieko Winnacker was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan until the age of 15. Her grandparents immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900's. They settled in to NYC, had her mother and her brother, then returned to Japan around 1925 for better business opportunities.

They loved America and enjoyed many aspects of the Western lifestyle. They even built a half western, half Japanese house in Tokyo. However, as relations between the two countries worsened, the pro American philosophy became a dilemma and a liability. The family survived the war without

much problem from the Japanese government. But ironically their house was bombed by an American B-29, and her father was killed when his civilian salt research ship was torpedoed.

After the war, her widowed mother, who had US citizenship being born in NYC, obtained work as an interpreter/translator for the American occupation forces under General MacArthur. Life was very confusing for a 15 year old child in post war Japan. Opposite sides of her family either welcomed or resented even simple things, such as Japanese music versus American Jazz. Fortunately her mother then decided to send Mieko to San Francisco to study and to make decisions for herself, about her own future. She went to high school, and then UC Berkeley, graduating with a degree in architecture. This was the best decision she ever made.

Mieko also met her late husband George in her freshman year at Berkeley. They shared an interest in architecture and travel. He taught her about life in general. They worked together as architects for nearly 10 years in Guam and Hawaii, until returning to California. She has 2 children and has been a real estate broker until George's death 4 years ago.

Mieko declares that "who I am today is because of the many kind people I met in this country. I feel very lucky to be living in California. I joined Rotary because I want to give back to American society at this point in my life."

Julie Wilson Petrini: Julie is highly regarded as a progressive healthcare executive, leveraging her more than two decades of experience in administration, strategic planning, and operations management to steer hospital system outcomes. With a track record of driving results and fueling performance improvements, she is also regarded as an industry thought leader, spearheading revenue generating and cost savings ideas. To Boards, she brings a history of service, including budget management, financial oversight, programmatic decision making and hands on contributions as a member of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, the George Mark Children's House, the Women's Initiative For Self-Employment, the Oakland Ballet, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and numerous others.

Throughout her career, Julie has held various leadership positions with Sutter Health and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, a leading provider of health care services in the US. In her most recent role as President and CEO of Sutter Bay Hospitals and one of two people of color on the senior leadership team, Julie oversaw 13 hospital CEOs and maintained accountability for quality, financial performance, labor, and all hospital operations.

As Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for the Northern California region of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Julie led a range of operational and consulting functions. She worked closely with the Permanente Medical Group to improve regional performance, focusing on initiatives to manage complex chronic conditions, optimize ancillary services, and standardize quality. To her credit, Julie transformed the Northern California system to reduce the emergency room patient divert rate from 80% to 15%, saving \$B+. The hospital re-build projects which Julie supervised exceeded \$5B. Equally noteworthy, under her watch, the region transitioned from paper health records to Epic electronic health records to provide a comprehensive and holistic level of patient care while increasing safety and quality.

Since 2022, Julie has been consulting with Oregon Health Sciences University as the Executive Adviser to the University President, CEO and Dean, School of Medicine regarding a turnaround effort. In partnership with a small team, Julie is reviewing the operation financial strategy, efficiency

measures, and length of stay metrics. Her recommendations have led to the production of a work plan that will yield positive results.

Julie completed her Master of Public Administration, Health Services Administration, and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of San Francisco. She also completed an executive business certificate program from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler Business School. She is the recipient of the San Francisco Business Times Award as "100 Most Influential Women in Business" 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. Julie was also named by the San Francisco Business Times as one of the "Forever influential Women in Business in 2010."

James (Jim) Day: Jim began life on March 21, 1944 in Turlock, CA. He went all the way through high school in Turlock, where he met his bride to be along the way. He and Patti stayed in close contact while Jim was at Stanford and Patti was at UOP. After college they postponed marriage plans and Jim went on a cultural tour in Europe which he called a "game changer" being exposed to art, music, foods, wines and all that Europe had to offer. The next year they married and lived in San Francisco for 3 years while Jim finished Dental School at UCSF. While on active duty with the Army in Aberdeen MD, their son was born and they had time to explore the East.

They came back home to Turlock and Jim joined his old family dentistry group practice, where he worked for over 30 years. Their daughter Seana was born in 1979. While he always enjoyed his family practice he also found time to get involved in local government, serving on the planning commission and then 2 terms on the city council. It was a time of rapid town growth and they set rigorous development standards which are evident in the City's appearance today.

They always liked skiing and one winter they went to Taos NM, loved what they saw, and after several visits bought a duplex. Followed that up with the purchase of an historic home in the countryside. Then followed a wonderful 18 years, superb hiking in the summer, skiing in the winter and lots of travel. Two trips to the high Andes stand out, and the hiking highlight was climbing Mt Kilimanjaro, at an elevation of 19,360. They also had many trips to Europe, visiting their daughter in London, with extended stays in the UK, France, and Italy.

Taos and Santa Fe have strong art and music scenes, so that was also a large part of their lives. Jim became very involved in the local theatre/arts center, serving for over 18 years on the board, with many years as treasurer.

Last year they decided to be closer to their families so they bought a home in Rossmoor, finally becoming full timers in September. They love their new home and being reacquainted with the Bay Area. And, it is nice to be a Rotarian again.

Ron Brown: Ron is a born and bred Midwesterner. From Albert Lea, Minnesota through junior high school, to high school in Chicago, IL. And the University of Illinois in Champaign, Urbana, IL. The Army drafted Ron the minute he graduated from the U of I, and was sent for basic training at Ft. Smith Arkansas. While there he was selected for a training assignment that he had never heard of, Army Counter Intelligence School (CIC) to become a Special Agent. He had no idea what that was all about, but it proved to be a complete game changer. (He has more on that some other time, some other place). He went from that to Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning Georgia, to emerge a 2nd Lieutenant. The Army had now been training him for 13 months. Now began a new, 2 year tour of duty, as a Special Agent in Louisville, KY, with his brand new bride from high school days.

As he was departing the Army two years later, he had two good job offers. One from Proctor & Gamble, to sell toothpaste. The other from IBM to sell computers. He chose IBM and began professional life back in the Chicago area. After working through several promotions in the next 10 years, he departed IBM for supposedly “greener pastures” with Transamerica Computer Company in San Francisco. This proved to be another game changer spending the final 30+ working years, in senior management, with various Silicon Valley enterprises. In addition to general management and sales/marketing background in the US, he was also able to achieve significant distribution successes in the global marketplace. International responsibilities encompassed such diverse geographic areas as Western Europe, Poland, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Australia.

Upon business retirement he immediately joined the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club. He has been a 15 year member there, and thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of fellowship and good works that is typical of this great International Organization. He is now an Honorary Member there and immediately became an Active Member at Rossmoor, and serves on Fab Five, Gala, and Speaker Program committees here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 1	Camp Royale candidates
Mar 8	10:30 Club Board of Directors meeting
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Mar 15	10:30 RRF Trustee meeting
Mar 15	Dark
Mar 16	5:30-9:30 St. Pats Day Party - Gateway Clubhouse Fireside room

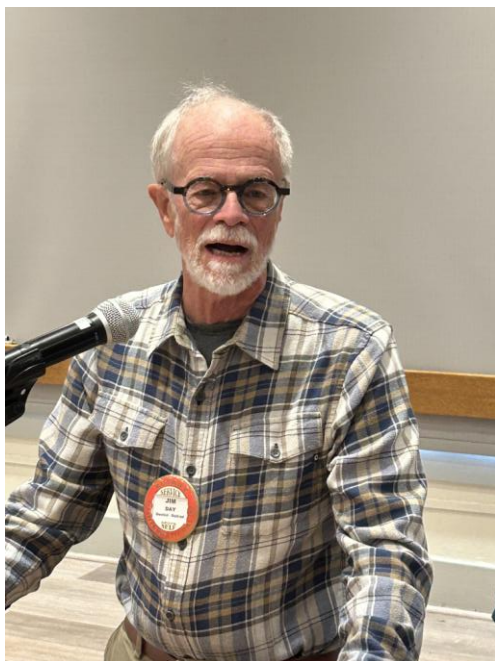
PHOTOS



Mieko Wannacker



Julie Petrini



Jim Day



Ron Brown