



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: Oct. 19, 2022

Call to Order: Hogy led the Pledge of Allegiance and the patriotic song was "God Bless America."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: none

Sunshine: Jean announced goodbye to Tom and announced that flu shots will be available to Rossmoorians on Nov. 1. See the *Rossmoor News* for details.

Thought for the Day: Fred presented several sayings from Fred Rogers' Neighborhood regarding kindness and helping others.

Happy Dollars: Chuck, because his Trojans lost 43 to 42 to Utah in the last thrilling seconds. Patrice because her team won. Sue for all Sharon's work on the gala. Eddie for his blue badge from our club, adding to his previous blue badge. It was 98 the number between Tillie and Ellie, Anne for the success of the gala. John King because he is halfway through radiation, and Connie because Patrice gave her a Rotary shirt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie received his blue badge from our club.

Raffle: Jim won \$200 and contributed it back to the club. Anne won a bottle of red wine.

Bill said we want to aid the Warm Coat drive. Please bring your warm coat to a meeting, in a garbage bag before Nov. 30 and he will get it where it needs to go. John Rice reported that the 2022 gala has made \$57,302.29 so far, and with the remaining committed monies will meet \$60,000. John King thanked us all for the gala from the Rossmoor Rotary Foundation.

PROGRAM

The speakers were Mike Crosby and his wife Marsha Brown. Both have very distinguished histories as Rotarians. They are leaders in our Rotary goal of eradicating polio in the world. We almost had the disease conquered, but cases have turned up, mainly in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Recent flooding in Pakistan has

made matters there even worse. There are a few cases in Mozambique, linked to the virus from Algeria and Pakistan. Otherwise, Africa is polio free. And now some cases have been reported in New York, USA. The speakers represent GAVI, Global Polio Eradication Initiative. They just returned from India, where they helped build a \$300 outhouse. Raw sewage in these poorer countries is a leading cause of the spread of polio. Children play in polluted rivers, etc.

The older live-virus Sabin vaccine mutated in feces in the sewage system and was able to infect for 18 to 30 days. Now since 2016, we have the first new oral vaccine in 50 years. It is also live virus, but this virus does not mutate in sewage so it is not infectious.

We saw video of Dr. Matthew Varghase who operates a clinic in India for those who have suffered from the disease. Once infected, there is no cure. His clinic works to improve the lives of those disabled by the disease, especially those from marginal societies.

Why is there problem eradicating polio? Trust in vaccines is undermined by social media, fake news, conflict, open sewage, and lack of clean water.

We saw video of people going door to door in Afghanistan on a camel with a driver to find children to vaccinate. Our funds pay for such things as the camel and the driver. 400 million doses were given to children in 2020. Only 370 million doses in 2021, mainly because of covid restrictions.

The Bill and Melinda Gates foundation has committed 1.2 billion dollars in fund to GAVI, matching \$2 for every \$1 given. Rotary has committed to 150 million or more to this cause, which will be doubled by the Gates Foundation. If everyone in our club became a member of the PolioPlus Society, our club would get a large poster. You become a member by contributing \$10 a month or more. Jim has the forms. Sign the form as Rotarians. The motto, Take Action!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 26	TBA
Nov 2	TBA
Nov 9	10:30 Club Board of Directors meeting
Nov 9	TBA

PHOTOS



Marsha Brown



Mike Cresby



Rotary 4-Way Banner



Eddie earns his 2nd blue badge



Rotary flags from around the world