



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 11/02/22

Call to Order: President David Brown called the meeting to order, Hoagy led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner was sung.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Freda introduced Cecilia, her guest from Waterford. Also the Principal of Las Lomas and the Counselor for today's speakers attended the meeting.

Sunshine: Jean reported that Nancy Richardson has a family issue. Joy mentioned that a memorial service for Earl A's wife, Betsy, will be held Saturday Dec. 3 at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church 55 Eckley Ln. Walnut Creek, at 3 pm.

Thought for the Day: John B. gave a short saying that life is like a video, the graphics are not clear, the plot is confusing, and the tutorial is way too long.

Happy Dollars: Bill for the students who spoke at our program, making him so proud to be a Rotarian. Joy for the White Elephant Exchange planning group. Ruth for her trip to Guatemala with her daughter. Eddie for a good Newcomer to Rossmoor meeting. Chuck because his Trojans beat the Arizona Wildcats. Bob S. for his trip to New York city to see the city and his family. He recommend the Algonquin Hotel, and for his time at that game in Tucson. Patrice for the good District Conference and our students speaking today, and David also for the District Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday was sung to Jane L. and Dick F.

Membership anniversaries: Paul Wilson, Earl Abbe, Sharon Long, and one year for Connie Palladino.

Holiday Party is Dec. 9 at 5:30. Volunteers are needed to help, call Patrice if you'd like to pitch in.

We will have another Sees candy fundraiser, volunteers are needed, call Joanne Anderson if you can help. Eddie Fisher is the chairperson.

Merilee won \$73 in the raffle which she returned to the club, and Tillie won a free lunch.

Patricia Sharaf, President of the Rossmoor Scholarship Program, thanked us for the funds we give including \$14,000 this year. She explained how the students are chosen for their scholarships, based on grades, an essay, and need. This year 56 students received \$3,500 each for a total of almost \$200,000. The Foundation does its fundraising in the Fall. All the money goes to the scholarships and the Foundation itself covers all the overhead for raising the money.

Chuck added that the odds are good to receive smaller scholarships such as these, and students should apply to ten or so different smaller scholarships in the hopes that they may be awarded several. The bigger scholarships that pay most or all college costs are much more competitive and are harder to get.

PROGRAM

We watched a video on Grizzly Creek Ranch where Camp Royal is located. The camp is very attractive and has all sorts of recreational activities available; such as, archery, rope climbing, swimming, boating, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, hiking, etc. The three young women that our club sent to Camp Royal then spoke to us about their experiences. All three of them are seniors at Las Lomas High School. Our campers were purposely placed in separate cabins so that they would get to meet new people.

The first speaker was Ava Zardkoohi, interested in soccer, art, and along with her mother is a member of the National Charity League. She was in Ringside Cabin, and her counselor and cabin mates are now friends and stay in contact. She learned from the classes about motivation and leadership. Her takeaway was to lead a balanced life style. She enjoyed all the activities.

Nicolette Namuche, a competitive dancer was in Splinter Haven Cabin. She enjoyed the eleven people in her cabin, liked the good food, and all the activities, especially the Cabin Olympics, which encouraged team work. She also enjoyed the talent show, skits, and painting especially the group painting that everyone in camp worked on.

Solomi Mekonen, from Ethiopia, loves soccer and is going to DVC. She was in Twin Fawns Cabin where she made new friends and plans to keep in touch with them. She learned about loving, caring, and understanding other people. This was out of her comfort zone, and was very helpful to her. She mentioned that all campers helped in serving the community by doing food bags, book donations, etc.

Ava mentioned that this camp was a trial run for college and getting to meet new people.

The ropes courses were also very team building. The campers were asked what was the biggest challenge they had in their lives, then to think about that challenge and symbolically overcome it as the others work together to help you climb over the wall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 9	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 9	Peter Li and Andy Chu – Understanding anti-Asian Violence
Nov. 16	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting

Nov. 16 Lynne Forette Assistance League – Diablo Valley

Nov. 23 Dark

PHOTOS



Scholarship Foundation speakers



Camp Royal attendees: Solomi Mekonen, Nicolette Namuche, Ava Zardkoohi



Elizabeth King, club advisor