



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: August 17, 2022

Call to Order: President David rang the bell to call the meeting to order. Hogey led the flag salute. The patriotic song was performed by a U.S. Navy group.

Sunshine: Jean D. welcomed Tilly and John K. back. The passing of former club president Don Peterson was announced. His memorial service will be 9-10-22 in the Fireside Room at 10:00. The *Rossmoor News* also published the announcement of former member Jack Cassidy's passing whose memorial service will be at the Fireside Room at 11:00 on Sept. 10th.

Thought for the Day: Eddie F. read funny sayings "Things My Mother Taught Me."

Happy Dollars: Joy A for Brian's funding. John R. his son is arriving to help him celebrate his birthday. Sharon L. for Tilly's return. Patrice J for her upcoming family reunion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim O. as our Polio Warrior talked about the polio outbreak in New York among the unvaccinated. It is so important that all your family members be vaccinated. If you were vaccinated against polio in the past, you are safe. Oct 24 is World Polio Day. Our speakers on the 22nd of Oct. will be District chair of Polio Plus Mike Crosby and his wife Marsha.

Jim O. as Membership Chair welcomed to our club 2 transferring Rotarians. Dan Brown is joining us from the Lamorinda Club, and John Bernardino. Sorry your intrepid note taker missed John's former club.

Bill B. reminded us that next week will be the Picnic with Bocce Ball available. It will be at the same time as our regular meeting just at Sportsman's Park. There will be golf carts available if anyone is unable to walk up the hill.

Sharon L. told us that the *Rossmoor News* has started the weekly announcements about our Gala. They got the date wrong this week. It is truly the 8th of Oct. as we have been telling you all along. Sharon is taking checks and reservations prior to each meeting.

Next Gala planning meeting will be Monday Aug 22 at 10:00 at Joy A's home. 2737 Ptarmigan Dr Unit 2, Entry 16.

Joy A. was celebrating that our fundraising for Brian Mboni, the Ugandan college student we have been helping was 100% successful. We raised the entire \$2,200 to take advantage of the club's \$2,200 matching opportunity. Brian now has his funding secure to complete his undergraduate degree in premed and public health. Our partner club has just presented him with money for his third semester.

Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position.

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honored by organizations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has traveled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

Rotary 2022/2023 new logo. From the Rotary Blog by Gundula Miethke
<https://blog.rotary.org/2022/01/28/people-and-connections-the-logo-of-the-2022-23-presidential-theme/>

“Imagine Rotary is the 2022-23 presidential theme that RI President-elect Jennifer Jones [revealed on 20 January](#). She is asking Rotary members to dream big and take action: “We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.”
The logo for the theme was designed by Riki Salam, an Australian artist and graphic designer specializing in contemporary Indigenous art, design, and communications. He also created the 2023 Rotary International Convention logo which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, thus connecting the two by a shared visual language.

Meaning of the design elements

There is, of course, a deeper meaning behind each element of the design. The circle in aboriginal culture, signifies our connections to one another. The dots around it represent people and there are seven because of Rotary's areas of focus.

The circle and the dots together become a navigation star – our guiding light. The solid line underneath is what is referred to as a digging stick and it is used when doing hard work. And since Rotary members are people of action – it represents a tool for getting things done.

The colors

The colors green, purple, and white are not necessarily connected to aboriginal culture. President-elect Jennifer Jones asked the new crew of Governors to use one, two, or all three when dressing for official events instead of using a theme jacket. “As we celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion, I wanted all of us to be able to express ourselves differently in what we wear, but still have connection,” she explained.

There are several ways to interpret the colors: Purple for example stands for polio eradication, green for the environment, the newest addition to our areas of focus, and white for peace, our core mission. Together, they are the colors of the women’s movement, the Suffragette – a subtle nod to this history as Jones pointed out, since she will be the first female RI president.”

PROGRAM

Program Susan Grossman of the Concord Club and our District Chair of the Peace Fellow Program. She told us that Rotary has graduate level young professionals at 7 universities around the world obtaining their Master’s Degrees in Peace and Conflict resolution. This is a three-year program. Candidates are found by referrals from clubs. The student pool is made up of 50% male and 50% female. They do not go to school in their home countries. There is a one-year graduate level certificate program at two locations.

A recent graduate from the program joined us from Israel. Roye told us about his childhood which was traumatic due his dad’s suicide. His father suffered from depression and did not get treatment. Roye has a rich history of helping all over the world. Since his return to Israel, he has established a help line which is available to both Arbs and Jews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 24	Picnic and Bocce ball at Sportsman Park
Aug 29	Golf Tourney for Parkinson’s
Aug 31	Dorit Reiss – UC Hastings Law – Vaccine Ethics and Policy
Aug 7	1920’s Trivia game day

PHOTOS



Check-in Line



Program presenter Susan Grossman



New member Dan Brown, new member John Bernardin, and Jim Olson