



# ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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## MEETING NOTES: September 21, 2022

**Call to Order:** President David Brown called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was led by Joanne Anderson. The Patriotic Song was sung by Neil Diamond "Coming to America."

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Bruce Mcleod, Mieko's guest Mietso (not sure of spelling)

**Sunshine:** Jean Dormann reported that Irv F. suffered a setback from his hip replacement and is in rehab at manor care. She also asked that we inform her if we learn of anyone absent for a while (other than vacationing) due to illness, etc., so that she can reach out.

**Thought for the Day:** Presented by Bill Broxham a video, "Socrates" expounds on life.

**Happy Dollars:** David Brown, Edie Sandberg (celebrating her grandkids graduations), Jim Olson, Chuck for USC's victory over Fresno State), Bob Selinger for his Arizona team's victory, Tillie just because she wants to keep on giving, Ruth Reeves on her recent cruise, Eddie Fisher (for Bill's birthday).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership-** Jim Olson gave out blue badges to John Bernardin and Connie Palladino

**World polio day announcement-** Jim Olson. This will take place Sunday, October 24, 2022.

One event that ought to interest members is "pints for polio" put on by the Brentwood rotary club. See the announcement. Over 30 different breweries will be featured. Tasting and live music is from 12-4pm. This ought to be a fun event for a worthy cause.

**Polio Plus society of district 5160-** it would be great if all members of our club join the Polio Plus society. Annual recurring donations of \$100 or more, or an amount of your choice will contribute to the ongoing effort of "ending polio now." See Joy or Jim for membership applications.

**Birthday-** Bill Broxham, September 27

**Raffle-** Bob Selinger-wine, Connie Palladino-free lunch

Foundation report- John King brought us up to date about the Alzheimer/Parkinson's gala, Saturday, October 8, 2022. He gave kudos to the great job of the planning committee and The expectation of an outstanding event.

Gala report- Sharon Long told that presently there are 124 registered. The possibility of 150 is real.

Freda Atkins bio- Freda gave a lively talk about coming full circle. What a life she has completed so far. Born in Birmingham, Alabama. Her first and lasting love is books. She knew she wanted to be a writer at age 9. She talked about the influence of her mom on her life. Her dad taught her life skills such as changing a tire and oil in her car. She graduated #5 in her high school. Then went on to graduate from Tuskegee institute. She then moved to Chicago and got her PhD in administration. She has worked for both profit and non-profit organizations. And is a certified transformational coach. She is also a full time writer working on a novel. She brings unique qualities to our club and has affected all of us by her enthusiasm and agreeable personality.

## PROGRAM

Bruce Mcleod of Family Search was the presenter. Bruce is a resident of Pleasanton. He worked as a trial attorney, now retired, where he amassed evidence, found documents, and putting all these documents together, led him to "getting hooked" on researching ancestors. Bruce was full of stories about his own family history and those of people who have sought to learn more about their family histories by utilizing Family Search. Family Search is an international, non-profit organization "dedicated to helping all people discover their family story." It is a service of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Bruce and his wife work out of the Oakland Family Search library on temple hill in Oakland. Those who go to the library will find 70 computers, two large presentation rooms, and all types of digitizing equipment. You don't have to be a member of LDS to use the library. There are 1.3 billion names in the database and 13 million users. Last year 200 million uses of the database occurred. The library serves all multi-ethnic people interested in learning their family history.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 28	Janet Grizzell – Diablo Symphony
Oct. 5	Dark
Oct. 8	5:30 Gala for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's
Oct. 12	League of Women Voters

## PHOTOS



**Freda Atkins**



**Bruce McLeod**



**Blue Badge recipients Connie Palladino, John Bernardin presented by Jim Olson**



**Bruce McLeod and President David Brown**