



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 10/25/23

Call to Order: Sue Adams, **Pledge:** David B., our new Sergeant-at-Arms, **Patriotic Song:** "This Land is Your Land"

Guests: Kevin Johnson, Visiting Rotarian, Valley of the Moon Rotary, Santa Rosa; Shirley Wiegand, Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation

Thought for the Day: Bill B. from "ChatGpt" Words reflecting the "4Way Test."

Happy Dollars: David B. thinking about Tillie; Patrice, on University of Utah's victory over USC (sorry Chuck); Mitzi, happy to be here; Eddie as usual; Connie contributing for the Rossmoor Scholarship Fund; Bill B. just happy; John K, his upcoming surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn H-On The "Defending Democracy" forum, Wednesday, November 15, 2023. All day at the Event Center. Rotary is a co-sponsor. The cost is \$40 including lunch. Carol will secure a table for 10 for Rotary. She encourages us to attend. This forum is at the same time as our regular meeting. Sue and John R. will be speakers. It's important that we have a presence at the forum. So, tell Carolyn if you plan on attending.

GALA-John R. and Sharon gave an update. Final tally, \$66,000 earned. Better than last year especially with the generous sponsorships by Ruth Reeves, Ron Brown, and "Reasonable Books," Lafayette.

Paul Harris Award-John B. presented Bill B. with his 4th jeweled pin for his contributions. THANK YOU, BILL.

ROSSMOOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND- Our Rotary Foundation has been a generous contributor for many years. This year, Foundation Chair Eddie F. presented Shirley Wiegand with a check for \$14,000. Shirley told us a little about the program and the \$3500 scholarships awarded deserving students from various schools in Contra Costa County. There has been a change in schools, and

students, receiving the awards. Schools with limited resources are being given greater attention than wealthier schools.

Raffle- Irv the money \$600+; Peter the wine.

PROGRAM

GRF Director of Golf-Mark Heptig. Mark always gives a spirited and detailed presentation. He is well known to many members in our Club who are active golfers. He has a long history with Rossmoor. He came to work here 31 years ago after serving apprenticeships across the Bay in Los Gatos and Saratoga. He fell in love with game while young following in the footsteps of his parents and grandfather. Mark is a registered PGA pro. He makes all key operations decisions, directs Blake Flynt, maintenance chief, and Jacquie Vigil, head pro.

He reported that last year over 80,000 rounds of golf were played on the Dollar and Creekside courses. \$16 per month of our GRF coupon goes toward golf operations in addition to the golf fees charged.

Creekside golf course was built in 1964. The 18-hole Stanley Dollar course came later. In the beginning, the courses were almost unplayable. Since then, our courses have achieved distinct status and desirable places for play by both our residents and frequent guests.

Rossmoor golf offers frequent tournaments and fund-raising events during the year. Great emphasis is given to junior golf. Two high schools play here regularly. Play is offered to developmentally challenged young people.

Mark is especially proud of these achievements. 1. A 10-year master plan to rebuild the courses. 2. Harnessing the water system through a special reclamation program. 3. The building of the Creekside Grill and Clubhouse and Event Center. 4. Greatly improved turf conditions. Every 6 years, bunkers, and turf are upgraded and improved. \$40,000 savings this year has resulted from turf maintenance. 15 acres of the 150 acres has returned to nature.

Ironically, even though Covid drove people inside, Golf was the one activity that enabled us to still be physically active.

Projects pending: Continued turf reduction; repairing the 11 bridges; and changing the liner in the collection lake.

Golf is a key amenity for Rossmoor and one that many who choose to live here desire.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1	Ann Mottola – Rossmoor Community Services
Nov 8	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Nov 8	Pam McGrath and Barbara Proctor – Trinity Center
Nov 15	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 15	District Governor Claire Roberts Visits

PHOTOS





